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Hurricane Beryl barrels by



Wind-tossed trees at West Bay Beach. Cots set up ahead of Beryl at the emergency shelter at a local high school. A low-lying house at South Sound got flooded and damaged. Water was turned back on, and power lines repaired. Photos: Cayman Compass

DID YOU KNOW?

- *In the past, hurricanes have usually hit the island in August or September.*
- *Our first hurricane was Grace in August 2021, a cat.1 that came directly over Grand Cayman and did considerable damage.*
- *For details about contributing to Safe Harbour's Down Payment Account, please see the March Newsletter, or contact us directly.*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "la misericordia de Dios" – meaning "God's mercy".*



"Battered but not beaten"

Thus read the headlines of the island's newspaper "The Cayman Compass" the day after cat.3 Hurricane Beryl churned by. Beryl, an early-season storm, had started out as a cat.5, passing directly over Barbados and Curaçao, badly damaging these two small islands on the eastern edge of the Caribbean, before ominously heading our way.

The two of us had been off-island on vacation, anxiously and prayerfully watching from afar. Gerald stayed in touch with members of Safe Harbour and Pastor Snyder who had been filling in in our absence, making sure metal shutters went up at the parsonage and

precautions been made.

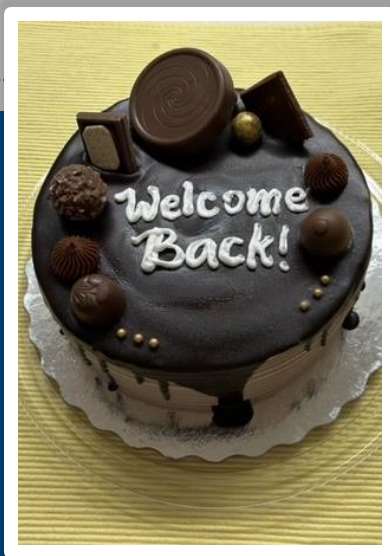
Thankfully, Beryl slowed over open water and her eye passed 57 miles south of Grand Cayman, leaving the island not with cat.3 but "only" tropical storm grade winds battering the island. All heaved a collective sigh of relief the next morning, giving thanks to God for His merciful protection.

Some damage had been done, however, especially in low-lying areas, but considering how bad it could have been, all agreed they've been spared much hardship.

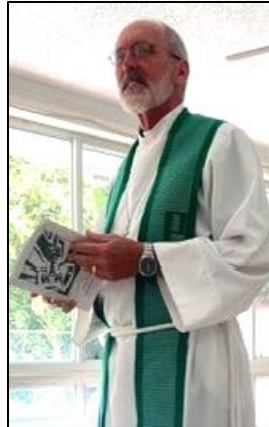
Since it's still very early in the season, reality tells us more storms should be expected to come.



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It's good to be home again!



Pastor Dale Snyder from Texas filled in for us while we were on vacation. Safe Harbour members surprised us with a "Welcome Back" cake!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God's guidance in Safe Harbour's continuing planning process.
- That more may be invited / drawn to the church to hear the saving Gospel

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The fledgling Radio Ministry
- Safekeeping through Hurricane Beryl.
- The parsonage – that we've been able to keep it so far as it serves as home and church.
- Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour
- The faithful few that regularly attend divine services

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.

Vacation Fill-In

The coveted pulpit-supply position in the Cayman Islands, sought after by many retired LCMS pastors, was filled this time by Pastor Dale Snyder of Texas. We thank him for his faithful preaching and teaching in our absence.

Strategic Planning Update

Thomas DeVries's role as strategic planner is completed. We have all his data and all our thoughts, wishes and plans in concise reports and graphs. Now it's up to Safe Harbour and

regional leadership to figure out a way to use it effectively as we look to the future. Hopefully, that will include a FORO soon.

Radio Ministry

Ever since it's launch in May this year, a two-minute devotion has been aired every day after the news at noon. Gerald records 60 Midday Meditations at a time and forwards them to Radio Cayman. So thankful for this ministry!

Soli Deo Gloria



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen".
Ephesians 3:20-21

- Thanking you for your continuous financial support and prayers,

Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul



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