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Oxford church of Christ

Living the truth, loving the lost and lifting the brokenhearted."

Luke 4:18 NKJV

September 20, 2017

A GIVING CHURCH...



HURRICANE HARVEY
DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Our special contribution to Rainbow Omega raised \$5045 for this wonderful organization.

The Oxford Congregation also sent \$3160 to a local Houston church of Christ to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Curacao August Contributors

Hazel Axton
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*Billy and Norma Helms
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Sunday:
9:30 AM Bible Class
10:30 AM Worship
5:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:
6:00 PM Bible Class

NEWS FROM CURACAO

August 31, 2017

Dear brethren: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Savior. We are trusting that everyone is doing well physically and spiritually. Now, I am recuperating after some difficult times with the flu. Over the past two weeks, it has left me weak with little energy to stand. I am not out of the woods completely, but on the road to recovery. Everyone else is doing fine.

Since our summer meeting, we are striving to follow up with some of the prospects we've made during the meeting. We were fortunate to meet a few at home and invited them to our services. Those we did not meet because of their work schedules etc., we left materials for them to read. Keeping up with the young people has also been one of our targets. Coming from non-Christian homes, they have posed a challenge for us to work with them. At times, they disturbed the services (which makes some of our members uncomfortable); however, I ask everyone to be patient with them because the world is waiting to receive them with open arms. The Devil will not turn down the opportunity to lead them in his schemes. I am hoping that as the youths continue to attend some will conform to the message and change for the better, which is the objective of the gospel. Since the VBS, some of the kids meet with the church on a regular basis; they come on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday, youth meeting hour. Please pray that they would not lose that zeal.

During the past four weeks, I spoke on the theme of Christianity during my Sunday morning sermons; namely, living as a Christian; suffering as a Christian, going to church as a Christian and Shining as a Christian. The goal was to challenge the local people to take the life in Christ seriously. The topic "going to church" was a needed message because some of our members are lacking in that area. We emphasized that church attendance is necessary to worship God and to express our love to his will. David took great joy in going to church. He said, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of God" (Ps. 122:1).

On Tuesday, August 29, Sister Agnes Wanga went to be with the Lord. She was one of the elderly sisters I served communion every Sunday at home. On August 27, I met with her for the last time. By that time, her body showed signs of dehydration, but I had no idea that she would go that quickly. She told me that she was feeling hungry but could not eat. Before leaving her house, I promised to return on Tuesday to see how she was doing. Well, before I got to her house that evening, someone called me to inform me of her passing. I did not know that Sunday would be my last day I would get to serve her. Sister Wanga accepted Christ in 2011, and from that day until her death, we did our best to share the word of God with her every Sunday, even when she could not attend the services at the Rio Canario church building. During the Campaign, the Oxford men also accompanied me to her house once. Please pray for those she has left behind. Miss Wanga was in her seventies. May her soul rest in peace until we see her in heaven someday!

Finally, Last Month (July) we started a Live daily talk on Facebook. The goal is to share a short message to reach the many people who visit that social platform. Jesus taught his disciples to lower their nets in the deep for a catch of fish. Likewise, we think that we must direct the gospel in the areas where people are frequenting. At first, we encountered some setbacks with the program; namely, slow internet service; insufficient upload speed, yet the reactions have been encouraging. The flu has also hindered me, my last broadcast was August 15, but we are looking forward to continuing the "Live Talk." I have upgraded our internet speed since, which will make the future lessons more appealing to the viewers. You can also follow us on Facebook and view the "Talk for Christ" live, [click here](#).

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. In September, we want to reach out to some new neighborhoods to motivate the people to study God's word and to attend church. We have written a small tract, Pearls of Great Price in Papiamento, which we plan to use in that endeavor. Please pray for that undertaking. Give everyone our greetings and love until the next Newsletter from Alford, Patricia, Evan and Precious Lazar. Thanks for your kind support in the gospel (Address: Sun Valley kaya Seru Pieter 15, Willemstad Curacao. Tel 599-9-5668262, email: Laz15ford@yahoo.com)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Amanda Bass (niece of Rita Ward); Shelby Smith (cousin of Rita Ward); Kara Harmon (mother of Eric Harmon); Virginia Batey

Continue to Remember:

Sharon Nowland
Ann Coody
Sandra Coffin
Drew Pettus
Mike Randall
Vickie Cole
Doris Dickerson
Bobby Coley

Home:

Clellon Tims
Frances Pugh
Juanita Meredith
Reba Kendrick
Charles Norton
Virginia Batey

Nursing Homes:

May Rene Turner— Autumn Cove
Phoebe Strickland—NHC Place
Lillian Dollahite—Gadsden Healthcare
Wayne Greer—Franklin, TN
Brooksie Adams—Fountain Inn, SC

Ladies Devotional

Ladies Devotional will be Monday, September 25th at 6 PM in the all-purpose room.

Upcoming Events:

9/21- Teen Discussion - 6 PM
9/24 - Team 3 Lunch and Meeting
9/25 - Ladies Devotional - 6 PM
9/26 - Diversicare Devotional - 10 AM
9/26 - God's Great Leaders Class - 6 PM
10/1-10/4 - Gospel Meeting
10/7 - Oxfordfest

Area Events:

Breman church of Christ: Breman, GA
Gospel Meeting: October 1st - 5th
Speaker: Eric Owens

Crestview church of Christ: Boaz, AL
Gospel Meeting: October 1st - 4th
Speaker: Mark Posey

Crestview church of Christ: Boaz, AL
Annual Singing: October 6th 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Refreshments following singing

Panama Street church of Christ: Montgomery
Men's Day: October 7th 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Speaker: David Sproule

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Blake Wudarczyk	9/22
Jane Mullally	9/23
Lake Coffin	9/24
Jackie Blackwell	9/26
Joan Hicks	9/28
Lisa Vaughn	9/30

Response

Sherae Luker came forward Sunday requesting our prayers. She desires to be a better example for her family and others in her life. Please keep Sherae in your prayers and show her how much you love her.

Information Update:

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Oxfordfest

Oxfordfest will be Saturday, October 7th. We need volunteers to work our booth handing out water and church related information. There is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the auditorium for different times to work our booth. Please find a time slot that works best for you.

Youth Bulletin Board

Evangelism

Bible Correspondence
Bible Tracts
Campaign For Christ
CD Ministry
Cliff Goodwin, "Preaching the Word"
Curacao Mission Work
Friends & Family Day
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Guyana Preacher Training
House To House
Oxfordfest
Spring & Fall Gospel Meetings

Benevolence

Childhaven
Coat Drive
Golden Age Day
Disaster Relief
Food Pantry
Four Students at MSOP
Nursing Home Fruit Baskets
Rainbow Omega

Edification

Area Wide Youth Devo
Annual Youth Day
Backwoods Christian Camp
Bible Classes
Cancer Care
Exposure Youth Conference
GAP Group
Go Forth Class
Diversicare Nursing Home Devo
GOT MILK Class
Ladies' Day
Lads-To-Leaders
NHC Nursing Home Devo
Teen Discussion Class
Vacation Bible School

Thursday, September 21st - Teen Discussion Class at 6 PM

Sunday, October 8th - Speech Practice at 3:15 PM

Sunday, October 8th - Songleading/Songs of Praise Practice at 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 8th - Area-wide Youth Devo at HWY 9 at 5:30 PM
***Van leaves at 4:45 PM.**

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS September 24th

Welcome/Announcements: Bruce Dickerson

Song Leader: Clay Blackwell - AM

Dexter Bland - PM

Prayer Leaders: Opening Prayer: Anthony Pettis - AM

Jason Campbell - PM

Closing Prayer: Dexter Bland - AM

Steve Hicks - PM

Communion:

Ronnie Nordan (Head)

Rodger Burleson

Tyrone Streeter

Keith Snell

Glenn Fulmer

Blake Shomer

Chris Shomber

Alternates:

Milton Cole

Eric Adams

Back: Mark Nowland

Gerald Nowland

PM Service: Bruce Dickerson

Wednesday Announcements: Louis Higgins

Building Lock-up: Murray Beasley

Greeters: Murray and Judy Beasley

Communion Preparation: Sandy Higgins

Contact Elder: Tom McKleroy