

The 911 System

The 911 emergency system in Cleveland and Bradley County, I am told, is the state of the art. To one degree or another, similar systems across the country would measure up to that standard. All you need to do is dial those numbers, and you will almost instantly be connected to a dispatcher. In front of the dispatcher will be a read-out that lists your telephone number, your address and the name by which that telephone number is listed at that address. Also listening in are the police, the fire department and the paramedics.

A caller might not be able to say what the problem is. Or perhaps a woman's husband has just suffered a heart attack, and she is so out of control that all she can do is hysterically scream into the telephone. But the dispatcher doesn't need her to say anything. He knows where the call is coming from. Help is already on the way.

There are times in our lives when, in desperation and pain, we dial 911 prayers. Sometimes, we're hysterical. Sometimes, we don't know the words to speak. But God hears. He knows our name. He is keenly aware of our circumstances.

Help is on the way. God has already begun to bring the remedy.

--Beecher Hunter