Tornadoes, storms, viruses, floods strike U. S. with a vengeance

Benevolent organizations are stretched to the limit
Death rates unimaginable
Workers experiencing unprecedented times
Churches and schools closed down

STORMS RACE THROUGH SOUTHERN STATES

In the first of February, before Corona topped the evening news, winter storms did their damage to several southern states by shutting off power to nearly 200,000 homes and businesses.

Mobile homes were among the destruction in Mississippi where CCDRE has been privileged to deliver aid in the last 3 months with a value of $281,600.37.

FLORIDA STILL SUFFERS FROM MICHAEL

One of the outstanding features of CCDRE is that there is no cut-off date for helping disaster survivors. In the first quarter of this year, CCDRE delivered aid with a value of $45,635.89 to the Eastpoint Church of Christ in Eastpoint, FL and the Jenks Ave. Church of Christ in Panama City, FL as they still deal with the after-math of Hurricane Michael.

CORONAVIRUS, A CATACLYSMIC EVENT

As we go to press, it is reported that Covid-19, one of many coronaviruses, has taken more American lives than were lost in the Vietnam war.

Few leaders – if any - of religions or governments all over the world even hint at the idea of turning to the One and Only God who has complete control over this virus situation, and with only a blink of His eye could eliminate man-kind. All the vaccines in the world couldn’t do what God can do with a mere gesture, but man continues to struggle with doing things his way.

Robert Nicholson, a WSJ journalist, recently reported, “Sometimes the most important ingredient for spiritual renewal is a cataclysmic event.”

Tanzania is an East African nation of 57 million people. The President, John Magufuli, tells his listeners, “Coronavirus cannot survive in the body of Jesus Christ.” Tanzania is the only government to actively recommend its citizens attend religious services as a method to combat the virus.

- Adapted from an article by Nicholas Bariyo & Joe Parkinson
As this newsletter reaches you, whether in the mail, or online, we pray that it finds you healthy, and that the Infectious Disease Specialists might quickly find a necessary means to control or eradicate this new strain of influenza virus that was first announced on December 31, 2019. Sometimes I question if ‘Social Media’ and ‘instant news’ are good for us and our well-being, or a detriment.

Even through all of this turmoil, and so many jobs being shut down, what we do at CCDRE allows us to be considered as an ‘Essential’ function. Per the Governor of TN, the Honorable Bill Lee, we fall into 2 essential categories, we are a food warehouse that is inspected annually by the state and federal Dept. of Agriculture along with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), plus we are a charitable organization certified by the IRS as a (501)(C)(3) non-profit providing the basic needed supplies that families have after losing their homes in a major disaster. These supplies are turned over to a local Church of Christ near a major disaster in the U.S. or U.S. territories to be given to anyone affected by the disaster, with no cost to those receiving the supplies.

Several congregations have contacted us asking for semi-trailers of food boxes to give out in their communities while the country is shut down with people being furloughed, or laid off. If we were only helping one congregation, it could be done. But think how many congregations would want us to send them a trailer full of food boxes. We normally put 12 pallets, or 300 food boxes along with pallets of water, cleaning supplies, new clothing, new shoes, bedding, pillows, mops, brooms, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows on that trailer. If we only sent food boxes, 20 pallets or 500 would be what it took to send a trailer full. Tennessee has over 1,406 church of Christ congregations, and if 10% of those congregations requested a trailer full, that would be 140 trailers of 500, or 70,000 food boxes, only for TN. When our volunteers pack food boxes, they pack 1,500 at a time, which would only be 3 trailers of food boxes. So we would need to have volunteers here 46 days to pack the 70,000 for TN, and we know there would be thousands of congregations across the US wanting to help their communities. Local food banks receive government support to help purchase that amount of food, CCDRE does not receive government support. We only have 9 employees in our Nashville location, and 5 of those are office staff. In summary, we are well equipped to help major disaster areas with their needs, but not to help thousands of congregation’s help hundreds of thousands of people across the U. S. Plus, when a disaster took place, we would not have the supplies to help them, and they are in a different situation all together. We pray that our country can open back up soon, that jobs will return, and that we again can worship together with our brothers and sisters!

In the first quarter of 2020 we are still sending new appliances, new mattress sets, and new furniture for low-income/uninsured families in Eastpoint and Panama City, FL as they get back into the homes → in February and March after waiting 16 months for rebuilding to be completed. Hurricane Michael hit their communities in October of 2018. We have also been helping with the same supplies as families in Mount City, Missouri, along with Bellevue and Nebraska City, Nebraska get back into their homes after their communities flooded in March of 2019.

In late December of 2019 a tornado hit Laurel, Mississippi. They contacted us about wanting supplies early in January. We helped in that community through the East Laurel Church of Christ.

In February it flooded in the Williamsburg, KY area. We provided a shipment of supplies to the Shiner church of Christ in Williamsburg. There was additional flooding that month in Jackson and Ridgeland, Mississippi. We provided a shipment of supplies to the Hanging Moss church in Jackson, and the Lake Harbour church in Ridgeland.

The biggest disaster that took place the first quarter though, was the tornadoes that hit Middle TN. Tornadoes initially touched down on the East side of Nashville, and as these storms moved east, they got stronger. The storms continued to gain strength, and were categorized as an EF-3 tornado, when it hit in Cookeville, TN about 90 miles east of Nashville.

To help the families that survived the Middle TN tornadoes, we sent shipments of supplies to 8 congregations in Mount Juliet, Nashville and Cookeville.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this work. We pray for all of those affected by these storms, and for the many that have lost family members.

We also pray for our country and for the many families world-wide that have lost loved ones due to this new virus. Father, we ask for your guidance now and in all times. We pray, Father, for the peace that only you can provide.
If you would like a representative of Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc. to explain how your congregation can help after a major disaster, or if your congregation is in an area hit by a major disaster and you’re wanting to help your community, have your leadership contact the person responsible for your state. They look forward to talking to you more.

Call them direct or call us toll free - 1.888.541.2848

Map Showing Supplies Were Shipped to Disaster Survivors through March 2020

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Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation.
On You I wait all the day.”

- David states his dependence on God

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Linden Church of Christ
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Arthur Bartlett
Marilyn B. Head
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Paul Swindon
Wendy Bryant
Kenneth Stroud
Kayla Zumbro
Katie Strunk (Our beloved
Granddaughter)
Nana & Papa Henderson,
Johnny & Darlene
Connie Suddeath, Hopkinsville, KY
Lindel Suddeath
Juanita Suddeath, Herndon, KY
Lindel Suddeath
Tennessee’s March 2020
Tornado Deaths
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Pamela Bond
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Hilda Lewis
Harry & Betty Dunn
Shirley Dean Hopper
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Lorene Armstrong
Ronald K. & Linda E. Cole
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Gayle Underwood
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Robert & Helen Van Hook
Anonymous
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Thomas Vic
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Windell & Margaret Vickery
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Cecil Wayne Voss, Columbia, TN
Billy & Ann Truelove
Brenda Barnhill
Carl & Patsy Voss
David & Deborah Coffman
Cecil Wayne Voss, Columbia, TN
David L. Pierce
Dwain & Faye Jones
Ephesus Church of Christ
Garth & Marilyn Hooks
Hal & Belinda Holcomb
Jane Wells
Jean Johnson, Michael & Suzanne
Jeff Smith Family, Jeff, Paula, Ben,
Kelly, Steven, Liz
Malvern Smith
Mackie Johnson
Mike, Liz & Deanna Gregg
M/M Boone Morrow
Richie H. & Allison L. Gilliam
Terry & Patsy Goodwin
The Wrights – Randy, Shirley &
Roxanne
William & Linda Dunn
William F. & Peggy J. Sims
Martha Wagner
Emily S. Jenkins
Joanne Waldron, Whitleyville, TN
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Clarence & Judy Tedder
Leonard Henry Walker, Nashville, TN
Charlotte Heights Church of Christ
Dale & Sara Maynard
Eugene McKinney
Judy & Floyd Cross & Family
Linda N. Low
Sheila Duke
The Shepherds, Taylor Keesley &
McDonald Families
Virgie & Joel Wright
W. C. & Robbie Walker
Barbara Walker
Lionel Ward
Jim & Terri Baker, Baker
Equipment Company
Eddie Warren, Tuscumbia, TN
Wayne & Betty Williamson
Walter Stone (Stoney) Warren
Donna Warren
Doris Watson, Andalusia, AL
Shady Grove Church of Christ
Larry Wein, Omaha, NE
Hugh & Esther Stewart
Elbertine “Tennie” Wesberry
Bobby & Sherry Johnson
Pearl West
Cheryl, Janet, Debbi &
Judy Bradley
Edward (Jack) White, Portland, TN
Jewell Heath
Jack White, Columbia, TN
Fountain Head Church of Christ
Anne Bryant
Bobby & Brenda Truelove
Peggy Truelove
Kenneth White, Nashville, TN
Doug & Janice Brown
Mary White
North High Class of ’64 Lunch Bunch
Tusculum Church of Christ
Reba White, New Johnsonville, TN
Michael & Lesa White
C. W. & Louise Whitten
Virginia Carden

“Whoever believes in the Son
has eternal life, but whoever
rejects the Son will not see
life for God’s wrath remains
in him.”

- John the Baptist, son of
Zechariah and Elizabeth

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MEMORIALS GIVEN IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2020

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M/M Edwin (Buddy) Whorley
Becky W. Hutcheson
Ann Wilkins,
Springfield, TN
Stan & Peggy Hasty
Roszella Williams,
Murray, KY
Jennifer Clemens
Dot Williams
Brad & Carol Cochran
Leon “Buzz” Williams
Mary J. Barnhart
Nell Williams,
Miami, TX
Lou Nelson
Willene Williams
Billie Faye Thomason

Willene Williams
Bulford & Peggy Putman
Joe & Amy Jackson
Reserve Unit - Hendersonville
Police Dept.
Sylvia & Paul Kizer
Pete A. Willis, Yakima, WA
Mel & Jackie Russell
Walter Eugene Willoughby
River Road Church of Christ
Betty W. Wilson, Nashville, TN
Marylou Stone
Sherry Wooden
Susan Wilson
Frank Lynn Wilson,
Brentwood, TN
Neil & Glenda Anderson

Judge Tom Wiseman,
Nashville, TN
Steve & Jo Ann North
Louis Wiseman
William & Tracy Walkup
Jane Wood
Paragon Mills Church of Christ
Jimmy Wood
Jimmy & Minnie Lincoln
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Clearwater, KS
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Timothy Woodward,
Smithville, TN
John & Carolyn Pullias
Dorsey Wooten, Xenia, OH
James & Joyce Cyrus

Stephen Worley,
Hampshire, TN
William & Tracy Walkup
Christopher Wayne Wrenn
Juanita Burks
Bo Yates
Anita & Ernest Yates
Arthur Bartlett
Marilyn B. Head
Chrisl Thompson
Paul Swinford
Kenneth York,
Mount Juliet, TN
Jim & Marge Gregory
Jimmy Young
Huntsville, AL
Nellie D. Corlew

“For through Him (Jesus) we (Jews & Gentiles) both have access to the Father by one spirit.”
- Paul enlightens the Ephesians

FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT AND WASTE OF RESOURCES CONTRIBUTE TO DISASTROUS RETIREMENT

A survey by George Washington University of over 1,000 U.S. adults in 2019 revealed that 54% of the people with less than a $25,000 annual income could not come up with $2,000 for an unexpected need the next month.

Many young people with good paying jobs live like they expect that good income to always be there, so they buy things they don’t need, take unnecessary trips, buy luxury cars, waste food, and build bigger houses to hold the unnecessary outdated junk they foolishly purchased.

Suddenly, they reach the age where the good income has gone. No provisions have been made for retirement.

The Employee Benefit Research Institute projects that 41% of households will run short of money in later life.

“We do not know what will be our life after the lock-down. We will rise up, hopefully not to go back to our former way of life. We will rise up with greater trust in our God, who never leaves us and who sustains us in difficult times.”
- Bishop Broderick Pabillo, leader of the Catholic Archdiocese of Manila, on Easter Sunday.

BEWARE OF CENSUS 2020 CON GAMES

The census con artists are like termites! They are already at work. They may contact you by phone or e-mail, or show up at your door. Their goal is to get your private information and persuade you to send money. Hang up the phone, delete the e-mail, and shut the door on them.

Legitimate census workers do not ask for your social security number, credit card or bank account number. If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 or the police.
Kim Darden, Clarksville, TN
In appreciation!
Barbara Kennedy

Dottie Duggin, Columbia, TN
In Appreciation!
Nina Hausmann

Sue Earnest, Nashville, TN
Linda Craft

Albert & Mayola England,
Mount Juliet, TN
For the many years as an Elder at Mt. Juliet Church!

Eddie L. Beard

Jimmy & Pansy Evans, Cadiz, KY
In Appreciation
Barbara Kennedy

Joe & Lynda Evans, West Linds, CA
Carol Dodds

Fairview Ch of Christ Members
Fairview, TN
Shirley Hammon

Dan & Karen Fossi,
South Burlington, VT
Larry & Sharon Johnson

Rachel Diane Foster,
Congratulations as a graduate of FHU
Terry A. Rush

James Franklin, Cherry Valley, AR
M/M Jerry Dallas

Richard & Angie Fredendall,
Jefferson City, MO
In Appreciation!
Jim & Brenda Terry

Gambills Family
Frank K. Ballman

Ernestine Goodwin, Springfield, TN
Bill & Joe McAdams

Gordon & Melinda Johnson,
Hermitage, TN
In honor of your dedication and care for Deonzie Copeland Richards
Pat & Debbie Moore

Peggy Guy, Gallatin, TN
Happy 87th Birthday!
Mark & Naomi Guy

Roy Guy, Gallatin, TN
Happy 91st Birthday!
Mary & Naomi Guy

John & Freda Hall, Nashville, TN
Leonard & Betty Brown

Mary Harper, Clarksville, TN
In appreciation!
Barbara Kennedy

Opal Harper, Gallatin, TN
Donnell & Jackie Harper

Linda Sue Harris,
Clarksville, TN
Happy Birthday!
A Friend

Mark Harris, Mountain City, TN
In Appreciation!
Brad & Carol Cochran

John Hayes, Nashville, TN
David & Judy Poynor

Dick & Clemmye Hyes,
Murfreesboro, TN
Happy 68th Wedding Ann.!
John & Joy Hooper

Ann L. Henderson, Meridian, AL
Lanita C. Henderson

Leasa Hendricks, Nashville, TN
Irene Ward

Grant & Marisa Hensley
Franklin, TN
Linda Hosford

Michael & Wendy Humphries,
Midland, TX
Sydney Wagner

Mary Edith Jones, Mount Juliet, TN
Happy 75th Birthday!
Tammy Haskins

Gaylan & Pat Kleavelan, Tracy, CA
Demetra Boyd

Lola Landrum, Americus, GA
Happy 100th Birthday!

Brad & Carol Cochran
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Larkins,
Clarksville, TN
Demetra Boyd
D/M Terry Larkins,
Caldwell, TN
Demetra Boyd

Muriel Larkins, Brookton, TN
Happy 91st Birthday!
Dr. & Mrs. Boyd

Jeff & Linda Lawther, Ypsilanti, MI
Happy Birthday!
The Coyles & JAMS

Walt & Carol Leaver, Nashville, TN
Andrew M. & Martha W. Burton

Jimmie & Minnie Lincoln,
Franklin, TN
Clarence & Annie Lindsey

McCurry Family, Mooresville, NC
Trevan Sedlak

Terri Medeiros, Cadiz, KY
Shirley Ezell

M/M Greg Melton, Tuscola, TX
M/M Don Melton

Joedonna Patterson, Hermitage, TN
Happy 96th Birthday!
Jim & Marge Gregory

Nathan Pomeren, Colville, TN
Tim & Renea Sain

Norma Potter, Manteca, CA
Wyba Nienstadt

Laurie Prince, Tulsa, OK,
Happy Birthday!
Annette & Ed Prince

Dr. Robert Quinn, Nashville, TN
FRED & Faye Stroop
M/M Frank Riley, Lubbock, TX
Happy Christmas!

Helen R. Riley
Chad & Melissa Roberts, Searcy, AR
Happy Anniversary!
Lynn Mitsunaga

Laura Cameron Rush
Congratulations as a graduate of FHU
Terry Rush

John Rutledge, Jr., Brentwood, TN
Kemp & Cindy Stark

Tom & Sue Savage, Marathon, FL
Happy Anniversary!Φ
Donna Prince

Vickey Setters, Whites Creek, TN
Happy Birthday!Φ
Doug Adcock

Luke & Brenda Sewell, Athens, TN
Anne L. Wright

Gail Renae Shah, Los Gatos, CA
Happy Birthday!Φ
Gail Pollard

Ruth B. Smith, Nashville, TN
Mary Kathryn Charlton

Trudy Ann Solomon, Englewood, OH
In Appreciation!
Brenda Blackshear

Spartanburg, SC Central Church
of Christ Elders, Spartanburg, SC
Carol & Martin

Dotti Suggs, Nashville, TN
James & Fay McFarlin

Richard & Janice Tatum, Minden, LA
Joseph Tatum

Keela & Jared Taylor, Nixon, MO
Mr. Kim Russell

Tennessee (Middle TN) neighbors
Glenn & Jean Wimberley

Tennessee tornado survivors
Ashland Amusement/James A.
& Hilda Lewis

Ronald K. & Linda E. Cole

Charles & June Thompson

Olivia & George Gordon
M/M Doyle Townsley,
Saucier, MS
Ida Josephine Potter

Etheleine Tucker, Elba, AL
Happy Valentine’s Day!

Ronnie & Cary Tucker

Natalie & Caleb Valies,
Mount Juliet, TN
Congratulations on
Your marriage Φ

Janice Vantrease, Nashvilled, TN
In appreciation!

Joe & Jewel Cottrell

Allie & Lisa Wagner, Lakeland, TN
Sydney Wagner

Jean Weller, Baxter, TN
Dana & Nancy White

Gladyse Walls, Cary, NC
Sherril Walls Blazer

Jane Wells, Columbus, TN
In Appreciation!

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“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

- The Lord

Editorial

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.” The Lord is speaking, “You shall have no other gods before me.” Rev 3:19 NKJV

He answered the Pharisee lawyer who asked what was the greatest commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-40 NKJV

For thousands of years God has tried to get man-kind to be faithful to Him and do His will. God would be merciful and forgiving to us; we would repent and be faithful for a while then turn right back to our old sinful and idolatrous ways of worshipping idols. We, man-kind, allowed images carved from wood to take the place of the one true God. Calves molded from gold and silver took the place of God. Chastisements made only a temporary improvement.

God used severe judgments such as allowing the earth to give way under thousands of people, and using pagan nations to take His people into exile.

Human nature hasn’t changed. While our idols today are different from those in past centuries, they are just as dangerous and abhorrent to God.

We replaced God with our sophisticated idols of money, power, possessions, entertainment, and other transient things. We have taken God out of the schools and homes. Church attendance has steadily declined for decades. Children are disrespectful to their parents. Drunk drivers are killing people on the highways. Leaders who should set examples for others quarrel like undisciplined children, call each other bad names and say bad things about each other. We kill millions of unborn babies. Scammers and con artists are stealing money especially from older people. We may not be getting any more chastisements than we deserve.

We often experience chastisements because God loves us, but a scourge that blankets the world should make us sit up and take notice as to where we will be 150 years from today. Jesus said, “He that believes in me has everlasting life.” John 6:47 NKJV. Think about it.