

The Old Wooden Cross Still Stands Amid Helene's Devastation

The damages from Hurricane Helene have left many families and communities broken. Many people are still searching for loved ones and have no place to call home. But there are stories of hope and heroism emerging that not only reflect the resiliency of the survivors but reveal God's faithfulness and that He is "here for His people."

One encouraging story is about a well-known landmark in Greenville, South Carolina.

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The Category 4 storm severely damaged the beloved Pretty Place Chapel.

But one thing is still standing – the cross.

Pretty Place Chapel attracts visitors every year because of its serene location and its majestic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

However, video of the chapel shows trees toppled along the property, and large sections of the roof and support beams are destroyed.

Officials with Pretty Place Chapel say they were stunned when they arrived on the grounds after the storm.

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"We were awe-struck to find that, despite the horrible damage done to the chapel, the wooden cross still stands as a symbol of hope," they shared on Facebook.

Nicholas Patton, director of operations at Pretty Place Chapel said they are committed to repairing the damage, but it is going to take a lot of time to rebuild.

"Unfortunately, we have seen a lot of damage down here today," Patton said in a video. "... We will be working for the next long while, unforeseen future, to restore Pretty Place to its natural beauty."

People have responded to Patton's video saying seeing the cross has encouraged their faith.

One Facebook user commented, "What is AMAZING is the fact that the cross and the benches were not damaged! Just another confirmation that God will always be here for His people!"

"The cross still stands! We will not be shaken," another user commented.

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