



# LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

## September 2017

<http://www.lacrossebaptist.org>

### **IMPORTANT! Hurricane information for Church**

Due to Hurricane Irma, we will **NOT** have Sunday School, Sunday Morning Service, Church Council, Sunday night Supper, Sunday Night Service or the Business Meeting this Sunday, 9/10/17. Weather conditions will be deteriorating as the storm approaches and it is better that you stay home, continue getting ready for the hurricane and save the gas in your car in case of an emergency. The Church Council Meeting and the Business Meeting will be rescheduled for either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Hello Church Family and Friends,**

I am writing this to you as we are all watching the most powerful storm to hit Florida approach the Bahamas. Devastation and disaster is unfortunately going to be approaching the coasts of our State before the weekend is out. With that being said we will be canceling services for Sunday September 10th. Please pass the word to folks so that they will know we are not having services. However, I would encourage you greatly to take the time Sunday to sit down as a family and open the Bible and worship together. Parents teach your children that worshipping together is not about going to a building it's about being before Jesus together and lifting up His powerful name. Begin considering now what you will share with your family. God will honor that time and you will be most blessed.



Pray for the families affected by Irma and take care and be safe!

Pastor Joey

*(And as always if you receive this email and do not have a church home, come visit us in person!)*

## Hurricane Information from Alachua County

ALACHUA COUNTY, FL - The Alachua County Emergency Operations Center is at a level 2 activation. Current forecasts show Hurricane Irma potentially impacting Alachua County Saturday evening, September 9, 2017.

Two shelters will open Friday, September 8, 2017 at 10 a.m. : A special needs shelter at the Alachua County Senior Center (5701 N.W. 34th Blvd., Gainesville), and a general population shelter located at The Easton Newberry Sports Complex (24880 N.W. 16th Ave., Newberry).

Citizens needing to arrange special needs transportation to the special needs shelter may call the following phone numbers beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017: (352) 955-2575, (352) 955-2576, (352) 955-2577, or (352) 955-2579.

To register for special needs assistance call 311.

Alachua County Courts will be closed Friday, September 9, 2017.

For those considering using the emergency shelters, please remember that general population shelters are a last resort, and should only be used by those living in homes that are potentially unsafe in high winds (e.g. mobile homes, manufactured homes and others), people who live in flood-prone areas, and people who have nowhere else safe to go.

General population shelters do not provide cots or beds. Bring any needed bedding. When packing to go to a shelter, please bring special dietary foods, baby food, diapers (and other child necessities), prescription medications, a small cooler of ice if refrigeration is needed as the shelter cannot be responsible for your medications. Also bring spare clothing, personal care items (hygiene, toiletries, etc.), spare eyeglasses/contacts, and identification.

To stay informed about current conditions and threats from Hurricane Irma, please call 311, the Alachua County Information and Rumor Control Line. Please use it to verify the most up to the minute information on Hurricane Irma. This number cannot receive texts. Please use 911 for bona fide emergencies only.

Residents are encouraged to have a basic emergency supply kit, an emergency preparedness plan, and to register for emergency alerts at [www.AlertAlachua.com](http://www.AlertAlachua.com).

[View a list of recommended emergency supply kit items.](#)

Residents are also encouraged to stay informed about major storm conditions by following Alachua County on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and subscribing to the County's [press releases](#).

For more information, call 311.

**If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in a County program, service or public meeting, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at (352)374-5275 at least 2 business days prior to the event. TTY users, please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).**

## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

**Church Council** – Sept 10 **CANCELLED**

**Business Meeting** – Sept 10 – **CANCELLED**

**The Silvertone Trio** - Sept 17 – They will sing during the Sunday Morning Service.

**Ladies Meeting** – Sept 18 – 7:00 In The Lighthouse. NOTE: Change of date due to VBS.

**Association Love Offering** - Sept 24 – Please be in prayer about what you would like of offer.

## **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

**SEPTEMBER** - Beal Stroud and Barbara Underwood (*Beal Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**OCTOBER** – Jeanine Carsey and David Skelton (*David Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**NOVEMBER** – Carolyn Turlington and Pat Stroud (*Don Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**DECEMBER** - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

## **2018**

**JANUARY** – Beal Stroud and Barbara Underwood (*Beal Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**FEBRUARY** – Jeanine Carsey and David Skelton (*David Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**MARCH** – Carolyn Turlington and Pat Stroud (*Don Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**APRIL** - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**MAY** - Beal Stroud and Barbara Underwood (*Beal Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**JUNE** - Jeanine Carsey and David Skelton (*David Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**JULY** - Carolyn Turlington and Pat Stroud (*Don Lockup/Trash Duty*)

**AUGUST** - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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