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## From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

On Friday, August 25, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas. In the days that have followed Hurricane Harvey has destroyed thousands of homes, displaced tens of thousands of people, and cost at least 37 people their lives.

In the face of disasters like Hurricane Harvey, or any tragedies in our lives, it is natural to ask, "Why?" But even though it is natural to ask, "Why?" it is also impossible to answer.

But there is another question that we, as people of faith, must answer. That question is, "How?" How do we respond to something like Hurricane Harvey?

This is an important question to answer because of something I have said before that is worth repeating now. What we do inside the church does not matter if it doesn't impact the world outside of the church. And clearly, over the last few days, the world outside the church is suffering.

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## From the Pastor

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So how will we respond to Hurricane Harvey?

As a church, we have decided to work with one of our partners—the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship—and join in their disaster relief efforts.

The CBF has more than 100 partner churches in the city of Houston and surrounding areas. The CBF will work with these churches, as well as state and regional organizations, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), and other partners to respond to this disaster.

In keeping with CBF's focus on long-term impact, CBF Disaster Response participates in networks seeking to help communities after a devastating event, but employs most of its resources on the long-term recovery, rehabilitation and resiliency of a community after first-responders have finished their work.

It's because of the CBF's long-term focus that we have decided to join in their response efforts. It will take years for the area impacted by this storm to recover, and we want to help as best we can along the way.

So we are encouraging you to give to a special offering that we'll collect on September 10 during our Sunday morning service. We will send whatever we collect to the CBF, and we will continue to look for additional ways that we can join in their recovery efforts in the future.

Please prayerfully consider how you may contribute to this special offering, and designate CBF Disaster Response on your check or envelope.

## Sermon Discussion Group



Have you ever heard a sermon that left you asking questions at the end? Have you ever wished you could pick the preacher's brain about a certain point that was made during a sermon? Have you ever wished you could spend time digging deeper into a passage of scripture after you heard it preached?

Our Sermon Discussion Group let you do all of these things. You get to ask questions, dig deeper, and better understand and apply each week's message.

And beginning in October we hope to launch 2 new Sermon Discussion Groups. To go along with our group that meets Wednesday nights at 6:00pm, we plan to launch a group that meets during our Sunday School hour, and one that meets at another time during the week.

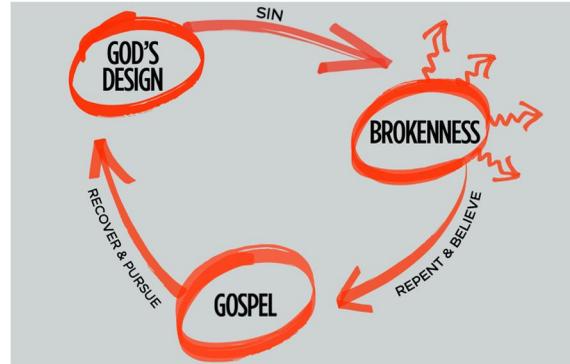
These new groups will be led by members of our church, and we are looking for people to commit to being a part of them. If you would like to be a part of one of these groups, please contact Adam Schell for additional information.

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## September's Sermons



What was I created to do?

It's a question that we all ask at various time in our lives, because we all want to do something meaningful with our time on earth. And, unfortunately for us, Jesus makes it crystal clear what we were all created to do.

In Matthew 28, Jesus tells us that we are to go and make disciples. That is our primary purpose, to help other people believe in Jesus and commit their lives to following him.

But just because this is what we are created to do, it doesn't mean we're always good at it.

So during the month of September we want to teach you the first step in making disciples. We want to teach you an easy and memorable way to share your faith.

The way that we'll be showing you is called the 3 Circle method. This method reminds us of who God wants us to be, how we've strayed from God, and how we can get back to God.

So we encourage you to join us every Sunday in September and learn how you can share your faith, and take the first step in making disciples.

## Looking Ahead



**Fall Festival is October 28 from 4:00—7:00pm**

Summer is almost over. Fall will soon be upon us. So it's time to start getting ready for another Fall Festival at Melbourne Heights. This year, our Fall Festival will be on Saturday night, October 28 from 4:00-7:00pm.

We'll have food. We'll have a cake walk. We'll have a photo booth. We'll have inflatables for the kids (and the young at heart). And, of course, we'll have our Basket Auction as well. And that's just the beginning of the fun we're planning for Fall Festival.

Plus, when Fall Festival starts winding down (around 6:30), we'll move to the parking lot to Trunk-or-Treat.

So mark October 28 on your calendar, invite a friend or neighbor...and be sure to join us for what's sure to be another exciting Fall Festival at Melbourne Heights!

## Sunday Night Fellowship

# SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The summer is quickly winding down, but we've got one last Sunday Night Fellowship Planned. And we're going to end the summer the same way we started it: with a Cook Out.

On September 10 at 5:00pm we'll come together for a time of food and fellowship at our end of Summer cook out. The church will be providing hot dogs and drinks, and we ask that you bring in your favorite side items and desserts.

Make plans to join us for one last fellowship before the fall arrives.

## Youth News

by Joe Noland

I want to start out by thanking everyone who came to support our youth during our camp report. We are so thankful for everything the church does to support our group, so we enjoy the chance to share with you a little bit of what goes on in our youth ministry.

Speaking of which, we are extra grateful to everyone who hung around after the camp report for our Lock-In preview. It seemed like everyone had a great time having a Nerf shoot out.

After an exciting summer, this month is a bit quieter for our youth. We have moved our Bible Study to Sunday nights at 6:00pm.

Through this month we will be learning more about justice in the Bible and how it still applies

today.

Once we get into October and November, we'll have a couple of events including our annual Lock-In on November 17. Stay tuned for more information on our October event coming soon!

## Women's Ministry

We want to encourage our ladies to remember our ongoing collection of personal hygiene items to benefit the young ladies of the Cabbage Patch House. So next time you're out shopping please pick up a few extra items.

You can contribute to this collection at any time by simply dropping off your donations in the basket found in the women's restroom near the sanctuary.

## September Birthdays



September 1 | Stan Ervin  
September 6 | Mozella Holley  
September 7 | Mary Benninger  
September 17 | Matt Orr  
September 19 | Leigh Conver  
September 22 | Derita Tharp

If you would like your birthday published in our church newsletter, please contact our church office at (502) 454-4681.

## Senior Adult News



On August 1, twenty Senior Adults enjoyed a road trip to Smithfield, KY for a delicious lunch at *Our Best Restaurant*. It was a great day of fun, fellowship and excellent food.

September's meeting will be exciting as well. We will not meet on the first Tuesday in September—instead we will meet on Thursday, September 21 and attend the *Young Heart Theatre's* fall production entitled: *Recipe—A Little of This and a Little of That*.

This musical comedy is a spoof on the current fad of cooking shows and "Master" chefs. It's a funny, sassy show, teaming with lots of your favorite songs that will have you singing along all afternoon.

Mark your calendars for September 21, you don't want to miss this. It will be an afternoon filled with fun that you're sure to enjoy, and the best part is it's free!

We will carpool and leave the church at 1:10pm. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in Rogers Hall. Please sign up as soon as possible so we will know how much transportation to arrange. After the show we'll have an early dinner at a restaurant to be determined.

Come join us. Bring a friend and neighbor. Everyone is welcome.

## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



August was a busy month for our Children's Ministry at Melbourne Heights. School started back up, which meant it was time to promote our kids at church as well. We had several children graduate from our Preschool program and move into Kindergarten. And of course we saw other kids continue moving their way through elementary school.

We're still in need of volunteers to work with all of our kids, so if you'd like to help a child learn about Jesus and grow in their faith, contact Michelle Cloud.

Even though school has started back, summer's not really over at Melbourne Heights until we've had our annual trip to the Louisville Zoo. We'll be going to the zoo on Saturday, September 23. The zoo opens at 10:00am and stays open until 5:00pm, and the church will provide lunch beginning at 11:00am.

The cost is \$13.25 for adults (ages 12-50), and \$9.75 for children (ages 3-12) and seniors (60+). Kids under 3 get in free...and so do zoo members. If you want to be a part of this wild time, sign up later this month.

If you'd like to help us prepare lunch for this trip, we will be meeting at the church on Friday, September 22.