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Ending Summer With Chaos!!

We started off July with Funday Monday. Each Monday night we played a game. The first night was cabbage ball and



we ended up using real cabbages at the end. The second night was volleyball. The third night was kickball and the last night was dodgeball. We had a lot of guest and everyone had lots of fun..

The middle of July was Super Summer. This is a week of leadership training for our students who have leadership potential. Ricky and I drove the kids up on Sunday the 11th to Jacksonville, Alabama to meet up with our Youth Minister, Nate who was already there. It was great for our youth.

Our youth minister Nate, and his wife Sarah, are expecting a little girl named Ava on September 1. So on July 17 we had a baby shower for all the youth workers. The 1st already passed and we are still waiting.

On July 23 & 24 our church had a family event. All the families were put into different groups and would compete with the other groups. The idea behind the event was to try to get youth whose parents don't attend church to come and meet our church on a social level. Everyone had a great time and I think it was real successful.



August is when all the schools opened. All of our youth are going through the transition of summer to school. We, of course, go into the schools but that doesn't take place for the first month while the schools are getting situated.

The past 2 months the radio talk show has been doing really great mostly because of the political climate. Most media doesn't really give news but have an agenda. Most people are not stupid and they see through the lies and propoganda. I believe there are a lot more people who see the lies than they try to make us believe in. What I do see is that most people feel helpless.

Finally, we ended up the month with **Hurricane Ida:**

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About a week before hurricane Ida hit New Orleans it was just a tropical storm going through Cuba. It was moving very fast and threw everybody off. Local authorities usually over dramatize the severity of a hurricane to get people to leave. They didn't do it with Ida. They didn't even set up a contra-flow with the interstate.

When Ida came out of Cuba it wasn't even a category one. It was moving fast but it slowly became a cat 1 then a cat 2. It didn't really intensify until it got close to hitting us. My sister tried to get me to leave but I lived through Betsy and Katrina and thought Ida would go through fast.

I put all my plants on the ground, put all my patio furniture between the garage and the fence, brought in a lot of loose items, and took out my generator and hooked it up to my house. I was ready to ride out the storm.

A lot of people are not aware that Ida hit 16 years to the day when Katrina hit New Orleans. Since then, grater New Orleans has been surrounded and fortified with a new levee system. That made Ida more of a wind event than a flood event like Katrina was.

The storm was supposed to hit shore and rapidly slow down from a category four to a category two. But it didn't. We were east of the eye which is where the strongest winds are. In fact, when the hurricane passed us, we were only 16 miles from the eye and it was still a cat 4 storm. The wind was so strong that we had gust up to 100 miles an hour.

Throughout the night I would hear things crash and break outside. My traffic light was smashed. My French Quarter light



was blown onto the ground. Something hit my TV and cracked the screen. I lost a blade on my fan. I have an overhang that I keep



equipment under which was pulled off the wall but never really was blown anywhere. I have a hole in the roof of my greenhouse.

I was blessed because I really had no real damage to my home. My neighbors on each side of me had holes blown into their roofs. My brother had a tree fall through his roof into his bedroom and took out the upstairs bathroom. My electricity went out about four in the afternoon when I started my generator. By midnight the bulk of the storm had passed and the winds had calmed down some so I went to bed.

I woke up to a war zone. I had no

electricity and no water. We lost water because so many trees were uprooted and broke water lines. We also had very little cell power. Debris was all over the place which I began to be picked up. The first days consisted of checking on everybody, trying to get information, and finding gas.

We started a team to help members of our church who had damage. We cut down



trees, gutted houses that had soaked sheet-rock, put up blue tarps on roofs, and helped clean up debris.

Finally, we know that most people don't have electricity so there's no way to keep food. Many churches and groups make meals to give

to people. We decided to do the same. The youth group made 200



hamburger meals to give out one evening. The next day we made over 500 meals.

Ida was déjà vu of Katrina. What you don't see is the emotional toll the storm takes on people. There is so much loss and hurt that even if you didn't experience the loss you see it all around you. In our loss, we understand how much is out of our control and how much we need Jesus to survive.



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- *For the **Students** in **Bob's Ministry**.
- *For those whom **Bob Counsels**.
- *For the **Current Word**, radio talk show.
- *For **Bonnabel & Destrahan** high schools.
- *For **Be One Together**.
- *For **Jacob** & his walk with God.
- *For all the **Youth** in bad home situations.

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