

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is coordinated by the North American Mission Board in cooperation with the Baptist State Conventions and the International Mission Board/Baptist Global Response.

First Baptist Church of Norfolk participates in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief ministries through the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia state convention.



2019

- *Christian love in action*
- *Meeting urgent needs of hurting people in crisis situations*
- *Offering hope in crisis*
- *Testifying that Jesus Christ is the Living Hope*

**Disaster Relief Ministry
North American Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention**

Disaster Relief Motivation

We believe that Southern Baptists are under Scriptural and moral obligation to all mankind to provide a positive witness of the love of Jesus Christ.

He calls for Christians to demonstrate love in the relief of victims of disasters through the efficient and immediate use of the resources, time, and talents entrusted to us by our Lord.

Disasters affect many people. Christians naturally respond to the hurts of those around them and feel an obligation to minister in the name of Jesus Christ. Christians working together can accomplish much for the glory of God.



Individual efforts may be helpful but are often not as productive as cooperative and coordinated responses. Each person may have an understanding of his or her objectives without an overall vision for the need of everyone. A coordinated, cooperative team effort can harness the desires and energy of individuals into a productive, effective, and efficient force for Christ.

The disaster response team can provide direction for the potential energy of individual Christians and churches desiring to be of service in times of disaster. Through planning, training, and practicing, disaster response teams can provide leadership and expertise required in times of disaster.

Serving Christ in the Crisis

Mission Action is the organized effort of a church or association to minister and witness to persons of special needs or circumstances who are not part of the congregation or any of its organizations.

Mission Action is taking Christian love into all situations and places of need.

Mission Action is the work of dedicated Christians who expand their circle of concern and become involved in meeting the crucial needs of persons in the name of Christ.



Mission Action is love in action. Christ, by His example, set the pattern for us to follow. He told us that our mission to share His love was to be done through the servant role (Mark 10:43-45).

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**TRAINING
Disaster Relief Ministry**

To participate in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief ministries, volunteers must complete training in advance of service and have a criminal background check.

First Baptist of Norfolk undertakes disaster relief ministry with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV). A person must be 18 years old to serve..

Ministry areas include:

- Spiritual care
- Flood recovery
- Mass feeding
- Wind storm recovery-chainsaw and temporary roof repairs

Training dates in 2019 are as follows; training begins at 9:00 am.

Pre-registration is required at <http://www.sbcv.org/disaster-relief-training>. **At this website a 3.5 hour on-line course must be completed prior to attending the Saturday training.**

The registration fee is \$40.00 for a first time trainee and \$25.00 for a person seeking recertification.

Date	Virginia region	Church
March 16, 2019	Central West/Southside	TBA in Lynchburg
March 30, 2019	Southeast	Smith Memorial BC Williamsburg
April 13, 2019	Central	Swift Creek BC Midlothian
April 27, 2019	Valley	North Roanoke BC
May 4, 2019	North	TBA
September 7, 2019	Southeast	TBA on Eastern Shore
October 5, 2019	North	TBA
October 12, 2019	Central	TBA