WERF Activation Update

By JANELLE VERNON | SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 General Superintendent Wayne Schmidt is activating the <u>W</u>esleyan <u>E</u>mergency <u>R</u>elief <u>F</u>und in response to damage sustained in Florida and the Caribbean.

"The aftermath of Hurricane Irma's impact, while much less severe than anticipated, is requiring assistance in some specific areas and ways," Schmidt said.

Florida District Superintendent Patrick Styers reports that in addition to significant debris and storm damage in Southwest Florida, five Wesleyan churches and one parsonage need their roofs replaced. Professional roofing contractors and volunteers to help replace roofs are needed.

"Most of these roofs are not covered by property insurance because churches close to the water need what's called windstorm coverage which is usually not written for these high-risk properties or is so expensive that it is not affordable," said Styers. "We are looking at a minimum financial need of \$250,000 to replace the roofs and provide for other types of building repair."

General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Holiness Church in the Caribbean, Joel Cumberbatch, is asking for prayer and financial support to address structural damage sustained in Barbuda, Saba, Tortola and St. Thomas.

"I have no doubt that in some instances items like water, toiletries, food items, clothes, etc. will be required," said Cumberbatch. "We will also need some monetary contributions and skilled labour in terms of artisans and work teams to assist in the rebuilding of the various churches and homes which have been damaged or destroyed."

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We have an opportunity to respond to emergency needs of our U.S. and Caribbean Wesleyan church family," said Schmidt. "Please join me in praying, as well as stewarding our resources of time, skills and finances, to help the individuals, communities and congregations seeking to restore their lives and homes following Hurricane Irma.

Partners in Hurricane Irma relief efforts are Poured Out and World Hope International. "I rejoice at the multiplication of impact through partnerships," Schmidt added. with Poured Out is managing debris clean up and coordinating volunteers, as well as relief supply distribution in Florida. World Hope is securing supplies for the Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, working with Pastor Jerry Pence and the Brooksville Wesleyan Church on their distribution, and providing generators for district churches, as well as assisting in the Caribbean."

Details for volunteer coordination for the Caribbean are pending.

WERF updates will be posted on Wesleyan.org/news and on the Wesleyan Church Facebook page as additional information is received.

September 17, 2017

FOCUS Wesleyan Church "Encouragement for the Journey of Faith" Joshua 8 "*Regaining Lost Ground*"

<u>Sermon Notes:</u>

Joshua 8:1-35

- 1. Follow _____ plan (v. 1)
- A) No _____
- *B*) No

2. Rejoice in God's

(v. 30-35)

3. Remember to

_____ (v. 30-31)

Proverbs 28:13

4. Renew your _____

(v. 32-35)

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

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives. What is your next step? Will you "try again" in an area where you have previously failed, but this time with God's help?

Challenge: This week I will pray for following friend or family member who does not know the Lord Jesus as their Savior:

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.

Kroger Community Rewards

If you already shop at Kroger, and have not already signed up for *Community Rewards*, we would love to invite you to join and add FOCUS as your local organization designate. Visit: www.kroger.com/account/ enrollCommunityRewardsNow or call 1-800-576-4377. And search for "FOCUS Ministries Georgetown - 11616" when signing up online, or by phone.

Youth Group next Sunday Sept. 24 - 6:30 - 8 PM! Friends welcome, snacks provided!

FOCUS Family Fun Friday -October 13, 6:30 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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