

**Mission Statement**  
*In view of God's grace and mercy, we devote ourselves to loving God, His word, His people and His mission.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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 Karen Troendle at  
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# Orlando Church of Christ Newsletter

**Hurricane Katrina Relief:** Please keep everyone in the path of Katrina in your prayers. As you are aware the devastation was immense. We have been in touch with a couple of people from the church in New Orleans. To their knowledge everyone was able to get out of town before the hurricane struck. People are scattered and have hopefully found living arrangements with relatives. So far we have only confirmed where about 25 of the 140 or so members are. The needs will be vast but they are not known at the moment. It will be 8-10 weeks before most can return to their homes or to the city. Today we would like to take up a contribution restricted to the benevolent needs of the New Orleans Church. This money will be held in reserve here until we are able to transfer it to them. If you would prefer to give to a general fund for the entire region that was hit, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross are taking donations at their web sites. HOPE is also collecting donations at their web site for meeting general needs, not for the specific needs of our brothers and sisters. Additionally, we would like to be able to offer housing to members of the church whom may need it. If you would like to make your home available, please let Steve Stephenson know by calling 407-695-2566.

*Galatians 6:10 "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*



Anyone who would like to go to the gulf coast in a few weeks to help clean up email me. It will be hard work and no promise of facilities to stay in other than the cars we take. Especially needed will be chain saws and a strong back. We have informed the church leadership there of our availability and will go when they are able to get into the city.

Love, Steve Stephenson Email: steves3@mpinet.net

**Midweek Services**

**Wednesday, Sept 7**

**CAMPUS Sector**  
 2004 Schoharie Court  
 Orlando 7:30 pm

**NE Sector**  
 Florida Hospital SDA  
 Men and Women.  
 \*No childcare provided

**NW Sector**  
 Congregation Beth Am  
 7:30 pm

**SE Sector**  
 Airport Marriot  
 7:30 pm

**SW Sector**  
 Wyndham Orlando Resort  
 7:30 pm

**Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, Sept 11**

**All Church**  
 University High School  
 10:00 am

**SINGLE MOMS**

-Dinner and Games-  
 Hosted by Dave Donald  
 Sept. 11 at 6:00 pm.  
 Dave's home.  
 8135 Fort Thomas Way  
 321-377-4656

**Communion Preparation**

Volunteers needed. Please sign-up.

**SOUTHEAST** - Contact  
 Ronald & Kathy Garner  
 407.671.9940

**NORTHEAST** - Contact  
 Jim & Carmen Jenkins  
 407.323.4417

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Date	Budget	Actual
August 21	22,463.66	20,828.32
August 28	22,463.66	20,821.84
<b>BUILDING FUND</b> as of Aug 28		\$257,435.09
<b>MISSIONS 2005</b> as of Aug 28		\$121,400.58
Adoption Fund 2005		\$6,299.50
Attendance Aug 28		1006

## UNITY INITIATIVES

Many of you may be aware of one or more proposals around the brotherhood that have been put forth with an aim to promoting unity and maintaining high standards. In particular, the Portland Church has offered to provide guidance and leadership for churches that request such help. Others in the brotherhood are concerned that this may result in a structure similar to the former ICOC and may also repeat some of the mistakes of the past. In order to provide an alternative to "joining" that structure, a group of brothers has proposed an association of churches that subscribe to certain "core convictions" in an effort to unify the churches.

The purpose of this statement is two-fold: 1) To let you know that your elders and staff believe that creating an organization to promote unity through stated standards of behavior or beliefs may, in fact, cause more disunity than it promotes; and, 2) To restate our commitment to be a grace-motivated, purpose-driven church led by a local leadership. Though our feelings are strong, we do not want to be reactionary but want to gather as many facts as possible so as to lead you forward in a powerful but humble way.

This is a time for studying out the scriptures, for respectful discussion, and for continuing to have patience, a spirit of humility, and love. We urge all of our members to pray for us, your leaders, for the church, and for one another as we strive to refine our understanding of God's good and perfect will.

*The Elders and Staff of the Orlando Church of Christ*  
September 4, 2005

## September 2005

7-Sep	NE Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Florida Hospital SDA Building
	NW Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Am
	SE Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Orlando Airport Marriott
	SW Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Wyndham
	Campus Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	2004 Schoharie Court, Orlando
11-Sep	All-Church Sunday Service	10:00 a.m.	University High School
	All-Teen Service	10:00 a.m.	University High School - Band Room
14-Sep	NE Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	NW Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Am
	SE Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	SW Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	Campus Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	2004 Schoharie Court, Orlando
18-Sep	NE/SE/CAMP Sect Sunday Service	10:00 a.m.	University High School
	NW/SW Sector Sunday Service	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Phillips High School Performing Art Center
	Spanish Service	10:00 a.m.	University High School
21-Sep	NE Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Florida Hospital SDA Building
	NW Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Am
	SE Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Orlando Airport Marriott
	SW Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	Campus Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	2004 Schoharie Court, Orlando
25-Sep	NE/SE/CAMP Sect Sunday Service	10:00 a.m.	University High School
	NW/SW Sector Sunday Service	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Phillips High School Performing Art Center
28-Sep	NE Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	NW Sectors Midweek	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Am
	SE Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
	SW Sector Midweek	7:30 p.m.	House Churches
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28-Sep	Singles Devotional	7:30 p.m.	Ivanhoe Plaza Hotel (old Radisson Ivanhoe)



**Happy Birthday!**

Ana is finally 40! Love, Blanca

**Editor's Note:** HOPEww asked Disciples Today to distribute this urgent update. Please pass the following announcement on to your friends and neighbors. Also, please be sure those responsible for worship services on Sunday have this information. You may want to copy the announcement and hand it out for everyone. May God bring swift relief to those who are perishing and suffering. May he open doors for his grace among them. Thank you for being a great family that cares, connects and comforts each other.

You can monitor HOPEww messages to the International Churches of Christ on our homepage and by clicking the HOPEworldwide button at the top left of all of our pages.

Faith, Hope and Love,  
Roger Lamb

## Urgent Announcement -- HOPEww Katrina Relief Plans

The attached announcement outlines the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Response of HOPE worldwide. We hope that it can be announced to all the churches in our fellowship.

### Hurricane Katrina Disaster Response HOPE worldwide

The HOPE worldwide Board of Directors held an emergency board meeting on Saturday, September 3 to address the organization's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The Board has identified three (3) areas that will be HOPE worldwide's current focus.

**First**, we will serve as a clearinghouse for churches desiring to assist members of our fellowship and their families who have been displaced or otherwise affected by this disaster.

**Second**, we will extend the expertise of our work with children and the HOPE worldwide Volunteer Corps to meet the needs of displaced children and their care-givers who are victims of the disaster.

**Third**, we will adopt one or more communities in the affected Gulf Coast area to provide longer-term assistance in the recovery and rebuilding effort.

As we implement these initiatives, we intend to partner with other organizations and relief agencies such as FEMA, the Red Cross, the Points of Light Foundation, Connect America, Volunteer Centers of America and local school districts. We will utilize our volunteer networks within the International Churches of Christ to provide hands-on opportunities for service through the HOPE worldwide Volunteer Corps.

More information will be coming regularly as the work continues and details are identified. HOPE worldwide is actively monitoring the needs of Hurricane Katrina disaster victims. Please join the men and women of HOPE worldwide in praying for those whose lives have been so severely disrupted.

We invite you to monitor our website at [www.hopeww.org](http://www.hopeww.org) for ongoing updates. Gifts in support of HOPE worldwide's Disaster Response can be made on-line

through the website.

**Checks** can be made payable to "HOPE worldwide" and mailed to:  
353 W. Lancaster Ave., Suite 200  
Wayne, PA 19087  
Please reference "Disaster Response" on the memo line or in an accompanying note.

All of us at HOPE worldwide thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement in this endeavor.


Reports from the field are difficult to obtain, but the following message was received Friday from a disciple in the New Orleans area who serves as a relief worker:

*"Please pray for everyone. I've done search and rescue operations for the past two days with various agencies. I was ordered to pull my boats out last night and left hundreds if not thousands screaming for help on rooftops and floating. Health conditions are unimaginable. Words will never be able to capture what my crew has seen. I've been reassigned, and search and rescue has become military ops only. Some places are out of hand. The hospitals are getting really out of hand as people become more desperate. Please pray for south Louisiana. Severity of the situation has been underestimated. Pray, pray, pray."*

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All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. [Galatians 2:10]

**From:** "Roger Lamb" <NewsLetter@DToday.net>   
**To:** "Dave Eastman " <Odessa\_Vickery@icoc.org>

**Date:** Sunday, September 04, 2005 04:53AM  
**Subject:** Update On Disciples In New Orleans, Houston

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## Disciples Today News Bulletin September 4, 2005

**Editor's Note:** Please pass this on to those leading your assemblies this week so we can collectively pray for our brothers and sisters and all who need help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Many of you will be taking up collections in your churches. For others, to help by donation, click here: **[HOPEworldwide Disaster Relief Fund](#)** .

You can also find the latest messages from HOPEworldwide addressed to members of the International Churches of Christ by clicking the **[HOPEww button](#)** at the top left of our site.

**We will continue to publish specific updates on the disciples affected by the Katrina disaster as we receive them. If you have any further information about disciples affected in areas outside of New Orleans, please send us a note at: [feedback@DToday.net](mailto:feedback@DToday.net)**

Faith, Hope and Love,  
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## New Orleans Disciples Update

John Kennedy -- Northern Virginia Church of Christ  
 September 4, 2005

### ***Please announce at church services:***

The worldwide response from the churches has been tremendous. So far over 40 different cities have responded to our cry for help. Thank you so much for your concerns, prayers, and willingness to get involved. The love shown by the churches in this time of turmoil has been inspiring. Let us continue to work together in the Spirit of Christ's love.

We have been in contact with 111 individuals and families of the New Orleans Church. The majority of them are already in temporary housing. Because of communication failures, we have had a difficult time in locating everyone. The individuals that have cell service can call out, but in the majority of the cases, cannot receive calls. To help solve this, we have set up bases in Northern Virginia, Baton Rouge and Houston Texas. As of tonight, there are still about 28 Christians that are not accounted for. Please continue to pray for their safety.

Thus far, we are maintaining a database of 'found' individuals, assessing their current needs. We are continuing to search for those who are missing and hope that we will be able to contact them soon. We have expressed to them your deep desire to help out in any way and this has warmed their hearts in this tragic time. The task of administering funds; answering phone calls; assessing needs; returning emails and providing information to those who have asked has been time-consuming.

We have been praying about finding the best way to help these families directly. In working with the New Orleans Board and their administrator, we decided to allow HOPEworldwide to help collect the funds while we have provided them with direct requests of needs from the families of the New Orleans Church. Of course, HOPEworldwide desires to help all victims of the Gulf Coast disaster and not just the church. As I have personally received requests from Christians; their family members; friends and neighbors, through HOPEworldwide, we are now able to distribute to them directly.

Please understand that at this point, we are in the first stages of assisting families. The needs are changing daily. We are doing our best to assess these needs, come up with solutions and provide counsel. As we gather information

n, we will be sending out additional updates for ways that you may assist. At the same time, if you want to help, feel free to work with any of the emergency agencies you wish.

Thank you for your heart felt compassion for this tragedy. As God says in John 13:35, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**Report From a Relief Worker in New Orleans**

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