## HISTORIC FLOODING IN LOUISIANA

The State of Louisiana is suffering from another historic flooding event. It is reported that over 40,000 homes are affected with \$30 million in damages. Please pray for Louisiana, its residents, its churches, and its leaders.

Below are two helpful ways in which churches can respond at this time:

## Needed! Mud Out/Debris Removal Volunteer Teams

Louisiana Baptists Disaster Relief is in need of spontaneous volunteer teams, in all affected areas, who can help mud out homes. For work assignments and housing information contact them directly at 877-487-4658.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Response is working in Baton Rouge cleaning out homes of the elderly and disabled. Email Tracey Hodges at tracey@broadmoorebaptist.com or by phone at 225-927-5454 for work assignments. Housing is available at Broadmoor Baptist Church, 9755 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

<u>Click Here</u> to review a training video that assist teams in "how to" mud out homes.

## **Gather and Transport Needed Donated Items**

First Baptist Church, Addis, 6781 LA Hwy South in Addis, Louisiana is serving as a drop off location for donated items. Click Here for more donation drop off locations. Please call before you arrive.

## The items most needed are:

- New underwear and socks for all ages, adult children
- Paper Products, paper towel, paper plates, plastic flatware, cups, toilet paper
- Toiletries: Shampoo, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant
- Baby Products: diapers, wipes, formula
- Bottled Water and Gatorade
- Easy open nonperishable food containers
- Gift Cards to Wal Mart or Target are best so people have the opportunity to purchase new clothes, shoes and other needed items.

Please do not send used clothing or shoes!

Texas Baptists Men are in need of Gatorade and Powerade Sports Drinks for the citizens of Jefferson-Davis and Acadia Parishes, where teams are currently cleaning out homes. Church Groups and individuals can deliver the drinks to the Texas Baptist Men Equipping Center, 5351 Catron Dr., Dallas, Texas 75227. Call 214-381-2800 to schedule your drop off time. TBM will transport the drinks to the needed areas. Click Here for information on how TBM is providing Disaster Relief in Jennings, LA

**Texas Baptists Disaster Recovery** will be responding to the long term recovery needs of this disaster. Funds will be needed to help rebuild homes. To support recovery efforts, **click HERE** or mail checks to

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