



# DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter November 10, 2017

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## Letter from Robert

Ms. Helen

Dear Friends,

I have been serving with four great men from our congregation this past week in Kinston, NC. We have been working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help a victim of flash flooding that occurred from heavy rains during last year's Hurricane Matthew. The person's home we are helping to "re-construct" is Ms. Helen. She is an older woman who is retired after working 27 years with the Department of Corrections. She has been working with us every day this week! It is not always the case that we get to work with the homeowners on trips like this so it has been a real treat to get to know Ms. Helen and to learn about her life.

I want to invite you to pray for Ms. Helen this weekend as a family. She was struck by flash floods when heavy rains from Hurricane Matthew caused rivers to swell their banks and storm drains to back up with debris. Her house, where she grew up and where she now lives, had 18 inches of standing water. She lost almost everything. She has been living in a FEMA trailer behind the home for the past year until her house was ready to occupy. She has been working with groups off and on that whole time. I know that our presence here has been an encouragement to her.

I suspect there is an elderly person in your neighborhood or in your community that is in need that you and your family could get to know better. Perhaps you could encourage them by helping them out at home, or having them over to dinner, or offering to pray for them. Surprise them with a visit or a card or ask them to go to dinner with your family. When our lives intersect with others and God opens a door for a relationship we find that we are blessed as we learn about someone else's life and experience. Thanks for sharing your life with others!

To God be the Glory!

*Robert*

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### **Faith Building Opportunities**

#### **Thank you for a Great Day of Service**

It was inspiring to see so many of our DCPC families helping out in the community this past Saturday. I love seeing families serving together! Why not make this a regular thing for your family. If you need ideas, please let me know and we can brainstorm some ideas!

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### **Congrats to Our 1st Graders!**

It was so special to see our first graders and members of their families during our communion service in the 11 a.m. worship service this past

Sunday. Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders who have completed their worship class. They know so much about worship now and can fully participate with us in all aspects of the service.

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### **PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE**

It is a blessing to be able to count on the financial support of our members. This helps us pay our church staff, keep our building in good shape, support our community and global mission partners, and purchase needed resources for education and worship. So far – less than half of our DCPC giving units (one family is a giving unit) have made a pledge for 2018. If you have not made your pledge – would you please do it today?? [CLICK HERE](#) to make your pledge online!

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### **Join us for Wednesday Night Live!**

Our midweek programs are off to a great start! Join us each Wednesday for Kid's Club, Children's Choirs, and Wednesday Night Live Dinners and Devotion! It is a great way to spend your Wednesday evening. This year, children of all ages can benefit from

homework help from Davidson College Students. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for dinner!

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### **Stephen Ministry is for FAMILIES too!**

Parenting can be a lonely and difficult job. Whatever your circumstances, if you'd appreciate someone to journey with you for a bit (you decide how long), DCPC Stephen Ministers are ready to offer confidential, Christian, one-to-one support (men with men, women with women). Would some encouragement or listening make a difference for you? Email [stephenministry@dcpc.org](mailto:stephenministry@dcpc.org) or talk to a pastor for additional information.

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If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at [ralexander@dcpc.org](mailto:ralexander@dcpc.org) so that we might keep one another in prayer.

Jay Neal and family – We remember Jay and his family following the death of his father, Jerry Neal, on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Osman – We continue to pray for Jeff and his family as he awaits a possible liver transplant.

Greg Snyder – We pray for Greg as he recovers from a recent gall bladder surgery.

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