

Tri-State Times

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Preparing for Change

By Chris Jenkins

About 70% of those reading this article had the chance to experience Hurricane Irene a few weeks back. For the better part of a week, you could not turn on the news or weather without hearing about the storm and its destructive power. Perhaps you, like me, began preparing and planning for what might happen. In the stores around town, bottled water, batteries and flashlights were scarce. Outdoor grills, furniture and equipment were all moved indoors, while others boarded up their homes and fled further inland. Hours, perhaps days, of preparation went into handling the storm, and then the storm arrived and unleashed her power!

As Irene came and went, some had the inconveniences of lost power, downed trees and flooded basements, while many others felt far more damaging and destructive effects.

Now as we are weeks removed from the storm, hopefully, for the great majority of us, our lives have returned to normal. The power is on, the basements are dry and the damage is re-

paired. All of the preparation put into planning for the storm is becoming a distant memory, but we still remember the great power it unleashed.

It was an amazing view at the camp to see the Delaware River rise 13 feet above normal. There were trees snapped off on the property from the force of the wind. Around town there were roads washed away because of the force of the rushing water. Although the camp was greatly spared from major damage, there are others who are still feeling the long lasting and damaging effects and who are trying to clean up and rebuild after all the destruction.



As I was thinking about the process of Irene, I realized that campers often times go through the same stages only with positive effects! Churches and families spend weeks promoting and talking about the upcoming week of camp. Youth pastors and parents get busy taking care of all the details, while checking to make sure the registrations

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are in, and transportation is arranged. For some, mainly the teenage girls, the week long event of packing takes place. Every item of clothing is moved from the dresser and closet into the suitcases (for those that may not know, it's safer to have all of your clothes with you since you never know what kind of mood you will be in each day)!

Finally the week of camp arrives! Campers unleash all of the energy they can muster on the camp. They meet new friends, play new games and compete against the other teams. But they also study God's Word like never before, and spiritual decisions are made in their lives. The week ends and the campers return back home. The weeks go by and the details of camp begin to become a distant memory, but the power of God's Word continues to have long lasting, positive effects on the camper's lives!

I never fail to be amazed at what God can do! What an amazing sight it is to see God using the mighty power of His Word to change lives. The benefit is, that unlike Irene who left long lasting, life changing destruction and devastation in her wake, campers have the opportunity of having long lasting, life changing benefits in their future. Our prayer is that the junior campers, teens and families would heed the lessons learned this summer so that they never have to experience the devastation and destruction that sin will cause in their lives.

These campers have been given a great opportunity to continue in the things that they have learned. All of the planning and preparation was used to point them to the life changing truths of God's Word. Well over 125 of them responded to these truths. Would you pray for these campers? Pray that they continue to stay faithfully in the Word of God, for it is only by His Word that these changes will become permanent and have the long lasting effect that God intends for them to have!

Camp Needs

- Alarm clocks (28) \$8(ea)
- Window shades (27)- \$15(ea)
- PA speakers (3) \$85 (ea)
- Double sheets (6) \$25(ea)
- Campuccino Valances (8)\$15ea
- Dehumidifier \$200
- Roofing Safety Harness \$100
- Protective glass tops for tables in Campuccino (coffee shop) (3) \$75 (ea)
- Blankets (30) \$17(ea)
- Large rubber spatulas (3) \$5(ea)
- Slingshots (20) \$13(ea)

Projects Completed

- Mini-golf putters (12)
- Shuffleboard Cue(4)
- Drinking Glasses(72)
- Walk-in Freezer
- Mini golf course
- Blenders

I would like to help with the following project(s) for Tri-State Bible Camp. Enclosed is a gift toward the cost of the indicated need.

Project(s) contributing to: _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Any gifts received above the actual project cost will be used to help with other camp project needs.

Donations should be sent to:
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You can also make donations online!
www.tristatebiblecamp.org

Fall **WORK RETREAT**

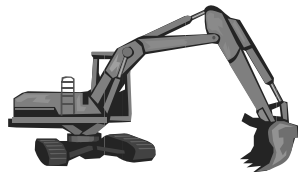
Would you consider joining us on November 4-5 to help with some projects around the camp? You can come for any portion of the day on Friday, Saturday or both!! Some projects include, preparing the camp for the winter season, painting the game room, clearing some trees and foliage from off the hill leading to the river and cutting and splitting firewood. There will be tasks that everyone in the family, church or youth group can help with. Come alone, with your family or with a group from your church; we are thankful for your help!

Please contact the camp at 973-293-3522 or at tsbc@tristatebiblecamp.org to let us know that you are coming, so we can plan housing and meals for you!



WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?

God has given us the opportunity to update three more of the camp's buildings with improved septic systems in the coming months. You may recall over the past couple of years we have already made major changes to three other systems on our property at the apartments. Now we are being given the opportunity to update the systems that control Taggart Hall, the Chapel and the Cottage. These buildings have outdated systems and they need to be addressed to help with better function and with code compliance. God has intervened, and we have received approval from the Department of Environmental Protection to make improvements to these systems. They are pleased with the changes we have presented to make, and it is the best case scenario for the camp as well. We have already invested over \$7,000 in engineering fees to get to this point, and the construction end of this project is going to cost \$16,000 more. If you know anything about septic systems, making **major** changes to three systems could have cost significantly more!! We are thankful that God has provided the opportunity in this cost effective way, and we are asking for your help.



Would you consider sending a gift to help us with this need? We are looking forward to moving ahead with this project in the spring, and thank you for your help!

WHAT'S NEXT

Senior's Retreat

Sept. 29– Oct. 1
Rev. Ron Coulton

Fall Work Retreat

November 4-5

Teen Winter Weekend

January 13-14
(grades 7-12)
Evang. Adrian Burden

Jr. Winter Weekend

January 20-21
(Grades 4-8)
Mr. Chris Jenkins

Sweethearts Getaway

January 27-28
Evang. Mark Kittrell

Ladies' Retreat 1

April 20-21
Mrs. Sue Stephens

Ladies' Retreat 2

April 27-28
Mrs. Debi Pryde

If you need more information for any of these retreats, please call the camp at 973-293-3522 or check us out online at tristatebiblecamp.org



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Please designate my gift to the following area:

- General Budget Needs
- Camper Scholarship Program
- Future Development and Improvements

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Praise:

1. Increased attendance at camps this summer
2. God's protection through Hurricane Irene

Pray:

1. For the campers to continue to learn and grow spiritually.
2. For the staff through the fall with many miles that will be travelled and many projects that will get done.
3. That the upcoming Senior's Retreat will be a help and encouragement to those who attend.
4. For God's provision of funds to help with the septic project.