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"For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the Lord, God of Hosts, is his name!"
—Amos 4:13

Climbing Out of the Mud in Neon

by Trish Duggan, OPC Disaster Response Communications Coordinator

As we make our way toward the one-month mark since the record rainfall and flooding in Neon, the town (and surrounding region) continues the hard work of recovering from the devastation. As you drive along the debris-filled roadways, it's obvious that Neon Reformed OPC's building has made progress in its clean up and drying out, as many others still struggle to emerge from the mud. The Lord has been merciful to this congregation through your prayers, donations, and volunteering.

The town itself is still reeling. Although electricity and water have been mostly restored, thirteen counties in Eastern Kentucky, including Neon, have been without a sewer treatment system since the flood. Two mobile sewage treatment units have been obtained for Neon but have yet to be hooked up.

As with other disaster efforts, there are many who have been integral to this effort, including elder Seth Long, his son Reuben, and his daughter Helen, as well as Pastor Jay and Andrea Bennett. Their knowledge and relationship with the community has been indispensable.

Read the full article on [OPCdisasterresponse.org](https://www.opcstm.org/OPCdisasterresponse.org)

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The Uganda Mission—

Join us in welcoming the newest Uganda Mission Missionary Associate, Jed Homan! Jed is a member of Immanuel OPC (Bellmawr, NJ) and will be serving in Uganda for the next six months. Please pray for him as he travels to Karamoja and begins his work with the Mission.

- Short term volunteers are still needed! Visit our site to learn more:
<https://www.opcstm.org/opportunity/uganda-mission/>

The Boardwalk Chapel—

Summer 2022 is wrapping up!

We are thankful the Lord has provided another safe and fruitful summer at the Boardwalk Chapel! Although this summer is coming to a close, there are still ways to get involved at the Chapel!

Evangelism Conference: Aug 29 - Sep 2

Led by Rev. Al Baker and Rev. Christopher Byrd, this conference is all about growing in evangelism! All are invited! The Cost: \$400 if you sign up by July 29.

Register your church group to be a Summer 2024 Ministry Team!

Interested in having your church's youth group spend a week at the Chapel? Now is the time to save your spot for summer 2024! Church groups receive training in evangelism and apologetics and participate in evangelism throughout the week, equipping them to share the Gospel. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity for your church group to grow in their faith and in evangelism.

Check out other opportunities and testimonials on our website, www.OPCstm.org

Help Needed in Neon, Kentucky—

Right now, we are in need of skilled laborers to come and begin rebuilding the Neon Reformed OPC building. If you are able to serve in Neon, please register to be a Disaster Response volunteer and contact Jane, the volunteer coordinator, at Kentuckyvolunteers@opc.org to schedule your spot or ask any questions you may have!

Find out more by visiting [OPCdisasterresponse.org](https://www.OPCdisasterresponse.org)

Register to be a Disaster Response Volunteer—

Our new goal is to have 450 OPC Disaster Response registrants by the end of 2022 hurricane season! We currently have 391! A special thanks to our most recent registrants: **John, Ben and Ryan from TN, Maury from OH, Jonathan and Carrie from GA, Dan and Greg from FL, Alexis from MD, and Mike from AL!** From the first news of the flooding in Kentucky, there has been a tremendous increase in registrants. We are so grateful for this clear demonstration of compassion and unity. Show us your interest in serving by registering to be a volunteer and serve where and when you can!

Where you can find us: Facebook: OPC Disaster Response & OPC Short-Term Missions Instagram: @OPCSTM

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