

A Word From the Publisher

First of all, I just want to say how pleased I was to see how many churches were having some type of Fall Festivals leading up to, on or following Halloween. Our Fall Festival listing was filled however we found out about even more. We posted the events on our Facebook page and I was so happy to see how full it was. You know if our children don't learn about Jesus at home, they sure are going here about Jesus at one of these events!

We are so blessed to be able have such special events for our children and families. We're blessed to live in areas that are 'safe places' to trick-or-trick for those who wish to. Our world is such a scary world where it's very hard to trust anyone especially with our children. Parents pray for your (our) children and tell them about Jesus. We are to raise children of respect and character; children who love the Lord and respect their parents. As we watch the news night after night and see all the horrifying events of stabbing and shootings, I can only pray that our parents, grandparents and children be drawn to the Lord for His saving grace and direction. Parents, be aware of where your children are; teach them right from wrong...there is such a thing. Somehow, we've forgotten we're the parents; we make the rules. Take charge of your home and family. It's time for us to bring God back into our homes as well as our schools but it should start at home.

This brings me to another great event: IMPACT! Leaving a Mark! This event is hosted by the Churches of the Westside. Yep...you read it right, the Churches of the Westside. Several of our local churches on the west side (Callahan, Hilliard & Bryceville) have joined together (God is

truly at work here) and have a desire to reach our children! IMPACT Leaving a Mark will be led by motivational and encouragement speaker Alan Griffin. The event will be held Wednesday, November 7 at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School at 9:30 a.m. and again at West Nassau High School at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., the students will be encouraged to bring their families and come to the main event at the Rodeo arena at the fairgrounds! It's a great opportunity for everyone to join together for our children!

This weekend we made a quick trip over to the west coast to Ft. Walton Beach to visit with my brother Dub and wife Carol. Driving on I-10 going through the destructive debris on the sides of the road was just amazing. Crews literally just sawed up the trees and pushed them to the side of the I-10 to make the road safe to drive on. The destruction on the interstate was crazy so I can only imagine the destruction in the towns and rural areas. I know we have several teams collecting items to take to the damaged areas and it is so needed. These people are still in such need. The next time you go into a store, pick up a case of water or buy some canned food and drop it by our office. Just let us know which collection you want to give to and we'll see to it the items get there. Trust me...the need is still very strong. Just one year ago, it was many of our people struggling from the effects of Hurricane Irma. Above all, continue to pray for these people as they continue to put their lives back together.

Have a blessed week!

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