

Disaster Response to Alabama Report As of May 9, 2011

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Go to www.texasbaptistmen.org for giving information and click on donations.

Pray:

Pray for victims of the tornado.

Pray for the safety of the Disaster Relief groups that are volunteering.

Go:

If your church or a group of churches would like to volunteer in Alabama go to:

<http://www.alsbom.org/feature4>

You do not have to be Texas Baptist Men/Yellow Cap trained but they do need persons who are trained in construction skills and can do heavy cleanup work.

If you have specific questions about serving, contact the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief Incident Command Center. The direct number to the phone bank is **334-280-7297**. You can call 800-264-1225 or 334-288-2460 (Ext. 297) for both and reach the phone bank. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Sunday hours will be 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Texas Baptist Men are actively serving in Alabama. The Texans are one piece of a larger Southern Baptist disaster relief effort, which includes feeding, chainsaw, clean-out and shower units from states such as South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. TBM has three assessment, one shower and five chainsaw teams in Alabama. To read about their activity in Alabama click here: <http://www.texasbaptistmen.org/dnn/TexasBaptistMen/tabid/72/ctl/Default/mid/1043/ItemID/301/Default.aspx?SkinSrc=%5bG%5dSkins%2fT>



TEXAS BAPTISTS CHURCHES CAN PARTNER WITH CHURCHES IN ALABAMA TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF THE TORNADO WITH COLLECTED GOODS. *The list of churches and schools who are collecting goods changes daily. The Alabama Baptist Convention has the list on it's web site. Click here <http://www.alsbom.info/> for the detailed list.*

The need is so large, but we know God can meet it. Won't your church help this neighboring state in their dark hour?

- ✚ If you can't take your collected items to Alabama you can take them to The Church at Bethel's Family, 14442 Fonmeadow Dr., Houston, Texas.** They are hosting an EMERGENCY SUPPLY DRIVE May 7 & May 9 to gather relief items for families hit by tornados in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Contact Pastor, Walter August at 713-962-6602 for items needed and drop-off times. They are partnering with College Hill Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Their hope is to get enough items to fill an 18 wheeler.
- ✚ Trinity River Baptist Association, 2401 Grand Avenue, Liberty Texas,** Will be collecting items until Monday, May 13th. Contact Bill Fabriquze at 936-336-9232

FROM ELLIS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

DISASTER IN ALABAMA - - AND THE NEEDS ARE GREAT

YOU CAN HELP PLEASE READ BELOW - As the media moves on to new topics and issues, the Alabama Tornado damage is still in the infant stages. The Ellis Christian Disaster Relief Box Unit was deployed on Sunday night and is in route to Tuscaloosa, AL to help people gather their personal belongings.

The ECDRT Box Unit provides moving boxes, packing paper and tape to families to help gather their personal belongings from their homes that have been damaged or destroyed. Each family that the unit comes in contact with is prayed for and provided encouragement and hope. This unit often works hand-in-hand with the Chaplains in the area providing an avenue into their homes to share God's love to the family. In Alabama the unit will be working with the Chaplains and a Toy Ministry with East McFarland Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa as they move around the area.

The Box Unit will be following the same path the tornado took and needs your prayers.

Cindy Wesch sent a note stating "Many prayers are needed for those who are working 24/7 to help their community all the way to those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. The community is dealing with an unprecedented event that is hard for all. First Responders are still in these areas searching and it is hard to watch. There are constant funerals and the reminder of all that has been lost."

Watching the media you see there are many opportunities for you to serve and to be able to plan ahead in your schedule. I do not have any details on future needs, but with the Mississippi River flooding many areas, there are going to be needs for a very long time.

If you or your church group are interested in volunteering, becoming active in ECDRT or would like to provide financial support to ECDRT please contact the Ellis Baptist Association (972-937-9320) for details or contact Barry Bensmiller (214-538-1813).

Serving in His Love,

Barry Bensmiller, President

Ellis County Disaster Relief Team

For more information on Partnering with a Church affected by this huge disaster in Alabama please contact Marla Bearden at 214-828-5382.

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