



Florence

There is something that a four-year-old girl and a storm that has been devastating much of the Carolinas have in common: they share the same name. Hurricane Florence has caused tremendous flooding; 32 people have died since the storm made landfall last Friday. Florence Wisniewski of Chicago, Illinois is trying to help the victims of the hurricane that shares her name.

Florence's parents, Trish and Paul Wisniewski, used the effects of the hurricane as a teaching moment for Florence her two siblings, Bud, 2, and Olive, 6 months. "We brought it to her [attention] to show her, like, the world doesn't revolve around you, look at all of these things happening," said Trish Wisniewski. "We asked her, 'Do you want to help them? How do you think you should do it?'"

Florence and her family decided that even though they live a long way from the Carolinas, they would collect supplies to help the victims of the storm. Florence and her dad created a poster that shows images of her face along the hurricane's path on a weather map from WFLA-TV. The poster read, "Help Flo Help Hurricane Florence Victims." They placed the poster on a box for donations and took it to Flo's school seeking donations. A photo of 4-year-old Florence standing by her donation box was posted on Facebook by her mom and her teacher. The photo began to be shared on additional Facebook pages. Donations began pouring in.

"I have people I haven't talked to in 20 years having Amazon packages delivered at my house," said Trish Wisniewski. "We're getting more [donations] than we ever thought we would get."

When asked by a television news reporter why she was collecting these supplies for people so far away, Florence responded: "Because I think it's what to do, to help people."

Florence's compassionate help can remind us of Someone who came to our rescue when we desperately needed it...

When we were drowning in our sins, God sent His Son Jesus to rescue us. Jesus "gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Galatians 1:4-5 NIV).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

And why did God do that for us?

Because God loves us, wants us to be saved from sin, and to live eternally with Him in heaven.

"This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9).

Won't **YOU** accept His loving offer of salvation and eternal life?

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from "Girl, 4, named Florence helps victims of Hurricane Florence" by Katie Kindelan via Good Morning America and posted on <https://abcnews.go.com/GMA>, September 19, 2018.

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Sunday	Morning Worship	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Class 10:15 AM
Wednesday	Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM	Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM
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September 23, 2018

WELCOME TO CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to welcome all our visitors to Creekwood! Please sign the guest register in the foyer. We also invite you to stay for our Bible classes immediately following morning worship services.

TODAY'S MESSAGES:

AM – "Flowing Grace"

PM – Eastern European Mission Report by Jon Mark Smith

Listening Devices for the Auditorium are available in the Control Room.

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Know Your Bible on Mediacom channel 33/Comcast channel 7; Sundays at 6:00 PM CT.

Getting To Know Your Bible on DirecTV Channel TCT 377; M-F at 9:30 PM CT.

Both of these broadcasts are co-sponsored by the Creekwood Church of Christ.

**Please Remember Those Listed Below In Your Prayers;
And With Other Expressions Of Love
(Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)**

**OUR COUNTRY & THOSE SERVING: Chris Campbell (Sicily)
Nick Marcet, Chaz Carpenter (Hawaii) Marines**

OUR MISSIONARY: Jaya Paul

PRAYER REQUEST for Marietta Faulkenberry who suffered a stroke this past Wednesday and is in ICU at University Hospital (USA). Please pray for Marietta and her family.

PRAYER REQUEST for David Devitt who fell and broke his hip and underwent surgery this past Friday. He is in Providence Hospital. Let's pray for David & Cassie.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bill & Pat Parenteau as Mr. Bill continues to battle some issues with his lungs. He is on oxygen 24/7 and is scheduled to see a doctor on Tuesday regarding some tests on his heart and lungs. Please pray for Bill and Pat.

PRAYER REQUEST for Cindy James, the niece of Maurice and Janet. Cindy has stage 2 kidney cancer. They believe it has not spread. Please pray for Cindy and her family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Omer Oglesby who is scheduled to undergo surgery on his neck Monday. Please pray for Omer, Janet, and their family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Ali McGraw who underwent surgery this past Wednesday for kidney stones. Please pray for Ali and her family.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the family of **Glyn Draughn, Joyce Bowman's father and Glyn Bowman's grandfather.** The funeral services were held this past Wednesday. Please pray for his wife Evelyn, Joyce and the extended family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Rosie the daughter of Brandon and Emilee Clark who was born Sunday, September 16, 2018. She has been put on ECMO, "an extensive piece of equipment to act as her heart and lungs while hers heal and grow. She is battling many issues. Please pray for Rosie, Emilee, Brandon and Nora.

PRAYER REQUEST for Sue Cade who is residing at Mobile Nursing & Rehabilitation. She is no longer under contact isolation. She loves cards and visits.

MEMBERS: Lorene Fuller, Patrice Sargent, Joy McDonald, Margaret Gill, Kathy Stacy, Margaret Montalban, Sue Cade, Helen Parham, Cecil Wiggins, Bonnie Crabtree, Ken Grisham, Bob and Jeannie Aldred, Richard McDonald, Pat & Ernie Smith, David Devitt, Pat & Bill Parenteau, Betty Wheeler

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS: **Joe Williams** (son-in-law of Elton & Betty Carolyn Love); **Paul Meacham** (member of Montgomery COC); **Paige Prine** (former member); **Esther Boulanger** (Nelly Eddlemon's Mother), **Martin McGowan** (Carol Weaver's dad); **Sally Tindell** (sibling of Nancy Moorer); **Michael Jury**; **Doris McClantoc** (George Rohm's sister), **Elizabeth Giddens**, **Bill Patton** (Rob Hayes' grandfather), **Tom Roberts**, **Alan Brown** (former member), **Boots Carson** (Mother of Gina Englund and Ka Kinman) **Shirley Autrey** (Mother of Traci Moorer), **Wayne Brown** (Janet Oglesby's brother), **Vivian Walker**, and **Pat Clay** (sister of Peggy Buckley) **Savannah Turner** (granddaughter of Earl & Becky Turner, **Lanette Girod** cousin to Laurie Hinote, **Mike Tart** nephew to Jerrol & Bill Sawrey, **Alona Gobble**, mother of Penny Davis, **Kellum Franks**, grandson of Bill & Martha Franks, , **Sam Allen**, brother of Fran Buzbee

SHUT-INS – J.T. Montgomery, Retha Capps, Bonnie Crabtree, Helen Parham, Margaret Montalban, Barbara Roley, Ernie & Pat Smith

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOLLOWING HIS WORD
September 23rd –September 29th 1 Timothy 1-5

CAMP CREEK TEACHERS NEEDED PLEASE SIGN UP.

PICTURE BOARD - On each Sunday in September, Chris Presley will be available in the church office immediately after Sunday morning worship to take pictures for the picture board. We would like to encourage our newer families to have their pictures made as well as anyone who needs an updated picture.

PANAMA CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES-It's that time again to begin assembling the Christmas Boxes for Panama. If you would like to make a donation to help with the purchase of items for the boxes please give your money to **Beth Brooks** or if you would like to provide a box of items please see Beth Brooks for more information. On **Sunday, September 30th** after the a.m. Bible classes you may bring your lunch or come after lunch to help with the assembly of the boxes. **There will be a work night to help with assembly of the boxes on Tuesday, October 2nd 6:00 p.m.** Please bring a **pizza and drink** and we will assemble the boxes after the meal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS WILL BE WEEKLY!

Cost \$3. 11 yr old to adult, \$2. 3 yr. old to 10 yr. old, babies and guests are free.

CALLAWAY GARDENS FANTASY IN LIGHTS-on Wednesday, **December 19th and 20th.** Single Room \$212.52, Double Room \$152.02/person, Triple Room \$132.54/person, Quad Room \$122.92/person. This includes tickets for Fantasy in Lights, room, buffet dinner, buffet breakfast, taxes and fees. They will be taking the mini-bus and van. A deposit of \$50.per person must be paid by September 23rd. **Please sign up at the welcome center.** See Freda or Ricky for more information.

BRIDAL SHOWER for Hannah Presley, the bride elect of **Jake Newcomb** on Sunday, September 30th at Creekwood 4:00 p.m. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

WEEKEND SEMINAR ON GRIEF AND LOSS will be held on **Saturday, October 13th 8:00 a.m. until noon and Sunday, October 14th** at Creekwood. The facilitators will be Ron Williams and Don Williams. The seminar is for everyone as well as anyone who has been affected by loss and grief. If you will be attending **please sign-up at the welcome center** so we will know how many to expect. We will offer a continental breakfast on Saturday morning and are asking for volunteers to supply the **breakfast items. Please sign up at the welcome center.**

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: The Mensa Education and Research Foundation exist for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to college students. Amounts can range from \$600 to \$2500. Last year 3 students from our local area won. There are two requirements: that you be enrolled in an accredited college for the term beginning in September, 2019 and you complete a 550 word essay. The whole thing is done online. To learn more, Google mensafoundation.org. Applications are accepted from September 15 to January 15, 2019. Do **NOT** identify yourself in the body of your essay; and **clearly** state your goals within the first sentence or two of your essay. You do not have to be a member of Mensa to apply.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF MOBILE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL are invited to attend Homecoming on Friday, October 12th, 2018. The Leopards will face-off against the Flomaton Hurricanes at Lamar Harrison Field. Alumni are invited to visit the Alumni Tent before or during the game for refreshments and a complimentary gift. The 2018 MCS Homecoming Court will be resented and the Queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game.

THANK YOU TO SHEREE BEAN for preparing the visitor bags. We very much appreciate your creativeness and hard work. Many thanks!

DEAR CREEKWOOD FAMILY, Many thanks to all those who have remembered my mother in prayers over the years. Her passing has been difficult for she will surely be missed. She impacted the lives of so many. I want to thank you for the cards and calls during our time of grief. In Christian love, **Sharon Drye.**

THANK YOU so much to everyone who purchased items for Mount Dora Children's Home, donated gift cards, or gave a cash donation. Chuck Shepherd (director who drove truck) and his wife wanted everyone to know how much they appreciated your help also.

Building to Last

The pyramids of Egypt are among some of the oldest structures to be found anywhere on Earth. Their precise age has long been debated. The history books generally point to 3200 B. C. as the approximate date when the pyramid of Khufu was under construction at Giza (www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/pyramid/explore/howold.html). This pyramid, also known as The Great Pyramid, consists of an estimated 2.3 million limestone blocks believed to have been transported from nearby quarries. The largest stones in the pyramid weigh as much as 25 tons. An estimated 5.5 million tons of limestone were used in its construction, along with 8,000 tons of granite and 500,000 tons of mortar. There is still much mystery surrounding the pyramids, including the building methods and the people who built them. But one thing is clear — they built them to last! Bible students will appreciate the fact that the Great Pyramid might have been under construction more than a thousand years before Abraham came onto the scene in Canaan at approximately 1,800 B. C. The Great Pyramid was indeed built to last.

Jesus built His church the same way — that is, to last. He said in Matthew 16:18b, "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades [i.e., death / the grave] shell' not prevail against it." The church of Christ came into being on the first Day of Pentecost after Christ's resurrection from the dead some 2,000 years ago. In every age mockers and skeptics have sought to bury the Bible, Christ, and His church. And every age watches as the hammers wear themselves out on these divine anvils. Jesus built the church to last.

Jesus Christ calls on every person to build something that will last. In Matthew 7:24-27, He asserts that every person who hears His teachings faces a critical choice. Let the verses speak — "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Hearing Jesus' teaching is not enough. His word is similar to a salve for a sore — it won't help if left un-applied. Response to Jesus divides human beings into two groups. Those who hear His teaching and obey are deft, that is skillful and wise. But those who hear and do not do them are daft, that is silly and foolish. And why foolish? Because the storm of God's judgment looms up ahead — not if it is coming, but simply when (Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17:31, etc.). Each of us is daily building a spiritual house. Are you building on Christ, the solid Rock, or on the flimsy foundation of sand? Will your house fall, or will it stand? Build it to last! Think about it.
~Dan Gulley