

# 'It Pays to Pray': Pastor Says Tornado Miraculously Missed Him and His Wife by 4 Inches

Severe weather is still wreaking havoc in several states across the U.S. Destructive tornados, torrential rains and strong winds have crashed once again across parts of the South on May 9, leaving many to fear what will be left after it is over, but some residents are attesting that prayer has gotten them through the worst of it.

As of May 8 and 9, about 220 million people were under some sort of severe weather risk.

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Retired Pastor Walter Shell testified that he and his wife grabbed their two dogs and headed for the basement when his phone alerted him to a tornado in his area in Tennessee.

"It missed where me and my wife were standing by about about 4 inches. It went around," he said. "It pays to pray, I can tell you."

Since May 6, 39 states have been under threat of severe weather and at least four people have died.

Over in Nebraska, 70 workers are thanking God after surviving a tornado that ripped through their area, earlier this month.

Nate Hutchison said he and his coworkers were getting ready to leave the Garner Industries' industrial building in Lincoln when an EF-3 tornado was on a path to make a direct impact with the building.

“The power shuts off and then like two or three minutes later, the air pressure changes completely,” Hutchinson told KLKN-TV. “You can hear things are just shaking ... And everything just came down on top of us, just instantly.”

He said pieces of the ceiling began to fly overhead and all he could think to do was pray.

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“There’s nothing I can do right now except literally just pray to God that I don’t die because I’m not in control of anything at this point,” he said. “It’s just hopefully I don’t get crushed.”

Hutchinson survived without a scratch. Some of his coworkers were injured, but none were life-threatening.

They are grateful to have survived.

“Sitting there praying for God to save my life, and then I’m here, untouched,” Hutchinson said.

In another recent tornado outbreak, a family is crediting a miracle for their survival after they were unable to get out of their home in time.

Renee Stewart with Nebraska Medicine’s Multiple Sclerosis at Home Access program, or MAHA, was helping the family of a patient she routinely sees when she learned how they survived in storm.

She told KETV-TV that Frank, a quadriplegic man with multiple sclerosis was stuck in his bed when the tornado touched down. Without time to move him, his wife and his son decided to use their bodies to shield him.

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# **Florida Elementary School Gives in to Atheist Group's Demands, Dissolves Christian Club**

A Florida elementary school has dissolved its Fellowship of Christian Athletes club after the Freedom From Religion Foundation, an atheist activist group, pressured them to do so.

Hamilton County School district had allowed the North Central Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes to begin a new club at Hamilton Elementary, according to a statement from FFRF, an organization that says it exists "to promote the constitutional principle of separation of state and church."

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The elementary school had announced on Facebook in late January that it was organizing a "new huddle" at the school. A little more than a week later, FFRF confronted the district about the group.

"The district's assistant superintendent informed FFRF's

complainant that the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an official 'student-led' organization at Hamilton Elementary," reads the press statement. "The response made it clear that the school was allowing a religious club for children at an elementary school during the school day."

On Mar. 29, Samantha F. Lawrence, a legal fellow for FFRF, sent a letter to the school district requesting they disband the group.

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"Students have the First Amendment right to be free from religious indoctrination in their public schools. While the Equal Access Act protects students' right to form religious clubs in secondary schools, it does not apply to elementary schools," Lawrence argued in her letter.

"Elementary students are too young to truly run a club entirely on their own initiative with no input from school staff or outside adults," she claimed.

Lawrence demanded an investigation be made into the club, adding, "Any claims that the Hamilton Elementary FCA club is 'student-led' are at best naïve and at worst dishonest."

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# **ANOTHER Mega Baptism: Church Dunks 1600+ New Believers on Beach**

A Florida beach is once again the site of an amazing move of God where thousands were baptized in Jesus' name earlier this week.

The Church of Eleven22 baptized more than 1,600 people on the shores of Hanna Park Beach in Jacksonville, FL Sunday.