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Our 98<sup>th</sup> Year

*"The friendly little church on the Circle in Everglades City"*



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Pastor Bob & Millie

**AS I SEE IT . . .** As a church and community, we have experienced quite a few tropical storms and hurricanes. Our church suffered extensive damage from hurricane Wilma for which we needed assistance from outside our church. That is why we are wanting to help our neighbors to the north of us, many who have never had to face this type of disaster. So, yes, we now have two fundraisers underway: hurricane relief and children's Christmas shoeboxes. Both are important. You will be blessed by giving.

## Samaritan's Purse Responds to Hurricane Helene



## Samaritan's Purse Responding to Widespread Devastation from Hurricane Helene's Deadly Landfall

A gift to Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief helps equip them to respond to catastrophes like Hurricanes Helene and Milton and other natural disasters in our nation. It helps mobilize and equip thousands of volunteers to provide emergency relief to survivors of floods, tornadoes, wildfires, and hurricanes. Wherever they go, they take comfort and the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the aftermath of major storms, they often stay behind to rebuild houses for people with nowhere else to turn for help. The storm Helene left a path of devastation across the Southeast, from the coast of Florida to the mountains of North Carolina. More than 200 Helene-related deaths have been reported, a mainland U.S. death toll second only to Hurricane Katrina in the past 50 years. Samaritan's Purse has two U.S. Disaster Relief bases in Florida and one in Georgia. The response site in Perry, Florida, is where the storm made landfall with 140-mph winds along the Big Bend. Volunteers from across the country are assisting families in Western North Carolina; Eastern Tennessee; Perry, Florida; the greater Tampa area; and Valdosta, Georgia. By securing tarps on damaged roofs, removing downed trees, and cleaning out waterlogged homes, volunteers are reminding families that even in the midst of tragedy, God has not forgotten them. Samaritan's Purse will continue monitoring other hard-hit areas in the U.S. and assess communities where the needs are overwhelming. Chaplains with the Billy Graham Rapid Response team are also deploying alongside Samaritan's Purse to provide spiritual relief and comfort to people who are hurting.

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We help by providing shipping costs. You can help by sending your check to the address above, or going to our website, or making your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday. *Operation Christmas Child® is a project of Samaritan's Purse®.*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 – Sue Nap
- 11 - Cecil Barker
- 19 - Elmer Pillon
- 23 – Steve Lee
- 24 – Terry Derleth
- 29 – Wanda Collins

You can make a "one-time" gift, or you can make a recurring gift. Click **GIVING** at the top on our website, then click **"DONATE NOW"** and designate it for:

[Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief or Operation Christmas Child](#)

↓ **Donate Now!**

**WE WILL FORWARD ALL DONATIONS TO Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse**



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THANKSGIVING DINNER  
AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>. PLAN  
TO COME AND BE PART  
OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
ON THAT SPECIAL DAY.  
BRING AN APPROPRIATE  
COVERED DISH OR DE-  
SSERT AND ENJOY THE  
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP