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September 1, 2017



LAS NOTICIAS

NOTE: The Presbytery office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.



Metrics in Ministry The Gospel According to Harvey

How does one measure the impact of Harvey? What measurement adequately describes what the nation witnessed this past week? Scientific exclamations of millennial flooding do not capture the heart of Harvey's devastation; economic forecasts even less so. It is rather the stories we are witnessing that tell the tale.

Witness.

It's a funny word in some ways. A biblical word but not one we Presbyterians are very good at using; or perhaps it's just we are not very comfortable using it. We often think of witnessing as a synonym for evangelism, yet its connotations merely suggest a willingness to speak truth regardless of the situation: to bear witness.

We bore witness to pain and devastation this week. And we bore witness to the indomitable human spirit among those who had lost everything they owned, the fathomless wellspring of human compassion in neighbors, and the undaunted courage of first responders. How does one measure the impact of Harvey? Let me respectfully suggest we measure it by bearing witness.

My wife's cousin, Travis, lives in Kingwood, Texas where flood waters rose to the bottoms of STOP signs. Travis posted a video of him taking his jet ski through the streets in search of people in need of help. I bear witness to Travis.

Our friend Shirine's home was flooded, but neighbors helped her escape to safety. I bear witness to Shirine's neighbors.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has sent out a link through which you and I can give to help the flood victims in South Texas (pda.pcusa.org). The American Red Cross will make more headline news in Houston but PDA will be there long after the Red Cross have closed up their emergency operations. It's just how PDA rolls. I bear witness to PDA.

Last week I introduced the distinctions between different kinds of metrics from Gil Rendle's book, *Doing the Math of Mission*: inputs (the resources we put in: money, staff time, etc.), throughputs (the things we do: worship, Bible study, mission project), and outputs (the numbers: people who attend). The metric that matters is outcomes: what change is affected by our inputs, throughputs, and outputs? How are our people different? What impact is made on the community?

Many will measure the outcome of Harvey by the numbers: economic indicators, meteorological records, or, tragically, its death toll. All these metrics are fair enough and valid

in their own way. Yet I choose to measure Harvey according to the response it evoked in the human spirit: to care and to share, to pray and then to act, to grieve and yet remain unbroken. I bear witness to these things. I bear witness to you.

Knowing you will step up,
Brad Munroe

CHURCH NEWS

PAPAGO UNITED

will celebrate their 101st CAMP Meeting September 15, 16, and 17th. We expect 300 plus people for a three day gathering, with Worship, Music and Study led by Native American leaders from the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon. Your prayers & gifts of Bashas gift cards to help us feed the masses will be greatly appreciated! Please send gift cards directly to:

Clerk of Session, Arvada Adams
PO Box 158
Sells, Arizona 85634

ST ANDREW'S

will host a GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 9 to benefit the Youth Ministry at Crooked Tree Golf Course! The cost to play is \$100 for an individual or \$400 for a foursome. All the proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry!

[Register online HERE!](#)

CHRIST

Robin Gilbert presents "The Painting Styles of Georgia O'Keefe". Have you ever wanted to try a painting class? Now is your chance. Join Robin Gilbert in Fellowship Hall on Saturday SEPTEMBER 16th from 1-2:30 pm. A \$5 supply kit will be offered. It contains everything you need to paint your own masterpiece. Sign up with Sally Brandon by September 9th. at brandosally@gmail.com

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Montlure Camp reported in at the August Presbytery meeting! Summer overnight camps, the kids, leaders and day camps were great!

[Our Mission Partners](#)



We are excited to announce our Overnight camping dates for Summer of 2018!

Please use these dates as you plan and solidify your church calendar. Registration will begin in early 2018.

Juniors Camp (4th/5th Grade) - June 17th-21st
Junior High Camp (6th-8th Grade) - June 24th-29th
Senior High Camp (9th-12th Grade) - June 10th-15th

Also, church registration for Traveling Day Camp opens September 15th. Please contact Camp@Montlure.org for a church information packet or if you would like further discussion to discover how a partnership with Montlure would work for your summer programming.

[Website](#)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. - Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast late Friday, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Even as its force has waned, Harvey has brought historic flooding, forcing rivers and streams from their banks, submerging homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. Your gifts are urgently needed now to support the communities devastated by this historic storm and those throughout the Gulf region who are still in the path of Harvey's torrential rains.



You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the "GAP" - Give. Act. Pray.

[Website](#)

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PRAYERS

- Bobbi Hargelroad and the family of Buzz Hargelroad, who passed away August 23. A service will be held at the end of September
- Those affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

SEPTEMBER

15-17- Papago United Camp meeting, Sells

[30-Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Fall Gathering](#)

OCTOBER

22- Presbytery meeting- Green Valley

28- Nov 4- [Border to Border Event- Frontera de Cristo](#)

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JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES
St. Andrew's- several positions

Hymnals to give away

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HELPFUL LINKS

Donate to MEPF

[Board of Pensions- August](#)

[La Prensa- PW Newsletter](#)

[Weekly PC\(USA\) News](#)

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