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## Eastern North Carolina Gives A Call for Help

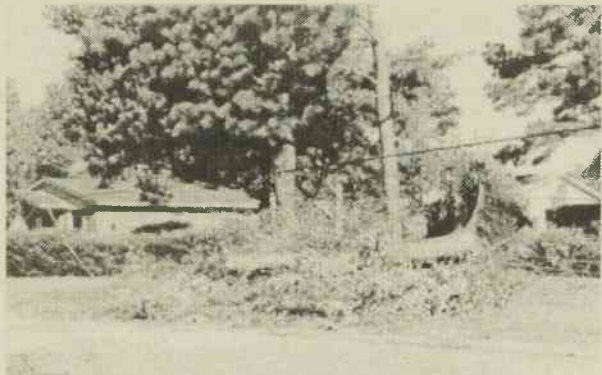


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By Whitney Larrimore  
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A week after Hurricane Floyd barreled into North Carolina, thousands of people were without power, water, and homes.

Many regions throughout North Carolina suffered damage from flooding and high winds. Rocky Mount, Princeville, Wilson, Tarboro, Goldsboro and Greenville all suffered from flooding after the Neuse River, Tar River and related tributaries jumped their banks.

Wilmington was cut off from the rest of the world when roads flooded and power was lost. Coastal communities suffered beach erosion. Houses, businesses and piers crumbled in the angry water's onslaught.

As the rivers crest and recede, and

roads, homes, and businesses reappear, clean up begins. Residents of flood ravaged regions will start cleaning up and trying to piece their lives together.

Throughout North Carolina, relief efforts kicked into gear after Floyd's passage; volunteers began aiding flood victims, and donations began pouring in.

There are various organizations collecting items and donations (money) to aid in the Hurricane Floyd relief effort. Some of these organizations are taking donations only, others are accepting both items and donations.

According to The Fayetteville Observer-Times, most groups accepting items need "non-perishable food, bottled water, new blankets, batteries, baby food and formula, diapers, personal hygiene products such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, cleaning supplies and disinfectants, and paper products such as toilet tissue and paper towels."

Some other items for consideration may include: can openers, wash rags and towels, coloring books and crayons for children, pet food and insect repellent (to

ward off increasing numbers of mosquitoes.)

The Fayetteville Observer-Times also states that some organizations which are collecting items are: all Cumberland County Fire Stations; the Salvation Army at 220 E. Russell Street, the Fayetteville Police Department (games and toys for children).

According to the Fayetteville Observer-Times, The American Red Cross is taking monetary donations. The Fayetteville Chapter may be reached at: The American Red Cross Highlands Chapter at P.O. Box 35054, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303. Please specify "Disaster Relief Fund."

The Red Cross can also be reached online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Volunteer information can be found by calling 867-8151. The Salvation Army is at P.O. Box 514, Fayetteville, N.C. 28302. Please

specify Flood Relief—N.C.

The Raleigh News and Observer also listed the following organizations: The N.C. Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief Fund, administered by the United Way of North Carolina. Checks made payable to the N.C. Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief Fund should be mailed to the Office of the Governor, 20301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-0301. Call (888) 835-9966 to make credit card contributions.

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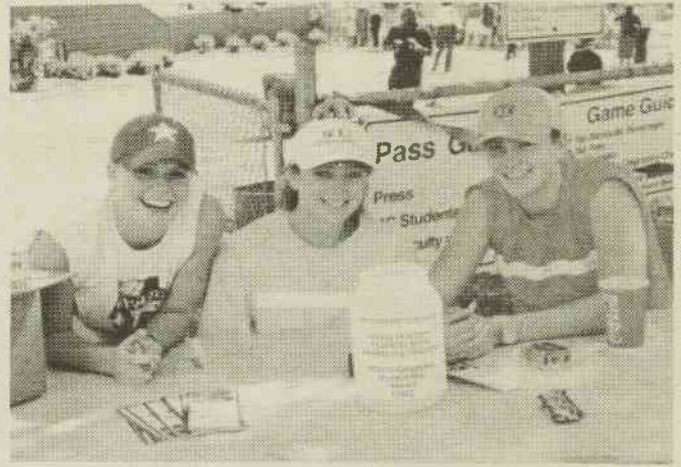


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"Mary Beth Wofford, Ashley Thomas, and Regina Stroud collect funds for Hurricane Floyd relief."

## Friend Offers "A Tribute to Gam"

By Brandon Spiece  
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Justin Brooks Gambrell died in a car accident on Sept. 15. "Gam" was a freshman at Methodist College, and a member of the football team. He was from Jacksonville, Florida where he lived with his mother, Tina Bryan. He was well loved by all who knew him which was evident at the memorial service held here on campus on Sept 29. Many students, faculty, and staff as

well as Gam's family from Florida attended the service. It was a wonderful service held in honor of a wonderful person.

During the service many people spoke, several members of the football team sang, and a sober spirit saturated the entire room. Gam's roommate Andre Lovett spoke about the friendship he had with Gam, and how much he meant to him. Andre said, "Gam was a fun person, he was like a brother to me, and he will always be in my heart." Clifford Jackson, one of Gam's friends, spoke about his smile and his loving personality. Gam's mother spoke to the people about her relationship with her son. She told everyone that she was standing up there on faith, and it was apparent to all that God strengthened her and

allowed her to bless us with her testimony of her son. She said, "my faith has always sustained me and it continues to sustain me now."

The football coach James Sypult spoke as well. He said, "of all the honors Gam received during the course of his life one honor is the most important of them all, and that is, at the age of fifteen Gam was saved." Gam gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, and because of this we can be assured that Gam is in Heaven.

Many people have asked the question, "Why would God let this happen?" While the answer may not be fully understood because our finite minds cannot comprehend the entire plan of God, we can understand in part.



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**In Memory of  
Justin Brooks  
Gambrell  
1981-1999**

God speaks volumes through death because when someone dies it causes us to think about God. It causes us to think about our own deaths, and where we might go should we die. This is important because we will all die someday. It can only be imagined how many people will receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior as a result of Gam's death. Hundreds of people attended his funeral and many attended his memorial service at Methodist College. I

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