

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.



2017

- *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). Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Ministry areas include:

- Administration/radio communications
- Childcare
- Spiritual care
- Damage assessment
- Flood recovery
- Mass feeding
- Shower and laundry unit
- Wind storm recovery-chainsaw and temporary roof repairs

**Training dates in 2017 are as follows:**

Date	Virginia region	Church
February 25, 2017	Southeast	Liberty Harbour View-Suffolk
March 4, 2017	Eastern Shore	Onancock BC-Onancock
March 10, 11, 2017	Central East	Smyrna BC, Dinwiddie
March 25, 2017	Central West	Forest BC-Forest
April 7,8, 2017	Valley	TBA
April 29, 2017	Northern	Open Door BC-Culpeper

Pre-registration is required at <http://www.sbcv.org/disaster-relief-training>

There will be a registration fee.