

Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings,

I greet each of you with great sadness regarding our neighbors in Louisiana and Mississippi. We are somewhat in devastation over the footage we are witnessing on TV and the helpless feeling we all have in watching such a disaster unfold. Stories are pouring in of the despair that is overwhelming everyone there including many of our friends and staff. We are diligent in prayer for the millions of people that been affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. To think of an entire city the size of New Orleans being gone for good is in-comprehensible. We ask that you mobilize your community to send help in the form of school supplies, clothing, baby items and more. Information can be found below.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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“Doing what’s right is not the problem. It’s knowing what’s right.”
Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973) U.S. President
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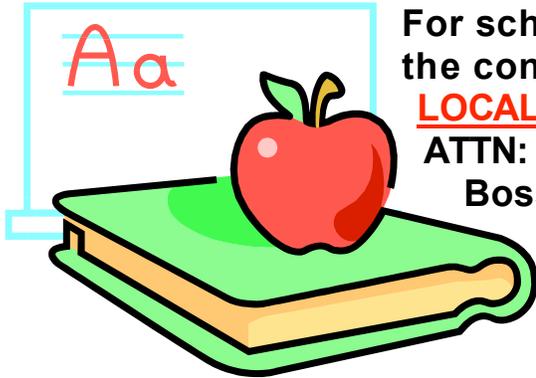
“To forgive heals the wound, to forget heals the scar.” author unknown
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“It isn’t where you came from; it’s where you’re going that counts.”
Ella Fitzgerald (1918-1996) singer
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“Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.”
Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) artist
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There is a page full of information on how each of us can help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Make sure to visit http://www.networkforgood.org/topics/animal_envIRON/hurricanes/?source=AOL&cmpgn=NEWS&RTP=http://news.channel.aol.com for more information.

Also, we have just now heard from one of our contacts in Bossier City, Louisiana, and she has told us the coliseums and convention centers are full there of many people who have no job, home or school. Many will be starting their children to school in the Bossier Parish Schools since they have no place else to go. Here is that information:



For school-aged children in need of school supplies, the contact person and address:

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**ATTN: Barbara McQuiller
Bossier Parish School Board
Evaluation Center
2500 Viking Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111**

For food items, clothing, and/or baby items, the contact person and address:

LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

**City of Bossier City
Parks and Recreation
ATTN: Joseph James
100 Hooter Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111**

Keep in mind that this would be a great service project for your church, school or team.

In closing, this disaster has made us all take a look at appreciating our family and surroundings so much more. Below I have included a special passage on family that is a valuable piece to share. I hope that you can share it with your family this week. Please keep all of the people in Louisiana and Mississippi in your thoughts and prayers. They are in desperate need right now for so many things. May God bless them and please, keep in touch.

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Sincerely,

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Our Family

**In this home
We believe in living
deeply,
Laughing often and
loving always.
We believe we were
brought together
To support and care for
each other.**

**We believe in celebrating together
Our faith, our heritage,
Our traditions.**

**We believe that everyone's feelings count
And that the uniqueness of each of us
Strengthens all of us.**

**We believe
in the power of forgiveness to heal
And the power of love
To carry us through.
We believe in one another,
in this family.**

Author unknown

