



HURRICANE UPDATE

CCNC Disaster Response Bulletin

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"We are here for you, please call us!"

Kinston & More

Valerie and I were on the road Tuesday. First stop, Camp Caroline. There we found wonderful volunteers already at work cleaning up the camp ground. We felt so blessed to see all our structures still standing and in very good condition. Even the playground was still in tact!

The trees were a different story. At least 15 down. This will be a major clean up project. More info to come on ways you can help.

From camp it was off to Kinston. We were surprised & delighted to easily get to Armenia CC, Southwest CC & Southwood CC. Armenia had flooded but ALREADY the congregation had been in to strip out all the carpet and start the drying process. Judy Stroud told us how blessed they had been by members, friends and even folks from Southwest. At Southwest we were stunned to see the water rapidly running through the church parking lot from the creek, but the good news was they had escaped flooding. At least up to this point. We are optimistic when the waters crest in Kinston, they will still be safe.

From Southwest to Southwood CC, where members of the congregation were preparing meals for EMC workers. Once again, Jesus' feet and hands were working hard. What a day of

*Restore our fortunes,
O LORD,
like the watercourses in
the Negeb.
May those who sow in
tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out
weeping,
bearing the seed for
sowing,
shall come home with
shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.
Psalm 126:4-6*

HOTLINE

1-800-985-5990

or text

TalkWithUs to 66746

This is the national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human related disaster.

Spanish: 1-800-985-5990
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blessings!

There are so many blessings being passed out by the CC in NC. Here are just a few more we are hearing about.

- Wheat Swamp CC feeding the utility crews in Kinston.
- Wilson Mills CC putting together 50 cleanup kits.
- Plymouth FCC hosting a blood drive.

I know these are just the tip of the iceberg. Tell us your stories of how your congregation is bringing light and hope to the communities of Eastern North Carolina. We want to tell your story.

Later this week I'll be on the road again. See ya soon.—Annell

Need Help Cleaning Up after Florence? What ever the need, you can register it at Crisis Cleanup For Real!!!

CRISIS CLEANUP 800-451-1954



Week of Compassion

<http://www.weekofcompassion.org/>

NC Disaster Response

Task Force

Understanding that Hurricane Florence will be a LONG TERM recovery effort, a task force has been formed to coordinate and oversee the recovery ministry of the Christian Church in NC. Below are listed the members of this task force and their contact information:

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Each church should expect a phone call from us. We want to check in with the entire region. Pastors—please make sure we have your CORRECT contact information. There are many we have not been able to reach due to contact information that is no longer accurate. If your congregation is WITHOUT A PASTOR, please make sure we have contact information for your board chair or lead lay leader. Contact Lisa Tedder (above) with your correct information.

Is Your Congregation Wanting to Host an Immediate or Long Term Work Group??

What Does Hosting a Group Entail:

Providing Housing (usually at a church or large facility)

Providing Showers

Providing Meals

If this is your passion, let us know and we will try to help you connect with a group. We listen daily to statewide organization reports and learn about legitimate groups seeking host locations.