

Breezes

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DISASTER RELIEF

In light of the recent events with Hurricane Harvey, we thought it would be appropriate to address ways that churches can help in the meantime.

You could be collecting items that are essential to flood victims: toiletries, diapers, wipes and various other things.

Special offerings are very appropriate, offerings to help people in your own churches who are affected by the flooding or others in sister churches and communities. Here is a list of disaster relief agencies who need donations:

[NAMB Send Relief](#)

[SBTC Disaster Relief](#)

[Texas Baptist Men](#)

We will pass on pertinent information as we receive it.

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The Director Speaks . . . Donald Hintze

As you know we are in a difficult situation. Evacuations have been ordered in our county and around the Houston area. At the writing of this column we are just waiting to see where all of the areas that will be flooded. It is truly a difficult time for many on the Gulf Coast. We hope and pray that the damage will not be as extensive as some are warning.

What can you do?

PRAY

The first thing is *pray*. As Henry Blackaby said ***“We do not know the truth of any circumstance until we know God’s perspective.”*** I have discovered that many times in my life. We need to know how God wants us to think and act toward this situation. We need to pray for safety for the people that have left and those coming in to help. We ask for workers and provision of the material things that will be needed. Most of all that He would make something good come out of this terrible event. He is the great Redeemer.

Volunteer

Isaiah said when confronted with a problem in Israel, ***“Lord, Here I am send me.”*** That should be our response. I will admit that I do not want to do this. I would rather ignore it, but for the follower of Jesus this is not an option. Make yourself available where you can. We will be sending out opportunities for service but the first place is in your local church. Help your members, widows, friends and neighbors that have experienced damage.

Give

The cost of cleanup and rebuild will be very expensive. I recommend that you give to one of our SBC or state Disaster groups. North America Mission Board, Texas Baptist Men or Southern Baptist of Texas Disaster Relief. Please make sure you give to a legitimate group. There will be many who will come to profit over our crisis. Call me if you have questions about a group asking for money.

I think it is also important that your local church take up an offering so that you can respond to those in need that you know have no other source or limited sources of material help.

You can also give supplies. Our county and other agencies will provide lists of things that will be needed. We will forward those things to you when we receive them.

Share Information

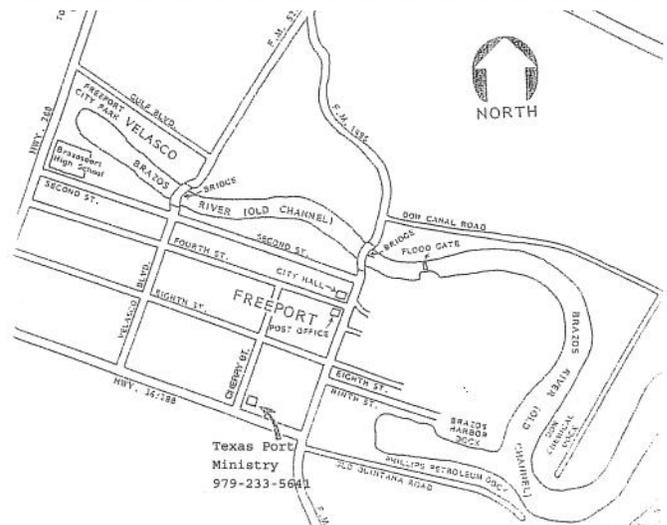
Good information! Be careful that you are getting the information from a reliable source. Check it out before you give it out. Last year there were supplies available in different places but they were slow to get out because people did not know about them. This is a very confusing time so let us communicate.

We have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus to people that need that love. Let us introduce them to the God who causes us to love them.

Donald

TEAM MEETING
September 12 at 11:00 a.m.
Texas Port Ministry
1103 Cherry Street
Freeport
979-233-5641

**This will be the first session of
the GCBA Annual Meeting.**



HISPANIC EVENTS

Sept. 8-9—Hispanic Men's Retreat, Glen Rose (BGCT)
Sept. 23—Hispanic Women's Conference, Houston (SBTC)
Oct. 10—Hispanic Pastors Mtg at GCBA at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20-21—Hispanic Leadership Conf., Dallas (BGCT)
Oct. 27-28—Hispanic Men's Conf., Glen Rose (SBTC)
Oct. 29—Hispanic Fellowship, LJ Civic Center, 3pm

GCBA will be closed Monday, Sept. 4.

November GCBA TEAM Meeting
Tuesday, November 14 @ 11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church, West Columbia

GCBA Pastorless Churches
Shadycrest Baptist—Pearland

Congratulations to
Heights Baptist Church
of Alvin on the calling of a new
pastor.

They extended the call to
Dr. Lee Peoples
of Pearland on Sunday, August 20.
Lee and Sandra Peoples have been
married for fourteen years and
have two sons, David (11) and
James (9).

Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis
Offering
September 10-17

Week of Prayer for Reach Texas Offering
September 17-24

SEPTEMBER

09/04	Labor Day, GCBA Office closed
09/08-09	Hispanic Men's Retreat, Glen Rose (BGCT)
09/10-17	Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis Offering
09/12	GCBA TEAM Meeting, 11:00 a.m. at Texas Port Ministry
09/17-24	Week of Prayer for Reach Texas (SBTC)
09/23	Hispanic Women's Conference, Houston (SBTC)
09/27	See You at the Pole
09/29-30	Senior Pastors' Wives Retreat, Irving (SBTC) Click here for more info.

OCTOBER

10/02-03	Pastor/Staff Golf Tournament, Bastrop (SBTC)
10/10	Hispanic Pastors' Meeting at GCBA at 7:00 p.m.
10/13	Safeguarding Church Ministry Conference, Champion Forest (SBTC)
10/16-18	Youth Ministry Conclave, Arlington Convention Center (BGCT)
10/20-21	Hispanic Leadership Conference, Dallas (BGCT)
10/27-28	Hispanic Men's Conference, Glen Rose (SBTC)
10/29	Hispanic Fellowship, Lake Jackson Civic Center, 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

11/05	Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall back
11/07	Election Day
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/12-14	SBTC Bible Conference and Annual Meeting, Criswell College
11/12-14	BGCT Annual Meeting, Waco Convention Center
11/14	GCBA TEAM Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, West Columbia
11/23	Thanksgiving