

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
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Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2005

Always the second Thursday of the month

Topic:

**“Sharing Memories of our Children”
Facilitated by:**

Jill Schmidt and
Theresa Child

Bring a special item of your child’s that you would like to show and share with the group.

Meeting Time & Location

7:30 P.M.

Pelham Rd. Baptist Church,
Family Life Center
1108 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC

They want to stay together but need to have room apart to navigate through the waves. Some comfort is found in that they are not alone, and yet, are on their own find the method to shore that works for them.

Successfully reaching shore has more rewards than realized. In looking back subtle signs of encouragement were almost overlooked, and that love and support still lingers on in the heart-healing-along with a newly found confidence in inner strength.

A new relationship is born enabling each family member to carry forth a treasure of personal memories, honoring the loved one who has gone ahead to a shoreline we have yet to see.

The journey through grief is designed to build strength, to honor our differences, and to encourage others for a lifetime.

~by Jayne Belancio

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We acknowledge “Love Gifts” with appreciation in memory of:

- **Tim Malone** ~ by his parents, Frank and Jean Malone
- **Kim Dacus** ~ by her mother, Shirley Herd



Capsized

Put a family onboard a boat and, when a loved one dies, the boat capsizes. Each family member is stunned, but they begin to swim for shore the best way they know how. Some swim with long strokes, others float or dog paddle while hoping the others are coming along okay. It seems to take all of one’s energy, leaving no reserve.



Give It Time

Give it time, give it time,
Give your lonely heart some time.
In your deepest depths of sorrow
When your soul cries out for mercy;
In the grip of fear unyielding
When the sun shines always black,
Give it time.

In the ravages of chaos
When you think that you will die,
Let your pain comes screaming out
Let the world know you hurt,
And give it time.

Give it time, give it time,
Give your lonely heart some time.

As joy peeks from the darkness
And your tears turn to a trickle;
When you feel a touch of comfort;
And your heart begins to heal,
You gave it time.

When your memories form a smile
And your child’s life is what you see;
When joy comes into focus
And laughter’s in your soul,
You gave it time.

So if you think your heart is forever
broken and hope is a long lost friend,
Give it time, give it time,
Give your lonely heart some time.

~Rob Anderson

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**UPCOMING SEMINAR NEXT
MONTH**

“Finding Direction in Your Grief”

**Presented by Bill Hoy,
Educator, Grief Counselor**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2005
Palmetto Expo Center
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM
Free to general public**

**Professional’s Program
Wednesday, September 28, 2005
8:45 AM to 12:00 PM
\$25.00 Fee**

“...when a good or a great person’s life comes to its final sunset, the skies of this world are illuminated until long after he is out of view. Such a person does not die from this world, for when he departs he leaves much of himself behind...and being dead, he still speaks.”

~author unknown

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The September newsletter is lovingly dedicated to the memory of all our Children . . . gone too soon.

Our Children Remembered:

Kelly Bennett - 9/14/81 ~ 10/28/02
Kimberly Bennett - 9/12/88 ~ 8/7/89
Jeremy Brooks - 3/15/82 ~ 9/6/02
Stephanie Corder - 9/19/56 ~ 4/25/61
Allan Dobson - 6/10/75 ~ 9/2/00
Michael Dorsey - 9/22/81 ~ 5/6/03
Jill Dunlap - 9/24/67 ~ 1/29/86
Christopher Ellison 9/25/78 ~ 1/13/04
Jacqueline Evans - 9/2/80 ~ 7/5/03
Robert Ewing - 8/25/55 ~ 9/4/99
Timothy Gilbert - 5/30/64 ~ 9/5/87
Stuart Gilliland - 9/13/86 ~ 6/20/02
E.J. Gonzalez - 6/16/80 ~ 9/23/00
Holden Gregory - 8/17/02 ~ 9/14/02
Tim Malone - 9/18/60 ~ 2/16/04
Clint McClintock - 9/10/01 ~ 1/17/02
Joseph Mills - 4/17/82 ~ 9/29/02
Olivia S. Moser - 8/26/01 ~ 9/27/01
Kim Patterson - 9/17/57 ~ 5/10/99
Amy Pieszchala - 9/2/76 ~ 5/22/01
Kristen Posey - 11/15/83 ~ 9/19/02
Josh Pritchett - 9/28/84 ~ 7/1/05
Matt Renner - 9/21/72 ~ 1/13/01
Molly Sheridan - 4/21/89 ~ 9/7/02
Michael Sims - 9/30/69 ~ 6/27/00
John T. Sinnett - 9/29/83 ~ 9/25/01
Ashley Staudinger - 2/12/82 ~ 9/13/96
Jason B. Turner - 9/20/81 ~ 10/7/99
John Turner III - 12/19/76 ~ 9/5/02
Daniel Walker - 10/18/80 ~ 9/7/01
Jason Warlick - 10/12/73 ~ 9/14/98
Lynn C. Watson 9/8/71 ~ 9/9/95
Elizabeth Warner - 9/24/93 ~ 4/4/01
Joey Williamson - 9/13/69 ~ 6/20/89



The Cemetery

*By Mary Clecidey
TCF Atlanta, GA*

Are you one of those people who have a need to go to the cemetery often? The non-bereaved frown on that as a rule. Many people feel there is something morbid about those visits; that you are obsessing. Unless you know the pain of losing someone you love better than yourself, you can't understand that need.

Some people need to visit everyday; others go now and then, and still some never go back once the funeral is over. There are no rules. If it makes people uncomfortable when you make your cemetery visits, go alone. Don't feel you need anybody's permission or approval.

It is important for you to know that how often you go to the cemetery has absolutely nothing to do with the length and depth of your expression of your grief. It is also important to know that you have the right to do what ever comforts you. It may not seem right to your sister, your brother-in-law or your friends, but that's their problem. If you try to please everybody by the things you do and say, you'll find you are not taking care of your needs. And there aren't more important needs than yours right now. You won't always require visits this often, and when you no longer feel this urge to go so often, don't feel guilty. It just means you are getting better. Accept it as that. For right now, do what makes you feel better.



School Year

TO MOST PEOPLE SCHOOL MEANS:
The kids out from underfoot, buying a new lunch box, new clothes, new shoes and the usual school supplies. Fixing breakfast and trying to get it eaten, getting to a school bus on time.

WHAT DOES SCHOOL MEAN TO A PARENT WHO HAS LOST A CHILD?

Watching other children filled with excitement. A little boy who should be in kindergarten. A brother who must go off to school by himself. A teacher who must reach out to a class, when her little one won't be in school this year. A mother sends two children off, when there should be three. Many tears, behind smiling faces!

In order for your child's name to appear in our newsletter column -"CHILDREN REMEMBERED", we must have a consent form on file. If you have not filled out one and would like to do so, please visit our website to obtain the consent form.