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Summer Issue



Women on a Mission

New Home Baptist Church Women's Ministry

By Your spirit make us one with Christ, One with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Focus Scripture

"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:6

Lessons Learned From A Storm

By: Angie Bain

North Sand Mountain School Counselor

April 27th... we will forever remember where we were that day...who we were with...words that were spoken...lives that were changed...lives that were lost. There was heart-wrenching sadness and unbelievable devastation...but God was at work that day and is continuing to use the aftermath of these storms to remind us that He is still in Charge and He is Faithful.

I had gone on in to work that day. My plans were to get caught up on paperwork while the storm passed over before the students arrived later. It did not take long to realize that this was not our ordinary storm. Heading back home that morning I passed by students' homes destroyed and damage was visible everywhere. But the morning storms were just the beginning...By the end of the day the damage seemed surreal...and the reality of the loss of precious lives took over our hearts.

At North Sand Mountain our school family was greatly affected by the storms. We said good-bye to former students (Chelsie Boatner Black, Morgan Sigler and Scott Atterton) and several students lost grandparents and family members. I remember driving by to check on students and there not being a home there anymore. It took several days for us to finally account that our students were all safe and with family. Forty-seven students and three teachers lost their homes and countless others were temporarily displaced by damages. For a moment we were in a state of shock...of disbelief...

Then we began to see God work. We saw Him in communities banding together where people seeing immediate needs began doing something to meet them. He was in Flat Rock at the community center as they began firing up grills and getting generators so they could provide food and shelter for those that had just lost everything. He was in the back of a pickup truck with coolers of water and sandwiches driving through the devastation taking food and a kind word to those that needed one. He began to stir and work in the lives of our students telling them there was a job for them to do.

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One by one I would see them working at churches, piling brush, sorting clothes, passing out food, giving blood, going through their closets, calling to check on their friends, helping a classmate's family put the roof back on his home and working wherever they were needed. And work they did...during the month after the storm the seniors clocked almost 1,000 volunteer hours. I saw students that lost everything be the first in line wanting to help someone else. This is where I saw God work. I saw Him move in their lives and transform them.

There are many lessons that can be learned from a storm. There are messages that God will allow you to see and hear during times of trials and adversity if you are paying attention. After volunteering one day a group was in my office and they were talking and sharing about things they had learned and how God had worked. One girl started writing them down and when we finished we realized it was quite a list.

With their permission, here is North Sand Mountain's Class of 2011 Lessons Learned From A Storm:

It shouldn't take a storm to bring a community together; Plan ahead; Build storm shelters; We had become very spoiled; Realize how much you love everyone and what is really important;
Having to choose, you miss water more than electricity; In times of storm get in a safe place; Be respectful; Tornados teach lessons that schools can't; I paid attention when hearing about the storms in Joplin; Don't leave words unsaid; You have too many clothes—don't hesitate to share;
Things are replaceable; Man can't control everything; Learn how to operate a generator;
There is a difference in kerosene and gasoline; You can fry bacon and cook creamed corn on a grill; Denominations disappear in times of tragedy; It's ok not to shower everyday; School is a pretty safe place to be during a tornado; Keep cell phones fully charged and gas tanks full; God spares some so they can help others...if you are still here...He is not finished with you; Blessed beyond measure;
Sometimes dishes need to soak;

There was life before television; Hugging it out has true value and merit; You don't have to be able to give \$100...sometimes a smile and a bottle of water is just what is needed; Manual labor will not kill you;

Our teachers are human after all; Sometimes the greatest challenge is just showing up; Give blood; Never pass up the opportunity to donate to the Salvation Army; Stock up on chainsaw files and bar oil;

Those guys from Salvation Army can cook; If something comes to your mind that you can do to help someone...do it; There are no coincidences; Helping each other...that is Good Stuff...

This special group of students are now graduates and as the salutatorian made her speech she reflected on the work they accomplished this way, "I love the people we've become. We refuse to take no for an answer, we put our hearts and souls into all we do, and we are a close-knit, loving family. No longer individuals, we have become something more than simply *you and I*. We have become us...because together, we can accomplish way more than we ever could separately."

Yes, God was at work on April 27th and is continuing to speak to hearts and lives through this storm. A few days ago my day ended with a student coming to me and saying, "Mrs. Bain...let me just tell you how God worked in my life today." You have my attention...



This archway was left standing at the Clem's house after the tornado.

... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

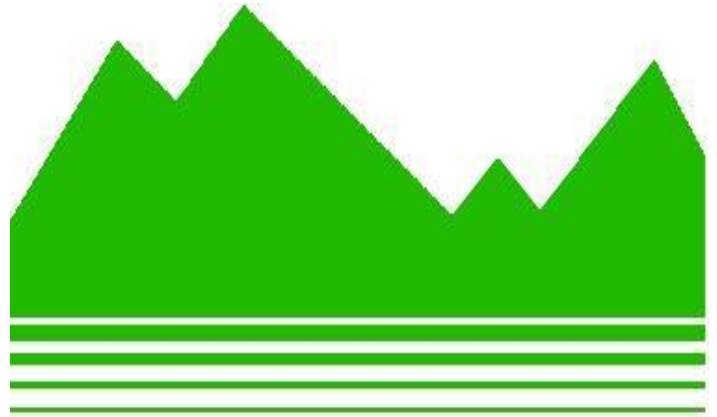
Joshua 24:15

Happy Friday

By
Terri
Wright



Mountaintops



I have been overwhelmed this past week with the amount of 'stuff' that has come into our community since the storms hit. I have to say I have had feelings of panic and confusion thinking of the amount of *stuff*, where it will be stored and what will be done with it all. As I was reading in Exodus chapter 35, it all came together for me.

In this chapter Moses had instructed the people what would be needed to build the tabernacle. God had given Moses specific instructions that he shared with the Israelites. Verse 5 says "...*whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it...*". As you read on through the chapter, verse by verse tells of those with a willing heart, a wise heart, a willing spirit, actually I counted about 8 times this is mentioned. Then in chapter 36 verse 5 it says.."*The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work....*". To sum it up...Exodus 36:7 "*For the 'stuff' they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.*"

I was intrigued, right there in that verse was the word 'stuff'. I truly would have never expected to see such a simple word used to describe items needed for such a major task as building the tabernacle. The very word I had thrown around all week as people brought items to our community in an effort to help those in need.

There have been so many people with willing hearts and willing spirits. That is how God wants us to give, not out of necessity or of duty, but with a willing heart. God has a plan for all the 'stuff' that is being collected in our community, just as He had a plan for the 'stuff' the Israelites brought. I just need to stand back and be amazed as God works and stop worrying about the 'stuff'.

Claudine Hicks said it best this week....."God is good, and so are His people!"

Happy Friday!
Love,

Terri

Reprinted from Friday, February 15, 2008

Everybody wants to be on the mountaintop, but if you'll remember, mountaintops are rocky and cold. There is no growth on the top of a mountain. Sure, the view is great, but what's a view for? A view just gives us a glimpse of our next destination - our next target. (Author Unknown)

This quote was shared with some of the ladies recently. Here is Wanda Connally's response. (Shared with her permission.)

I thank God for the valleys that I may grow and it is there that He restoreth my soul. I pray that when I do reach the mountaintop that I never lose sight of God's cycle of growth. We sow...we water...we weed out... (All the while God gives the increase) and then we harvest. Have you ever noticed that you can do your best weeding out while you are down on your knees? My prayer is that I will not become too lazy or get too distracted or sidetracked with other things in life and neglect to fall on my knees and do the work of weeding out. And while on my knees, may I also remember to pray for the harvest and needs of my brothers and sisters...may I also be willing to lend a hand if it is needed.

Today I stand in total awe of God's faithfulness and His provisions. Today I am truly drinking from my saucer, because my cup is overflowed. I pray that when my (and Paul's) harvest reaches maturity that we are able to give away an abundance of fruits.

Wanda Connally

Relay For Life

By
Betty Moore



Once again a Big Thank You to everyone who helped our *Relay For Life* Team raise over \$2,667. As everyone knows we didn't participate in the *Relay For Life* event on May 20th due to the devastation and loss in our church family. We do plan on participating in *Relay For Life* next year. Anyone interested in being on next year's team can see Virginia Brewton or me. Be thinking and praying about next year's *Relay For Life*.

Faithfully Fit

By
Debbie
Kenimer



WOW! We have been seeing the pounds come off.

The Faithfully Fit Class meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. We finished the Bible study, "I Must Decrease." What a blessing it was to our class. Soon we will be starting "The Never Say Diet" study written by Chantel Hobbs. We are excited about what the study will bring to our class. All ladies are encouraged to join with us.

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.* (NIV)



Operation Christmas Child

Monthly Focus

These are the items we will be collecting each month for the Shoeboxes.

June: personal care items: deodorant, hair accessories, handkerchiefs, lip balm, small plastic drinking cups, flashlights with batteries

July: toys for playing outside (jump ropes, balls, paddle balls, etc.)

August: school supplies, including pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, solar calculators, scissors, markers, coloring books, pads of paper, finger paints, etc.

September: toothbrush and toothpaste. The toothbrush holders or bristle covers are also great gifts for shoeboxes.

October: individually wrapped candy, (No chocolate that will melt.) Hard candy, lollipops, bubble gum, packs of stick gum, tootsie rolls, smarties, starburst, etc.

November: empty shoe box, wrapped if you like, with a note or card from you and your family to the child who will receive your box. If you have a special item you would like to include, bring it to the packing party and include it that night. This can be something that individualizes your box for the child you are packing for. Remember we will need \$7.00 shipping money for each box packed.

Things My Mother Taught Me

Here are some life lessons we can reflect upon that might have been shared with us through our Mother's infinite wisdom. ☺

- **My Mother taught me LOGIC...** "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."
- **My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD...** "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"
- **My Mother taught me ESP...** "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"
- **My Mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE...** "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"
- **My Mother taught me HUMOR...** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- **My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT...** "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- **My Mother taught me GENETICS...** "You are just like your father!"
- **My Mother taught me about my ROOTS...** "Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- **My Mother taught me about the WISDOM of AGE...** "When you get to be my age, you will understand."
- **My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION...** "Just wait until your father gets home."
- **My Mother taught me about RECEIVING...** "You are going to get it when we get home."
- **My Mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE...** "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside – I just finished cleaning!"
- **My Mother taught me RELIGION...** "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- **My Mother taught me IRONY...** "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
- **My Mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM...** "Will you LOOK at the dirt on the back of your neck!"
- **My Mother taught me about WEATHER...** "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."
- **And my all time favorite thing – JUSTICE...** "One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU. Then you'll see what it's like!"

To all the Moms out there – Thanks and we hope you had a Blessed Mother's Day!

Getting to Know

Your...Sister

Charis Peek



- **How did you become a Christian?** Shortly after getting married, we visited a church in Huntsville. Some members visited our apartment and we got saved together.
- **How long have you been attending New Home?** 8 years
- **What is one of your favorite verses from God's word?** Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- **Who is your favorite person in the Bible?** Jesus
- **Where were you born?** Scottsboro, Alabama
- **Are you married or single?** Married to Kenneth – 12 years
- **Do you have children? If so how many?** 2 children - Abram 9 and Brady 6
- **What is a way that you have tried to show love to your family?** Spending time with them
- **What are you thankful for?** My Salvation, my family, my church, and my community
- **Do you have any pets?** One dog named Wilbur
- **What is your middle name?** Audra
- **Where do you work?** Will be starting a new job soon in Chattanooga
- **What do you do at your job?** Nurse Practitioner
- **What is your favorite food and least favorite food?** Favorite – depends on my cravings, Least favorite is liver
- **What is your favorite color?** Blue
- **What is your favorite candy?** Chocolate
- **What is your favorite flower?** Buttercups

Unique or Quirky Things

About some of our Ladies

Terri Wright - will not hang paintings or pictures of people I don't know in my house or have figurines of people.

Amy Gorham - I can clog..... and love to. Have not taken lessons since I was a little girl. But when Cotton eye Joe comes on I can't help myself lol..

Mandi Bell - I still remember how to clog and I love reggae but I don't clog to reggae

Rhonda Mince - I'd rather watch an action movie or super-hero movie than a chick flick

Tina Peek - My right foot is 1/2 size larger than my left foot - makes it pretty rough finding shoes to fit right (and no.. I am not one of those people who switch shoes to make them fit) However.. It is pretty sweet to find a mix matched pair on sale in my size.

I once bought a brand new pair of grey New Balance shoes that were priced at \$10 because the right foot was a size 9 and the left foot was a size 8 1/2... Most comfortable pair of shoes I own!

It's pretty funny - Shainah's left foot is 1/2 size bigger than her right foot (which is the opposite of mine) - but we can't match up pairs because I wear an 8 1/2 and 9 and she wears a 7 1/2 and 8!!

Sheila Overby - This is an easy one for me. My thumbs are terribly short and wide!! My mother's first cousins all had one short thumb and one natural thumb.

But neither my mother nor any of her siblings had the short one, both were just alike..

So, since it skipped my mother's side of the family, I have two short ones! At least they match!

I couldn't hitchhike across the road and back!! Ha-ha

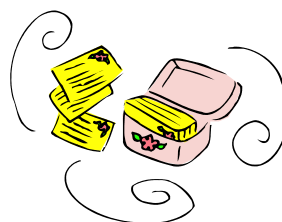
Jessi McMahan - I am terrified of Water Towers!! :)
- Yes, Seriously....

Claudine Hicks - I am a multitasker as long as one of the things I'm doing is talking. lol. But.... according to God's word, I am made in his image. That should be unique enough for anyone. Not sure what you mean about quirky, but I hate open cabinet doors.

Karen Gilbert - I asked a co-worker that question about me. She said, "You are cautious, meticulous, and you have a dry sense of humor."

Virginia Brewton - I sing a song that I learned as a child, "My Lord knows the way through the wilderness all I have to do is follow, strength for today is mine all the way and all that I need for tomorrow."

Dean Lackey - I love to work.



Sausage Cornbread

- 1 lb sausage browned and drained
- 1 onion chipped (optional)
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 c self rising cornmeal
- 1 can cream style corn
- 3/4 c milk
- 1/4 c vegetable oil
- 2 c grated cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Prepare skillet as you would for cooking cornbread. Set browned sausage aside. In a bowl add eggs, cornmeal, corn, milk, and oil. Mix well. Add half of cornmeal mixture to prepared skillet. Sprinkle with sausage and cheese. Top with remaining cornmeal mixture. Bake 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Let sit 10 minutes before cutting.



Christian Books and DVD Review

By
Debra Underwood

Fiction Christian Book Review

On Hummingbird Wings by Lauraine Snelling

After receiving a call from her hysterical sister, Gillian leaves New York to go to California to check on her mother. When she arrives she finds her mother, Dorothy, in bed waiting to die and her mother's beloved garden gone to ruins. Gillian works to bring back her mother's will to live and the garden that her mother always took such pride in. Along the way Gillian realizes that God's plan for her life may be very different from the plans she has made.

Non-fiction Christian Book Review

God's Guest List by Debbie Macomber

Debbie Macomber uses true stories to illustrate how God has placed people in her life to influence and shape her life. Many of these people may be similar to the people God has put in our lives to mold our values and character. We also learn that God has placed us in other's lives for the same reason.

Christian DVD Review

RUST written by, directed by, and starring Corbin Bernsen

RUST is a detective drama that extols the truth of Jesus Christ. Corbin plays James, a priest who leaves his church because he feels that Jesus no longer talks to him. He travels to his childhood home where he finds that his childhood friend, Travis, has been jailed for starting a fire that burned down a farm house killing the family who lived there. Even though Travis admits to the crime, James doesn't believe Travis is guilty. James' search for the truth leads to the truth of Jesus Christ for him and the town.

Women's Ministry Calendar



Thursday, June 2 – HOPE – 6:30 PM – Garden Room

Tuesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28 - Faithfully Fit - 5:30 PM - Garden Room

Monday, June 27– Life Touchers at 7:00 in the Garden room.



Thursday, July 7– HOPE – 6:30 PM – Garden Room

Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 - Faithfully Fit - 5:30 PM - Garden Room

Monday, July 25 – Life Touchers at 7:00 in the Garden room.



Thursday, Aug. 4 – HOPE – 6:30 PM – Garden Room

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Faithfully Fit - 5:30 PM - Garden Room

Monday, Aug. 29 – Life Touchers at 7:00 in the Garden room.



Happy July 4th

"Suppose a nation in some distant Region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Eutopia, what a Paradise would this region be."

John Adams

2nd U.S. President

and Signer of the Declaration of Independence

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... nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You. 2 Chronicles 20:12c