

**The Caring Place/Sycamore  
Ex-Committee Report  
October – December 2018  
Submitted by: Virginia Alexander**

**Statistics:**

- Active volunteers 43
- Families served (CP & Bible study) 120
- Individual served 246
- Christmas children sponsored 30
- Bible study average 15 adults and 7 children with 6 volunteers

**Appreciation:**

- Christmas sponsors!!
- Tommy Gray/Santa for the coming to the Bible study
- Active volunteers
- Individuals and memorial donations
- Churches and school groups
- WAFF Can-a-thon and the schools and volunteer center of Morgan County
- Donated items, food, clothes, towels, socks, blankets, hygiene supplies, monetary, etc.

Santa came to the client Bible study and told the Christmas story. Children, parents, grandparents enjoyed seeing Santa and listen to the story of Christ's birthday. Blessings. Thank you, Santa, for coming for a visit.

The Caring Place and MBA sent thinking of you gifts to wives of Pastors in WY. Hope this brighten their day. May Christ be glorified through these gifts.

Thank you for your prayers and the churches which donate to the Caring Place.

**AL Raceway Ministry  
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NASCAR, Talladega Speedway has many AL Baptist State Convention sites. Each site leads a 9:00am worship service each Sunday of the race. Also, each site conducts activities and witness to race fans and workers.

**Fall race:**

- Handed out more than 1000 tracts and Christian material
- Timothy Cup derby car race had 40 children to paint and race their cars. Parents enjoyed watching the children race their cars.
- At the corn hole tournament, we handed out the DVD "I Can Only Imagine". Everyone wanted a DVD. Was a witness was placed in many hands to be watched. We prayed God would use this movie to open the eyes of those in whom watched it.
- One of the campers gave his testimony of how his wife had told him – me and your family or your way of life. He is a truck driver and said one day he could not drive his truck for crying so hard. He had to pull over. As he pulled over, he and Christ had a talk and he got saved. He called his wife in who he was suppurated with and told her he would like to talk. They met and he told her what had happened in his life. After time they reunited as a family. Now he comes to the race and brings his Bible. Friends he is with at the race ask him questions about the Bible. He said he never has to bring the Bible up they do.
- Claude Brown brought Christ's message. It was a pleasure to work along side of Belinda and Larry Ealey and Ann and Seth Ballew. Seth sung with the music group.

The Timothy Cup team is retiring due to health. Therefore, Barry and Sissy Pearson came to learn the ropes. A team will be conducting the derby cup race from our association this race and the races to come.

Thank you for your prayers. Please pray for the ones who watched the DVD. Pray for the group in which the one that gave his testimony come with that they may except the Lord.

# **Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary**

## **(October – December, 2018)**

**Submitted by: Geno Shirey**

We worked on 11 different activities, involving 85 volunteers. Highlights include:

- Returned state Shower/Laundry Unit from Hope Mills, SC back to Prattville, AL (Hurricane Florence – 10/6/18)
- Deployed several teams to Dothan, AL (Hurricane Michael)
  - Set up and staffed our Feeding Unit (10/12/18)
  - Chainsaw/Cleanup team (10/22/18)
  - Heavy Equipment operator (11/11/18)
  - Admin person to help close down command center (11/14/18)
- Feeding team to Panama City, FL (Hurricane Michael - 11/10/17)
- Participated in the annual Disaster Relief Christmas fellowship for District 1 at Camp Helen in Limestone County (12/1/17)

Preparation and training are ongoing efforts to be ready to respond in any disaster situations. This includes deploying people for feeding, chainsaw/cleanup, shower/laundry, chaplains, or admin (as needed). The Disaster Relief team appreciates the support received from various churches in the association.

**English and More, Literacy – ESL  
Executive Committee Report  
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Submitted By: Debbie Pirkle**

These past few months have dealt us some challenges. Family issues and health problems have not allowed us to carry on with our class as we have typically done it.

I have been traveling to Somerville to work with some students along with some senior citizens at a center....doing various types of activities and singing. We did take a field trip for lunch at Stone Bridge Farms in the Cullman area prior to the holidays.

We all are scheduled to be at the senior center January 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a small room there where we are going to attempt to have a class and brainstorm about where and when we are going to be able to hold class. One of our students can't leave her husband right now, but he will go to the center as long as she is on site. The other students want to include her if possible. She really needs a break and a chance to relax and be with her ESL friends. I have been happy to see that the other students want to be there for her in spite of the distance.

Our Bible study group that meets on Friday has gained a couple of folks so we presently have six counting me. Pray for the salvation of two of those ladies...one from China and one from Japan.

I was able to go to a couple of piano recitals during December. Our student from Mexico had three children who performed and did an excellent job. One of my Bible study ladies (from China) and her grown son played solos and did well. The Chinese lady has returned to her college classes at Calhoun. Her son was in the process of getting a government job in Maryland, but the shutdown has thrown a kink into that.

I started doing some tutoring with three students at Austinville Elementary School a few months ago. I was hoping that this might open some doors in the future. Two of the students are from Guatemala.

Baptist Campus Ministries  
Executive Committee Report  
October – December 2018  
Submitted by: Willie Alexander

Calhoun 2019

BCM continues to meet on Thursday at 12:30 in the library. Students are significant leaders in leading weekly studies. Students are willing to lead the studies from resources provided to them. BCM participated in the campus fall festival passing out Bibles and other Christian materials to students and faculty and staff. We also took prayer request from student at the event. Myself and one student worked at the Caring Place in Hartselle during their can drive program. We are looking forward to students attending the annual Pursue Conference in Montgomery in February. BCM spring break mission trip is being planned for Panama City to work with disaster relief in March.

Thank you for your continued support in reaching students.

Willie Alexander

Campus Minister A&M/Calhoun