

## For Our Information

Joyce Venable has been dealing with a sore throat and some stomach pain this week.

John LaValla had an emergency visit to the hospital. He is back home with some pain medicine that is helping him sleep a little better.

Brenda Keisler received treatment to one side of her neck to deaden her pain.

Jimmy & Annette Gray are out of town.

[Keep our brothers & sisters in mind](#)

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

one thing. Ask yourself if you trust God. Did you ask Him, through prayer, to help your brethren who are suffering from this storm? Do you depend upon Him for guidance and instruction? All too often we say we trust God and want Him to help, but then we make our decisions based upon our own desires and understandings. God has shown us an example for helping large groups of needy saints. **We know that God's Way Works.** Are we willing to follow His Way?

Brethren please give serious thought to this matter. A willingness to help is certainly to be commended and encouraged. A desire to follow the examples God has given should be the attitude of every christian. Contact elders in the affected areas. Let them know of your desire to help, then let them guide and shepherd their flock according to its needs. Don't ignore the examples we have been given in God's Word.

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## I Want To Help!

### Dan Henderson

As I have watched the story of Hurricane Harvey unfold the phrase above has been on my own mind and seen over and over among brethren across the nation. It is certainly an attitude that is to be commended and even commanded in Scripture. Love your neighbor, love your enemies, do good to all, treat others as you want to be treated, all have sound basis in the words of our Lord and His messengers.

There has also been a great deal of talk about how to help, when to help, and who to help. Some are pointing toward various organizations who are working to help those in need. Others



*I am the vine,  
you are the  
branches; he  
who abides in  
Me and I in  
him, he bears  
much fruit, for  
apart from  
Me you can  
do nothing.*

**John 15:5**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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are advising caution in dealing with some of these groups. Among brethren there are efforts to get information to those who want to help as soon as possible, even to the point of posting information by which one may send financial aid directly to individuals who are in need. All of this has its place and I have always believed information is needed in any relationship.

As a student of Scripture and a child of God, I feel a need to offer a word of caution. While each individual is separately responsible to God and his brethren for their actions, we need to remember that God holds us to a high standard as His servants. He has given instruction for how we are to interact with one another and the world around us. He also told us to **Trust Him, Turn To Him, Follow Him**. We need to consider His will and the examples that have been recorded for our learning in all parts of our life.

We have examples in Scripture for just this sort of situation. We have brothers & sisters in Christ scattered across a large region of Texas & Louisiana that are in a time of need. At least two passages of Scripture come to mind as examples of this very situation. In **Acts 11:27-30** the brethren in Antioch of Syria learned through Agabus that a famine would come. Upon hearing this the brethren, each one determining his own contribution, sent relief to those in Judea. **Verse 30** says *"And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders."* Did you notice the example? Yes, these brethren were dealing with a famine rather than a hurricane and flood, but the example given still stands. In this instance, individual brethren sent funds to help individual

### Store In My Heart Psalm 62:2

He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Another verse from the Psalmist. Notice the first two words "He only." Do you get the importance of what that is saying? There can be no other rock and salvation. God is the only one able to provide the safety, stability, and salvation that we all need. As I write this, there are many across our southern coastline that have just seen conclusive evidence that man and all his works cannot provide unwavering safety and stability. God can. God has. God will. Won't you put your life in God's hands so that He can be your stronghold. He is not shaken by anything that may arise here. In His hands we have safety and salvation.

brethren with a need, but the funds were sent *"to the elders"* not the individual. It was for relief of the brethren, but the responsibility for distribution to individuals was laid upon the elders of each group.

Our second example is found in **Acts 2** and **4**. **Acts 2** tells us the brethren who had property and possessions available shared them with those who were in need. In **Acts 4:32-35** this activity is again mentioned and we have a little more detail as to how these generous deeds were carried out. In particular, **verse 34** and **35** tell us *"for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need."* Did you see the similarity of these two efforts to help the needy among brethren? In both instances, the funds were given to the leaders of the congregation for distribution. In **Acts 11** there were elders to whom funds could be entrusted. In **Acts 4** the apostles were the leaders of the church in Jerusalem and they were entrusted with distribution to the needy.

As far as I have found, these are the examples we are given in Scripture for distributing funds to a large number of saints who are in need. The contributions that Paul mentions to the brethren in Rome and Corinth were to be delivered to the elders in Judea also.

Now some might say the individual christian can use their own funds in whatever manner they see fit. I agree wholeheartedly. You earned it, you distribute it however you want. I would just request that you do