

# Hurricane Harvey Response

**Update** *Your help is still needed to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. Read how you can help in tangible ways.*

~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Wesleyan churches continue to commit finances, supplies and workers to assist in hurricane relief and recovery efforts. Recently joining efforts are New Life, La Plata, Maryland, Christ Wesleyan, Milton, Pennsylvania, and Cornerstone Community (CCC), Charlottesville, Virginia. CCC donated its entire Sunday offer to relief efforts.

“World Hope and Poured Out personnel are on the ground in Texas,” said John Lyon, World Hope International president. Poured Out Executive Director Steve Adams participated in a response call with William Long, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) administrator, during which Long wept while describing the destruction. Long said there will likely be over one million homes flooded, which will make Hurricane Harvey worse than Hurricane Katrina.

“Long also said there aren’t many recovery groups like World Hope at the table at the moment,” Lyon said. “He referenced that help is primarily coming from first responders that come early and leave early, acknowledging there are not many organizations like World Hope that are willing to come and stay for the long haul.”

Lyon is engaged in an aid and disaster preparedness conference. World Hope is joining other charities that respond to disasters. This partnership will allow World Hope and its partners to leverage even more supplies and logistics to places where they can be distributed, namely Wesleyan churches.

“These connections will allow The Wesleyan Church to stand out if Irma strikes Florida or anywhere else on the southeast coast,” Lyon said. “If Irma hits, we are ready to respond.”

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In addition to prayer, help can be provided in the following ways:

**Giving a Donation:** Gifts of any size will help purchase emergency supplies and equipment for the recovery phase and establish a base of operations for support. Give online at <https://www.worldhope.org/hurricane-harvey> or by phone at 703-594-8527.

**Collecting Supplies:** Diapers, baby wipes, water, nonperishable food items (also crackers, cookies & granola bars), new blankets, new towels, new undergarments for children (including socks), hand sanitizers, hygiene products, heavy duty large trash bags and duct tape have been specifically requested on the ground in Texas.

Collected items may be shipped by **Sept. 30** to: Brink Truck Lines, Hurricane Relief, 3899 58th St, Holland, MI 49423.

**Volunteering:** World Hope is partnering with Poured Out ministries for coordination of volunteers at our staging area on the outskirts of Houston.

Contact [KimRankens@worldhope.org](mailto:KimRankens@worldhope.org) for trip information.

## September 10, 2017

FOCUS Wesleyan Church

“Encouragement for the Journey of Faith”

Joshua 7 “*The Agony of Defeat*”

### Sermon Notes:

*Joshua 7:1-26*

## 1. A Painful \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-5)

*Proverbs 16:18*

*1 Samuel 17:47*

## 2. A Painful \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6-15)

## 3. A Painful \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-26)

*Proverbs 28:13*

*James 1:13-15*

*Hosea 2:15*

***Reflection:*** What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

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The Word of God directs us as we consider what the ***next step*** is for our lives. What is your next step? Is there sin that you have not repented of?

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***Challenge:*** This week I will pray for following need and/or people within our nation:

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## **Communion at FOCUS**

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

## **FOCUS Board Meeting - Monday, Sept. 11, 2017**

This coming month's Board Meeting has been rescheduled for tomorrow evening, Monday, September 11, 6:30 PM.

## **Youth Group Tonight 6:30 - 8 PM!**

Friends welcome, snacks provided!

## **FOCUS Family Fun Friday - September 15, 7:00 PM**

FOCUS will be having a family movie night out on the lawn of the North side of the church building. Popcorn and water provided! Consider inviting some families and friends for a fun evening together!

## **Our Beliefs**

Wesleyans believe in one God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the Savior of all who put their faith in Him alone for eternal life.

We believe that those who are made new in Christ are called to be holy in character and conduct, and can only live this way by being filled with the Lord's Spirit.

We believe in the Bible and its sufficiency to establish our faith and conduct.

We believe God wills for people everywhere to know Him and be made new in Christ.

We believe that the purpose of the Church is to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to reach a lost and fallen world with the gospel of Jesus Christ through its worship, witness, and loving deeds.

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