



# Rescued from Harvey's Floodwaters

TEXAS CHURCH MEMBERS, WHO WERE RESCUED FROM THEIR FLOODED HOME, TELL ABOUT THE JOURNEY THEY TOOK TO SAFETY.

A canoe came straight through their front door.

The Reed family, members of the Church of Christ in Champions, are safe and dry, thanks to fellow believers who rescued them from their flooded home.

"I tell my kids, 'You can go to any country in the world and you find the people at a Church of Christ and they will help you,'" said Dwan Reed, who evacuated their home in the Houston suburb of Spring, Texas, with her husband, their 19-year-old son and their pets.

"Even here in the United States, I don't care what happens to you if you stay in the church you are going to have family," she said after the Sunday rescue.

The house had flooded before, Reed said, and though they knew Hurricane Harvey was coming, no one predicted that the rain would reach the record-breaking levels it reached Sunday.

Reed, however, knew they were in trouble when she woke up at 3 a.m. and saw the neighborhood filling with water — alarmingly fast. Already, a truck was struggling to make it down the street.

The family began moving their belongings to the second floor. Soon, water began slowly trickling into the house. It was slow at first, Reed said, but by 7:30 a.m. they knew it was time to leave.

About that time, friends and fellow church members began messaging Reed, asking how they could help. Several phone calls and messages later, the family had arranged for their evacuation.

The canoe, owned by members of another Houston-area Church of Christ, fought a strong current as it carried them to higher ground, where more church members were waiting to provide the family with a safe, dry place to stay.

Reed said her family does have flood insurance.

The following ministries, associated with Churches of Christ, are accepting donations for relief work:

- Christian Relief Fund
- Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Inc.
- Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team
- Disaster Assistance CoC
- WFR Relief

- Staff Reports —The Christian Chronicle, August 28, 2017

## PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (recovering from surgery)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **James Bohannon** (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- **Keith Brown** (Wayne Brown's son—health)
- **Jim Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon's great uncle—health)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound)
- **Dixie Faires** (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Gordon Hoffman** (Rex Boggs's friend—spiritual and physical health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Molly Lind** (The Linds' daughter-in-law)
- **Orvan Muelker** (Kathy Winegeart's father—health)
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat's step-father, health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn's brother—health)
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- **Nancy Tuttle** (Peggy Walls's sister—health)
- **Edwin Weaver** (broken leg)
- **Catherine Winegeart** (Perry's mother—health)

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin or to sign up for weekly e-mail updates, please contact Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, [victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org](mailto:victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org).

## PRAYER LIST

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Leon Giesecke**, Jan Moerbe's father and Jennie Chrismon's grandfather, who passed away on Sunday, Sept. 3. A memorial service was held yesterday at Fredericksburg Church of Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Country Store Donation Drive

The Heights of Gonzales nursing home is in need of donations for their Country Store. Suggested donations include toiletry items (soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.) for both men and women, gently used purses and jewelry, and word find books. You may drop off donations in the box in the foyer through **October 8**.

### Wednesday Ladies Class

The ladies continue the eight-week DVD series *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs on this Wednesday in the auditorium.

### Morning Ladies Class

If you are interested in resuming weekday morning Ladies Class, please contact Jennie Chrismon so that we can discuss times and ideas.

### Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

### Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the foyer. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

### Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

### Sunday Night Small Group

There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord's Supper is available.

### Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

## YOUTH ZONE



MONDAY, SEPT. 11  
JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL  
SHINER V. GANADO, 5 P.M.  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 14  
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL  
SHINER @ BRAZOS, 6:30 P.M.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 16  
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
GONZALES @ LYTLE INVITATIONAL, 8 A.M.  
JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY  
GONZALES COLOR FUN RUN  
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
SHINER HOME MEET



Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Football  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner High School Cross Country

Megan Epley—Shiner Jr High Cross Country, Volleyball  
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales Cross Country