

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." John 15: 1 -9 (selected verses)

As branches on the vine of Jesus Christ, the staff at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home seeks to connect our children to Jesus. We do that by building relationships with them in a variety of ways and choosing them as family. As the Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians, "we don't just share the good news of God with you but our own lives as well."

Many of our children come to eventually call the Children's Home family because of the love they experience with their house parents, through counseling, in chapel activities with the Spiritual Life team, in gardening, in swimming, and many other activities. Many of them come to see the Children's Home as their home and it remains their home long after they leave.

Addison grew up in an abusive family. She turned to drugs in her teen years in order to cope which resulted in addiction and eventually homelessness. After almost overdosing, she eventually came to the Children's Home and was offered therapeutic care in a number of ways.

After spending several months here, Addison, a person of great faith, celebrates her sobriety, loves the Children's Home and calls it her home. She is very involved in our Spiritual Life activities and uses her gifts to help lead worship. With compassion and empathy, she has become a good, comforting friend to those around her. She has found connection in the vine. She is home!

Through your Fifth Sunday Offerings, you are ensuring that the Children's Home continues to be part of that living vine of Jesus Christ welcoming and connecting so many others to that life-nourishing vine. The children and families served by our ministry come to know a God who loves them and welcomes them in family. Your prayers, volunteer service, donated items and financial support go a long way toward showing children like Addison that they are loved, they have a family, they are home. Thank you for investing in the lives of those who need the Vine.

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