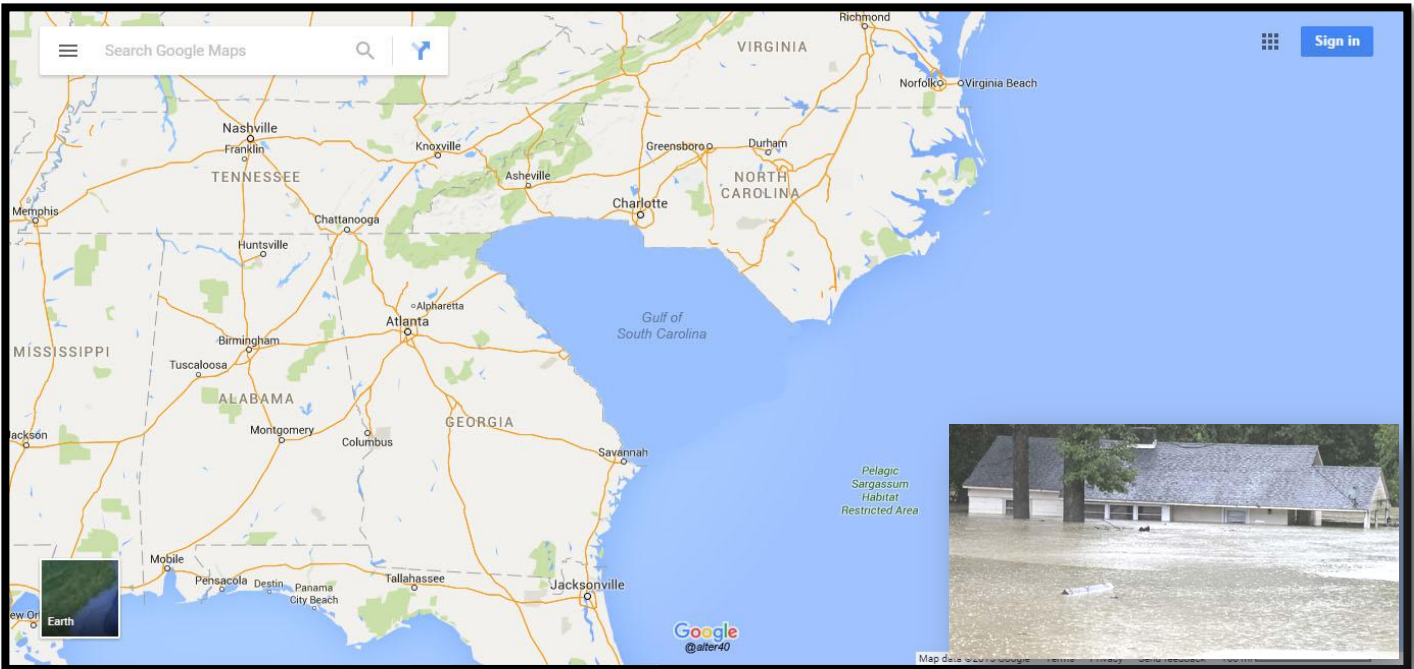


# FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER Oct - Nov 2015

***“The race to be a leader is crowded, but the field is wide open for those willing to be servants!”*** Rick Warren

During the first week of October much of our state of South Carolina experienced 20 inches of rain! We had so much rain that Google even revised its map for the East coast so that folks could navigate around the numerous road closings!



Dams collapsed; roads eroded; cars swept away; 19 lives lost; homes destroyed; businesses shut down; people displaced; life savings wiped out; lives devastated. But in the midst of the carnage the Lord has commissioned His people by the thousands to serve, give and love those hurt by the floods. Why? Because they understand God's clear, compassionate and courageous call to love their neighbor. Luke 10:27ff

**Saved To Serve** We are not saved to sit, soak and sour inside the walls or our church. Rather, God saved us that we might serve others in His name every day, all day! ***“...grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear...all the days of our lives.”*** Luke 1:74-75

**Rescued Rescuers** We have been rescued to partner with God in rescuing others from the flood of darkness into His marvelous light. ***“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*** Col 1:13-14

**Overwhelmed To Overflowing** Instead of being overcome by the flood of needs and devastation we are overwhelmed by the grace of Christ and understand that the measure of life is not in its duration but in its donation! ***“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*** Mark 10:45

**Got To Get To** It's not a duty but a delight to ***“serve the LORD with gladness.”*** Psalm 100:2

Wherever God leads you this week, ***“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.”*** John Wesley

## Ministry Prayer & Praise

**FORUMS** – Praise for a great response to our new annual theme, **ALL IN**. Pray that **ALL IN** would become the heartbeat of each man's life with God. Pray also for the new church-based forum at Columbia Crossroads Church on Wed AM's.

**OUTREACH** – Join us in praying for the men who recently attended the **Advance 1** in September and for upcoming **Advance 2** on **October 22-23** that many churchgoing men would be converted to genuine followers of the Lord Jesus. Pray also for the Wired Shootout and two Fathers Forums in the works for this fall.

**GRIP** – That each of the 13 men would take ownership of their own spiritual growth and would experience gladness as they live out their Action Points. And that each would be faithful to disciple one other guy in his church and boldly reach out to one man who needs to come to Christ.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES** Join us in prayer for these objectives we sense God has placed on our hearts for the next year and for the Core brothers championing them.

- **Increase Quantity and Quality of Prayer by and for FLM** (Dupuis)
- **To see 50+ men come to Christ.** (Andes)
- **To see 40 men intentionally moving 1-2 other men to the right (discipleship)** (Buck)
- **Increase the percentage of men ages 25-40 engaged in FLM at all levels** (Trevett)
- **Develop a long-term sustainability plan – FUNDING / PERSONNEL** (J. Yarborough)
- **Increase the percentage of minority men engaged in FLM at all levels** (All of us)

**DAYBREAK** Pray for those men who recently indicated their desire to become a male mentor to boyfriends experiencing crisis pregnancies, that they would follow through with that commitment.

**FINANCES** Year to date short fall, income to expenses, through August is -15%. We continue to praise God for his faithful provision since 1993 and recommit ourselves to joyfully live under God's provision in this and every season.

#### **CALENDAR**

**Nov 22** – David preaching at Columbia Crossroads Church on the topic, ALL IN.

## **Bowers' Family Prayer**

**Perry** – Pray that Perry would have an open door (Col 4:22-6) to meet and pray with the man, currently in jail, who hit him on his bike last month. Pray also for wisdom concerning cycling in the future.

**Janet** - Patience and clarity as some health issues are pursued. Praise for God's watch care over us in recent bike accident for Perry and the flooding in SC. Joy in bringing many prayer requests before our good & sovereign God.

## **Andes' Family Prayer**

**David & Katherine** – Pray that we would consistently live out of restored souls and an overflowing hearts (Ps 23:3,5), not sweating the small stuff. That we would submit to the Holy Spirit living in us, leaning on Him for wisdom and self-control in parenting.