



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## CLUB OF BATESVILLE

In our 94<sup>th</sup> year of service to the  
Batesville community.



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July 22, 2022

### Good Afternoon and Welcome to Kiwanis

Marie Priest Obituary  
On Back

### July Program Chair James Sturch

**July 22**  
Cave City Watermelon Festival  
Committee

**July 29**  
Rex Nelson  
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

### Upcoming Activities

#### Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

#### Cornhole Tournament

Date is being Rescheduled

#### Arkansas Children's Hospital Fund-raiser

All of July

#### White River Canoe and Kayak Race

July 27-30, 2022

Feed the contestants on July 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 2022 Registration

#### Kiwanis Pioneer Football

10:00am-2:00pm

July 23 and July 30

At Independence Elite Gymnastics

### *human and spiritual values*

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

"We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.

"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?", the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

(How often do we get discouraged even before we've had a chance to bat?)

### Use Emotion To Cut Through The Clutter

When you talk about Kiwanis, focus on emotional elements. Spotlight how you're helping kids thrive, prosper and grow. Zero in on how you feel when you see the smiles of the kids you helped.

Studies show that you have eight seconds before you lose a person's attention when you're talking to them. Visual communication isn't any easier. People are bombarded by more than 10,000 brand messages per day — which means your club's communications can get lost in the noise. People scroll past your social media posts. They walk by your flyers. They ignore your brochures. They stop listening to you talk — unless you catch their attention with emotion.

The top three emotional reactions that drive people to engage with content are:

Awe. Laughter. Happiness.

Kiwanis clubs benefit from all three. We create awe with our projects. We provoke laughter with our camaraderie. We inspire happiness when we improve kids' lives. When talking to prospects, share the emotion of Kiwanis.

### EDUCATION SPOT

A "service project" is defined by Kiwanis International as "an activity, consistent with the Objects, objectives, and policies of Kiwanis International, which is devised or planned by a Kiwanis club or a club committee and performed by members of the club for the benefit of others."



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## TODAY'S SONG

### KEEP IT BOOMING!

Day by day, ev'ry way,  
We get better as we play,  
As Kiwanis goes building along;  
In and out, hear us shout,  
As we help the kiddies out,  
As Kiwanis goes building along.  
Then it's Hi Hi! Hee!  
With a heart chock-full of glee;  
Sound out your laughter loud and strong.  
Where'er you go, let the people know,  
That Kiwanis goes booming along.  
(Shout) KEEP IT BOOMING!  
And Kiwanis Goes Booming along.



Lena "Marie" Priest, was called home to our Lord on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Woodlawn Heights in Batesville, AR.

Marie was born on the 13th of June in 1933 at her parent's home in Lost Cane, Mississippi County, Arkansas to Thomas (Tobe) Bourland and Lottie Mae Bourland who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Manila High School in 1951 and attended college at Arkansas State College in Jonesboro (now Arkansas State University), where she met and married Forrest Priest on June 17, 1953 in Little River Baptist Church. She also attended State Teacher's College in Conway (now University of Central Arkansas).

Marie was a faithful pastor's wife throughout her husband's career. Marie learned to play piano as a girl and played piano in church all her life until Alzheimer's Disease finally took that skill away. Marie taught Sunday School all her adult life, usually the Jr. class. For several years she wrote Sunday School literature to be used by most Baptist Missionary Association churches.

Marie first started working as a teacher in Dyess with a 60-hour certificate. She eventually studied during summers to obtain her Master's degree from Arkansas State University. Her Masters had an emphasis in reading and she loved teaching children to read. She retired from teaching, after 38 years, 13 of those in Batesville. She continued to be involved with the school after retirement, volunteering to come to the school and read to students. Marie joined her husband in Kiwanis and headed a program to buy books and give them to children.

Marie enjoyed making quilts and giving them to those she loved. These cherished works remain a treasure to any privileged to have them. She also enjoyed doing hand embroidery and cross-stitch. Marie liked flowers at her home and maintained flower beds and a flower garden. She disliked cooking but managed to do a decent job at it anyway.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years Forrest Priest. She is also survived by her son, Kenneth (Marieda) Priest, her daughter, Connie (David "Doc") Spurlin, her sister, Janice (Pete) Clark; Grandchildren, Daniel (Emily) Priest, Jon (Lena) Priest, Michael (Madelaine) Priest, Jessica Priest, DJ Spurlin, Josh Spurlin, 8 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and a host of people she has touched over the years.

Besides her parents, Marie is also preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Donald Bourland, a sister, Wanda Hurst, and granddaughter, Kristi Spurlin.

Funeral services for Marie will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at the Doty Southside Funeral Service Chapel in Southside with burial to follow in Oaklawn Cemetery in Batesville. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 10:00 AM.

Pallbearers include: grandsons, Daniel Priest, Jon Priest, Michael Priest and Joshua Spurlin and nephews, Gregory Clark and Keith Clark

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