

Prayer and Praise

03-15-14 through 03-21-14

Dear Church Members,

We are planning to call for an emergency love offering this Sabbath, March 22, for John and Jeanne and Gage. They are a Piedmont Park Family who has lost everything they own. Their trailer was not insured. If in the kindness of your heart you would like to help, please come to church prepared to give generously as we take up an offering to help them get back on their feet.

Heidi Johnson and Beth Snyder are heading up the meal ministry effort to help supply immediate food needs to the family over the next weeks. You can get involved by logging into Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1436288176603785/>

See Details below

On Tuesday, March 18, the trailer home of John and Jeanne Artz burned to the ground and is a total loss. Jeanne is a member at Piedmont Park Church. Grandson Gage, lives with John and Jeanne. Gage attends church at Piedmont and is taking Bible Study Lessons with Pastor Andy. They have lost everything in the fire. Below is a what we know so far from the Channel 10/11 report.

There is a brief news report on the channel 10/11 website

<http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/LFR-Crews-Respond-to-Fire-at-Lincoln-Trailer-Park-250969471.html>

Several fire crews responded to a trailer fire at 1030 North 48th Tuesday morning. Crews were called to the area just after 9 a.m. As crews arrived they could see smoke billowing into the sky. All occupants safely self-evacuated. LFR Battalion Jeanne Paschalek says crews estimated the trailer was 50 percent involved upon arrival and immediately began defensive operations. While crews were on scene, traffic was rerouted from North 48th Street. Paschalek says investigators are working to determine the cause of the blaze.

Wednesday, 3-19

I was shocked to hear the news yesterday about the fire at John and Jeanne Artz home. I had been there just the afternoon before as I go and meet with her grandson Gage on a regular basis for Bible studies. So I went across after prayer meeting last night to see if I could find out where the family were. Arlene is Jeanne's neighbor and lives across the road from her in another trailer. Jeanne was in with Arlene. I found out that Gage was in another trailer nearby, and that Jeanne's husband John was in St Elizabeth's hospital. They took John into St E's for precautionary measures and he should be released today. They also have a dog who also escaped the fire.

This is clearly a devastating loss for them all. They didn't have insurance and have lost pretty much everything. What they need is clothing and cash, as Jeanne told me through tears last night that they hope to purchase another trailer that's up for sale on the same site. Thankfully, no one was badly hurt or injured, and it could have been so much worse.

From: Associate Pastor Andy Moseley

Thursday, 3-20

I spoke to Jeanne this morning. Her faith is holding on strong. What a lady! She gave me permission to collect an offering for them if we so choose. They have some neighbors who are helping them now. They have a trailer close by that they are interested in buying. A neighbor who is an electrician is going to make sure it is safe. The cost is \$4000. This trailer would allow Jeanne to continue to care for her neighbor Arlene. Right now a place to live is the greatest need. The second greatest need is for help clearing the burned trailer from the lot when the investigation to determine the cause of the fire is completed.

From: Pastor Michael

Psalm 23

New King James Version (NKJV)

The LORD the Shepherd of His People

A Psalm of David.

23 The LORD *is* my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell^[a] in the house of the LORD

Forever.