Dear Friends,

Do you have big storm memories as a child? Living through a tornado or hurricane with your family or friends will often create a lifelong memory from those events and experiences. Hurricane Isaac is now doing just that for folks in its path.

As a child, the two hurricanes that kind of blend together for me are Camille and Betsy. Torrential rain and wind that is so impressive it's scary. It was some of my first glimpses of the power of nature and a dawning understanding of the power of God. While growing up in the 60's watching the Mercury, Gemini and then the Apollo space flights, it was so impressive to see the power of the rocket engines at blast off. Looking at news reels of atomic blast clouds from WW II and after and realizing people had created these tremendous energy bursts, all helped to frame my growing perspective of what people were able to do and what was still possible with God.

The hurricanes had more lasting power once they hit, and it was a great show looking out into the back yard as the wind bent the trees over and the rain blew sideways. I think it was during Betsy that we watched Dad stagger out into the backyard, buffeted by the wind and rain, and attempt to put tether lines on a young sapling tree that we had transplanted the week before. It looked like fun, but Mom wouldn't let us go out. For the first time, we got to eat canned food straight from the can—cold; the power had been out for several days. We lost a tree in each storm and were lucky that both times they blew away from the house.

During Betsy, the wind was howling and then five minutes later it was eerily calm and quiet. The eye of the storm was passing over us, and we went outside to total stillness. I knew then about the experience of the disciples in the boat when Jesus stilled the storm and things went calm around them. Of course ours didn't last, because 45 minutes later the backside of the storm hit, and it was worse than the front side.

With storms and hurricanes there is always work to be done afterwards—the clean-up and repair that follows as neighbors help each other to get yards and houses back in shape. Cutting up downed trees or limbs brought some surprises. During Betsy we lost a willow tree and as we were cleaning it up we found a blue jay nest that had three chicks in it. We brought them inside and tried to feed them and care for them. Two died but one survived and for a year we had a pet blue jay named Peter who would sit on our sleeve or shoulder, fly to us from his perch when we called, eat out of our hand and squawk at strangers. He was a wonderful gift to us from the storm and a special memory for our family. We were very blessed that we were on high enough ground that we avoided flooding and that we never had serious damage to the house. Many were not so lucky.

What are your storm memories? I suspect that the Republican delegates and those on Louisiana's gulf coast are creating new ones now that they will take with them for a lifetime. For the Republican delegates who are probably staying in those high rise hotels, I am not envious of them as they feel the buildings and their rooms swaying with the wind! Fortunately, at this time it looks like Isaac is inflicting minimal damage and that the storm protection measures are working well. I hope you will join me in keeping all of those in Isaac's path in prayer, for safety and having good memories of having weathered the storm!

In Christ's service together wherever He leads,
David
September Anniversaries

- September 3: Jim & Ruby Latham
- September 12: Gene & Jim Benton
- September 24: Joan & Dick Seawright

September Birthdays

- September 2: Lu Sifferd
- September 5: Julie Frieling
- September 6: Judy Stempel
- September 8: Christy Horn
- September 10: Jennifer Carpenter, Riley Fairchild, Joan Seawright, Rick Martin
- September 11: Nathan Wooten
- September 13: Judy Faulk
- September 16: Snyder Knecht
- September 17: Charlotte Clark
- September 19: Coby Hendrickson
- September 21: Laban DeLay
- September 24: Joan Seawright, Carol Fairchild, Holland Frieling, Cory Slape, Macy Whitley
- September 27: Eden Straw-Watson, Maria Sanchez, Tatsiana Sanchez

Back-To-School Luncheon

In honor of Light-a-Candle-for-Children Sunday, and the beginning of school, we are celebrating with a potluck lunch! Please join us in Fellowship Hall on September 23, immediately following worship. We will be collecting last-minute school supplies (because you can never have too many crayons and pencils) for neighboring schools. Bring a dish to share and your appetite!

Calendar of Events

**Sunday, September 2**
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:50 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Birthday Celebration in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 5**
- 1:00 p.m. 55+ meeting in library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice in library

**Thursday, September 6**
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

**Sunday, September 9**
- 8:00 a.m. Elders’ Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:50 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Flock Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Fellowship in Library

**Monday, September 10**
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September 12**
- 6:00 p.m. Stitches’ Meeting in library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 13**
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

**Saturday, September 15**
- 8:30 a.m. DWM Workday
- 8:30 a.m. Property Workday

**Sunday, September 16**
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:50 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Flock Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Fellowship in Library
David Meece Concert to Headline NTA Worship Event September 22

David Meece, a member of the Christian Music Hall of Fame, and author of his signature song “We Are The Reason”, will headline a concert for the North Texas Area on Saturday, September 22, from 7 – 9 p.m. at Midway Hills Christian Church. This free concert will follow an afternoon of special workshops for church musicians, choir members, music staff, and worship leaders, including a 4 p.m. workshop with David Meece himself. The event will begin at 2:30, and people are invited to come and go as needed. Dinner will be on our own at nearby restaurants after a blessing of music leaders at 5:30. There will be a freewill offering at the concert to defray the event expenses.

David Meece has a very eclectic music style, showing evidence of his classical piano origins and his lifelong passion for Contemporary Christian Music. Over 30 of his compositions have reached the top of the charts and in more than one genre at the same time! Although he has played to packed-out stadiums with his band, he enjoys the smaller, more intimate settings such as Midway Hills Christian Church’s renovated sanctuary.

Here is a tentative schedule for the event, which allows for people to come and go as needed.

2:30–2:45 p.m. welcome
2:50–3:35 p.m. discussion group sessions on music and worship topics
3:40–4:25 p.m. discussion group sessions on music and worship topics
4:30–5:30 p.m. David Meece workshop
5:35–5:50 p.m. blessing of music leaders
Dinner on our own—maps to a few close restaurants provided
7:00–9 p.m. David Meece concert

Dr. Larry Ross
Area Minister, North Texas Area of the Christian Church in the Southwest

School Supplies Delivered to Richardson Heights Elementary

CCC children and VBS friends helped to promote the CCC school supply drive this year and delivered a carload full of supplies to Richardson Heights Elementary on Friday. Our own Leigh Duvall, the counselor at Heights Elementary, was there to greet them and help load up the supplies.

The children helped Leigh take the supplies to her office and organize them for the first day of school. She and the principal were so thankful for the supplies and glad that none of the Heights children would be without supplies on the first day of school.

Thanks to everyone who supported the school supply drive. If you still have school supplies you would like to contribute, we will continue to collect them throughout September.

School Supply List

- Spiral notebooks—wide-ruled
- Pocket folders with brads
- # 2 Sanford yellow pencils
- Crayola markers—thick, washable classic 8-count
- Crayola crayons—24 count
- Colored map pencils
- Fiskar scissors—pointed
- Glue sticks
- Elmer’s glue—8 ounce
- Ziploc bags—quart size
- Facial tissue

![Image of school supplies being delivered to Richardson Heights Elementary]
Worship Attendance 8/19/12  57
Visitors  5
Debb Faulk  Karen Anne Hall
Ian Hall  Zoë Hall
Arthur Roberts

Worship Attendance 8/26/12  63
Visitors  3
Debb Faulk  Troy Dorsey
Arthur Roberts

Financial Report
(Budgeted weekly revenue: $2,950.00)
Receipts for 8/19/12  $1,225.00
Receipts for 8/26/12  $2,111.45

Flock Meetings
Paul Latham’s and Lu Sifferd’s flocks will meet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 9 immediately following worship.
Audrey Plummer’s and Jerre Roseborough’s flocks will meet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 16 immediately following worship.

Thank You
A special thank you to Dick Seawright and Art Roberts for designing and building the puppet stage for VBS.

Garage Sale
Please note that the garage sale date has changed. The new date is Saturday, October 27th. I will still need men and women to help pack up from 3–5 p.m. for Mike’s Kids.
Thanks,
Patty Latham

Deacon Serving Schedule
The following deacons signed up to serve during the month of September:
Greg Hendrickson, Proctor
Mic Burnett  Carol Johns
Amy Taylor  Colleen Wooten
Amy Taylor, Deacon Chair

Sunday, September 2
James 1: 17–27
Mark 7: 1–23
Sermon:
“It Is Hard to Swim Without Getting Wet”

Worship Participants
Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Marvin Rogers
Acolyte: Hogan Frieling

Sunday, September 9
James 2: 1–17
Mark 7: 24–37
Sermon:
“Mercy, Mercy!”

Worship Participants
Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Mary Anne Potter
Acolyte: Caroline Kellam

Leading Worship for September
Elders: Larry Fairchild, Karlan Fairchild
Deacons: Greg Hendrickson, Proctor
Mic Burnett  Carol Johns
Amy Taylor  Colleen Wooten
Join Us on Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time

Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Calendar Updates
For updates to the CCC calendar, check with the church office or the bulletin board across from the church office.

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