

## Suffering as a Christian

1 Peter 4:12-19

### I. How do we react to trials and suffering?

Do we have a why me Lord attitude?

### II. Why is there evil and suffering in the world?

Consider two kinds of suffering: human caused and natural events.

John 1:14.; John 11:33-35; Mat 23:37; John 16:21; James 1:2-4

### III. How should we as Christians view suffering?, 1Peter 4:12-13

How should we react to suffering?

1 Peter 1:6-7; 2 Cor 12:7-10; 2 Cor 1:3-11

### IV. What are the benefits of suffering? 1 Peter 4:14-19

What is the role of suffering in our lives?

Romans 2:6-6, 16; Ps 62:11-12; 2 Cor 5:9-10; 1 Thes 1:3; Acts 26:20

1. We should remember that Jesus also suffered. Hebrews 5:7-10
2. Paul brings out that trials help us to learn to depend on God.
3. Suffering helps us to be done with sin, 1 Peter 4:1
4. We are blessed, we receive the very Spirit of God.
5. We should not be ashamed – this is not due to our sins.
6. Suffering helps us mature, preparing us for the judgment day.

**SPIRITUAL NEEDS:** Those dedicated to mission work; the leaders of the church, Our **College students**. Our **Teen Ministry Piero and Edita Drago**. **Clarence LeBlanc (Pat's son)**: recovery and renewal. **Emily Madey**: difficult divorce and custody issues.

**HEALTH NEEDS** **Merrill Stevens (Michelle Bethea's sister-in-law)** is dealing with a recurring jaw infection. **Christine (Diane Kromko's sister)** is awaiting biopsy results. **Ronnell Kromko (Diane Kromko's daughter-in-law)** is awaiting biopsy results. **Marlene Shirley** will be undergoing medical consultation for scar tissue on her corneas. **Virgie McCoy** is recovering from two recent surgeries. **Eugene Foreman** is recovering from a chipped ankle bone. **Dick Crowell (father-in-law of Lenelle Crowell from Palm Beach Lakes)** is dealing with several health issues. **Kevin Keating (Rhonda Davis' cousin)** has terminal cancer. **Muriel Burke** has several health issues. **David Godby (Jennifer's husband)** is recovering from surgery. **Joe Fruscella (Jane's husband and Freddi's father)** is dealing with health issues. **Janelle (Julia's friend)** is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. **Barbara (Margaret Grassman's friend in England)** is undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer. **Sam Meredith** is recovering from hip repair surgery. **Ed Masterson's mother** is suffering from several serious health issues. **Jimmy & Sarah**

**Hines**: many critical medical issues. **Cressy (Pat LeBlanc's niece)**: recurrence of breast cancer. **Nancy Muriel and Jackie Gonzalez Uncle Herman** has inoperable cancer.

**FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS** **Nancy Muriel**: legal issues. **Julia Apple**: legal issues. **Rhonda Davis, Margie LeCavelier, and Laura Imhoff** all need new jobs. **Gary Newton**: possible promotion to full time.

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** **Danny Elsmore (Nancy and Jackie's cousin)** has received a new assignment.

**MOURNING/LOSS:** **Rudy MacWhinnie (friend of Joe and Patti Montello)** died recently. **Leslie Alvin Smith (Willie Bryant's younger brother)** died recently.

# Family Happenings

**Pounding Party** to celebrate the Autry's new home  
NEXT SATURDAY, September 10, 2-4 P.M.

Their new address is 185 Mar-Len Drive, Melbourne Beach (The address previously printed in the bulletin was incorrect. This address is available through Mapquest). A list of items they use is on the bulletin board. Cross off whatever you plan to bring. If you wish to bring part of an item's total, just subtract what you will bring.

Cake and punch provided.

THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THE LADIES!! Y'all come.

Dinner on the Grounds today! Please plan to stay.

## HURRICANE IRENE DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Irene was extremely destructive along the mid-Atlantic and northeastern states, as well in the Bahamas, where roughly 90% of all homes were damaged by the storm. Oceanside will be sending relief money to assist both areas. For the U.S., we will be sending funds through Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc. (Nashville, TN). For the Bahamas, we will be sending donations through the Gulf Coast Church of Christ (Fort Myers, FL) and David Caskey, longtime missionary to the Bahamas. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to the Church of Christ Oceanside and mark the "memo" line "US Disaster Relief" or "Bahamas Disaster Relief". We will collect monetary donations until the end of September.

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

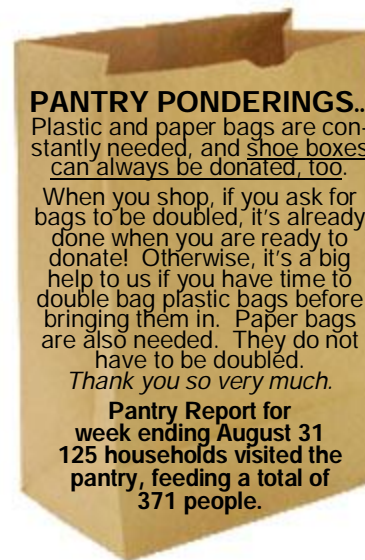
5–Craig and Marilyn Salle, Joe & Patti Montello  
6–Tina Pierce  
8–Bill and Renee Munro  
11–Piero and Edita Drago  
13–Bruce and Tina Pierce  
15–Eunice Conn  
18–Annette Reed



## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, SUMMER, 2011

Sunday a.m.: *Ephesians*, Adults, Auditorium  
*Evangelism*, Ladies Clsrm  
Wed. p.m.: *1 Thess*, Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall  
Teens: *Selected Lessons*, CJ Salle

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL baptisms for the month of August: Lagos State, 10; Ogun State, 12; Ebonyi State, 1. Praise God for your new brothers and sisters, and pray for deepening faith.



**PANTRY PONDERINGS...**  
Plastic and paper bags are constantly needed, and shoe boxes can always be donated, too.

When you shop, if you ask for bags to be doubled, it's already done when you are ready to donate! Otherwise, it's a big help to us if you have time to double bag plastic bags before bringing them in. Paper bags are also needed. They do not have to be doubled.  
*Thank you so very much.*

**Pantry Report for week ending August 31**  
125 households visited the pantry, feeding a total of 371 people.

## Singles Happenings

Sept 23-25 Pigeon Forge Retreat  
Oct 14-16, Palmetto Bible Camp, SC  
Nov 4-7, Panama City Bch, FL  
Nov. 18-20- St. Augustine Lights  
Dec 2-4.- Christmas in Savannah  
Feb 17-19, Satellite Beach, FL

For Info: Carol—321-698-1111

Sermons are recorded. If you are ill, in the nursery or out of town and wish to hear one you missed, please see Jim Conn or go to our website:

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 Bill Werner 254-0283

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**ASSEMBLY TIMES**

**Sunday:**  
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Kids Kingdom  
 Children's Bible Hour  
 10:30

**Sunday Evening**  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Bible Study at the building  
 and in homes (communion  
 available at all locations)

**Wednesday Evening**  
 7:00 p.m. Service

**Pantry Hours**  
*Available to the neighborhood,  
 community, and members*  
 Wednesday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
 In case of emergency, contact the Wahteras  
 259-6253

**Counting People because  
 People Count**

**August 28, 2011**

Bible Study.....53  
 Worship.....95  
 Contribution.....\$2,561.48 (*Budget, \$1985.44*)

**Sunday Evening  
 Small Groups**

Location	Leader	Time
Building	Conn	6:00 p.m.
Palm Bay	Bryant@Clarke	6:00 p.m.

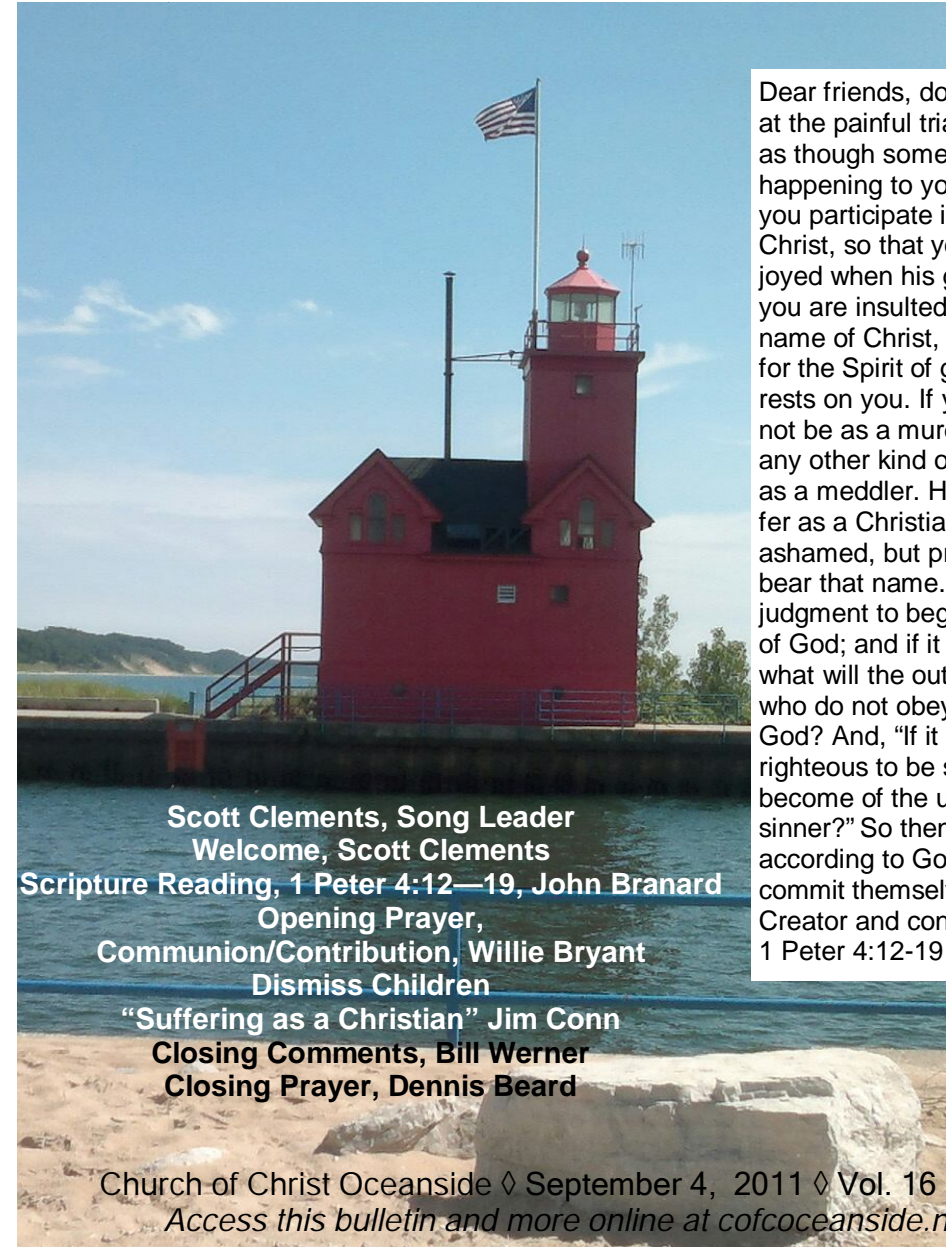
**SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS**

	September 11	September 18
Song Leader	John Wahtera	CJ Salie
Opening Prayer	Bob Grassman	Willie Bryant
Scripture Reading	David Woodford Jr.	Matt Provonsil
Closing Prayer	Willie Bryant	Michael Clarke
Communion	Bruce Pierce	Dennis Beard
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Lord's Table	Bill Munro, Xavier Muriel, Bruce Pierce, Jarrett Willingham	Bill Munro, Xavier Muriel, Bruce Pierce, Jarrett Willingham

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# Celebrations

## *Worship and Family News for the Church of Christ Oceanside*



**Scott Clements, Song Leader**  
**Welcome, Scott Clements**  
**Scripture Reading, 1 Peter 4:12–19, John Branard**  
**Opening Prayer,**  
**Communion/Contribution, Willie Bryant**  
**Dismiss Children**  
**“Suffering as a Christian” Jim Conn**  
**Closing Comments, Bill Werner**  
**Closing Prayer, Dennis Beard**

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:12-19

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