

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 10, 2017

Opportunity Is Knocking

As Christians we believe that God rules the world He created. God gives all of mankind freewill, while at the same time He exercises providential oversight over our lives. We don't understand how He works this out, but we know He does. Romans 8:28 assures us that even when bad things happen to those with whom God has a loving relationship He will work it to their good and to His glory. We are confronted with just such a moment in time. Thousands of our brethren and tens of thousands of unbelievers have been hit with horrific wind damage and a devastating deluge of rain. This is a great evil. Multitudes of people around the gulf have lost everything and are facing what appears to many of them to be a hopeless future. Those who are in Christ are having their faith tested in a way we pray will never happen to us or to anyone we know.

However, God is using this horrific event to open to us a door of opportunity to glorify Him by our outpouring of love and compassion. We have all been and will continue praying for those who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey and now this morning we are taking a special collection to help finance the relief effort in a direct way, but their suffering is a long-term problem. Therefore, I am giving you a couple of ways you can help these brethren in an ongoing way. Of course,

Christians give through the church so God gets the glory. Tax deductible donations may be sent to :

White's Ferry Rd. Church of Christ
3201 North 7th Street
West Monroe, LA 71291

I've worked with the brethren at WFR in the past so I know them to be persistent and hardworking servants as well as faithful stewards. All you give will be applied to the relief effort. There are no salaries or administrative cost deducted.

There are other ways to give through the church so that God and His church will be honored. A number of congregations support a disaster relief agency which is independent of the church, but functions in the name of the church so as to make sure that God and His church is glorified by that which Christians donate. However, being a permanent and independent organization it has an ongoing operating budget which consumes 14% of the funds which it receives. Even at that, it is more efficient than organizations like the Red Cross.

Churches of Christ
Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.
P.O. Box 111180
Nashville, TN 37222-1180
(410 Allied Dr. 37211)

For those who would prefer to donate tangible items rather than money, there is an inner city church in Houston which is set up to receive and distribute goods donated both by mail and delivered by Amazon. They have set up an "Amazon Wish List." (<http://a.co/eiE4Ag7>). Some supplies that they are currently in need of are : pillows, towels, sheets, light blankets, disinfecting wipes, disinfectant spray, 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner, size 6 diapers and pull-ups, deodorant, rice and beans in 2-lb bags, canned meat and vegetables, 15-oz peanut butter, particulate respirator masks, and nitrile-coated work gloves. (disaster.relief@impachouston.net)

This Houston contact came to me via email so I have had no direct contact with them. However, the one who sent the email to me is well known as a member of the Lord's church.

Impact Houston Church of Christ
1704 Webber
Houston, TX 77007

God does not tax His followers so all giving is motivated by person's own freewill. It reflects his heart to God : II Cor. 9:6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

If you give or if you don't is totally up to you. Only God judges. As a preacher, my responsibility is to teach brethren to Our people must learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs so that they will not be unfruitful" Tit 2:14 Knowing you as I do, I have full confidence that you will do that very thing. God will be glorified as the world see the love God's people have for each other. Great will be your reward in Heaven.

–Wayne

**Life's most persistent and urgent question is:
What are we doing for others?**

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing : Sunblock, Sunscreen, Chap stick, Feminine products for female troops, Men and Women's white or black crew socks (no other colors on them and no design)

NEXT WEEK : (**September 17, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Greg**

Scripture Reader : **Eric**

Table & Announcements : **Darrell**

Invite your friends to our area-wide singing - - Oct. 28th

**Blessed are those who give without remembering.
And blessed are those who receive without forgetting.**

Prayer list :

Pray for our area-wide singing - - October 28

Rosanne : Rose is still moving slowly, but she's has graduated from a walker to a cane.

Brenda Stevens : Brenda's Surgery went well. Now she is waiting to see how much the surgery improved her condition.

Megan Nichols : Is now taking weekly physical therapy.

Ron Bartanen : significant health issues, needs prayers

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary Smith, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Rosanne: Rose is now able to put a little weight on her injured leg. It's slow going but she can get around some with a walker

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Mindy Stevens : Due to an immune system issue, having significant problems with infections in organ systems and mono.

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : _Heart condition and back issues

Jannetta Calvert : Remains basically the same. She is dealing with pain, but has a positive attitude. She enjoys visitors. Her in room 305 at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana

Ernie Wasson : He is having on going problems with strokes,

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders.**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Ya'll Come !