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Greetings!

I want to personally thank you for your interest in and willingness to help with Disaster Relief efforts. Disaster Relief is a challenging ministry that is highly unpredictable – so it requires somewhat of an Isaiah-mentality – “Here I am, send me!” My vision for Disaster Relief within Big Emory Baptist Association is to equip and empower churches to send called and interested missionaries to help in these unfortunate disaster situations. In our current landscape, we have neighbors to the north in Kentucky that could use a hand. We have an opportunity to travel north to Kentucky and help several families rebuild their homes that were recently damaged in storms and flooding. Here are the details:

WHO

1. Who is leading? Pastor Matt Ward(423-519-4890) is organizing the trip. Joe Layne (423-404-5586) and Denny Richardson (423-223-3927) are co-leaders for the trip.
2. Who can go? Interested volunteers from our Association.

WHAT

1. What will we be doing? This answer is two-fold:
 - a. **Field Workers** - The mud removal is completed for most homes – and they are in the process of re-building. Most of our jobs will be hanging sheetrock and insulation for homes/churches that are in the process of rebuilding.
 - b. **Support Workers** – Our host church will provide all of the food for our group – but we have to provide the kitchen workers to cook it. We will need a minimum of 2 that will stay back and prep food/meals and provide basic support.
2. We also need to be prepared to share the love of Christ and shed His light while working to help people. This MUST BE a Holy Spirit-led ministry!

WHEN

1. October 3 – 7... We will rally up and drive up on Monday morning and come back on Friday evening. Location and time TBD depending on the makeup of the group.

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423.346.3550 • info@fbcwartburg.org
www.fbcwartburg.org

WHERE

1. Where will we be staying? We will be hosted by FBC Hazard (<http://www.hazardfbc.org/>) They have shower trailers and plenty of space for us to spread out with air mattresses and/or cots. They also have a full kitchen and will provide the food that our kitchen workers decide they need to prep the necessary meals.

WHY

1. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." – Matthew 25:40 (See Matthew 25:35-40 for full context)
2. A very practical way to live out Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
3. A tangible opportunity to Go! (Matthew 28:18-20)

HOW

1. You can fill the paperwork in this packet out and return it ASAP to Matt Ward, First Baptist Church of Wartburg, P.O. Box 846, Wartburg, TN 37887... or...
2. You can get the same paperwork online at the following website or QR Code:
<http://www.fbcwartburg.org/volunteer-for-kentucky.html>



Simply fill it out and send it to SrPastor@fbcwartburg.org!

We look forward to a fantastic Disaster Relief Mission Trip where churches can partner together to share the love of Jesus Christ to many that are in dire need! Let me know your questions!

God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Ward', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Matt Ward
423-519-4890

WHAT DO I PACK?

Devotional Materials

Bible and devotional
Hope in Crisis tracts
*Spiritual Preparation for
Disaster Relief*
Witnessing tracts

Identification

Disaster Relief ID
Driver's license
Vehicle registration
Phone numbers (*family
physician, employer, church,
emergency contact*)

Insurance Information

Health Insurance card
Automobile insurance card
Life insurance

Supplies and Equipment

Flashlight or lantern
Watch or clock
Canteen or water bottle
Bedding (*air or foam
mattress, cot, sheets or
sleeping bag*)
Tent (optional, inquire first)
Earplugs

Food

Special dietary needs
Snacks
Drinking water

Other Items

Cash or traveler's checks
(\$50-\$200)
Notebook and pencils or
pens
Special personal items you
need for health, safety or
comfort

Health, Safety and Hygiene

Prescription medicine
Non-prescription drugs
Allergy kit (bees, etc.)
Antacids
Anti-diarrhea
*Anti-fungal ointment/
spray*
Aspirin/Pain reliever
Blister kit
Foot powder
Insect spray
Laxative
Medicated ointment
Poison ivy treatment

Bar soap
Chapstick
Comb/brush
Dental floss
Deodorant
Feminine needs
Hair spray
Laundry detergent
Lip balm
Liquid antibacterial soap
Mouth wash
Personal needs
Razor, disposable
Shampoo/conditioner
Shaving cream
Skin lotion
Sun block (SPF 15+)
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Towels/wash cloths

Clothing (4-7 days supply)

Disaster Relief hat/visor/
T-shirts/jacket
Bandannas & handkerchiefs
Coats and/or jackets (*warm
and cool weather, waterproof*)
Jeans or work pants
Laundry bag
One-piece bathing suit (*in
case there are no showers*)
Rain suit or poncho
Shirts (*both for warm
and cool weather*)
Shorts, moderate (*not more
than 3" above the knee*)
Sleepwear (*because of
group living arrangements,
select sleepwear for modesty
and comfort*)
Sneakers
Socks, two pairs/day (*white,
wool, or wool lend*)
Suitcase or duffel bag
Underwear
Waterproof footwear
Work gloves
Work shoes



Adapted from "Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief" published by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Disaster Relief Volunteer's Responsibility

As a volunteer member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief team, I agree that, as my availability and ability allow, I am expected to:

1. Complete a disaster relief skill checklist, and keep current my (1) address and phone number, (2) availability status, (3) skills and abilities.
2. Complete the required training and renew required training a minimum of every three years; take optional training, which will increase my usefulness as a team member.
3. Take responsibility for my spiritual and mental preparation as a Disaster Relief volunteer, as well as my work skills needed at the disaster site.
4. Represent my Lord and Savior, church, fellow Christians and team as Christ would want, in my attitude, behavior, speech, dress and work.
5. Wear official disaster relief apparel and display the SBC Disaster Relief logo only as prescribed and only while engaging in a relief event as authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief.
6. Protect my health and safety and the health and safety of victims, co-workers and all other persons while en route to or from and while at the disaster site; inform on-site team leaders of any physical limitations to be considered in my work assignments.
7. Inform my team leader of my availability for a disaster response.
8. Take initiative in order to improve my usefulness; increase my availability by making adjustments in my other responsibilities in order to serve as a disaster relief volunteer.
9. Pay my own expenses, arrange my own transportation and bring clothing, bedding and personal items I'll need at the disaster site.
10. Purchase necessary accident and/or liability insurance and provide medical insurance and health information to appropriate persons at the disaster site.
11. Assist with unit preparation, training events and non-emergency use of the unit, as my availability and ability allow.

FYI – Insurance laws in Tennessee state that the vehicle you tow becomes your responsibility even if it is owned by someone else.

Release and Indemnification

By my initials and signature placed below, I do hereby represent and acknowledge that I am entering upon a missionary venture with others, and that as a volunteer am paying my own expenses, including insurance, for the purpose of helping in times of disaster for the glory of God and to demonstrate my faith in Christ; that the work may at times be hazardous and somewhat arduous and will be performed by concerned volunteers and other personnel trained in disaster work; that vehicles transporting said volunteers will be operated by volunteers, who may or may not be professional drivers.

I recognize and acknowledge potential accidents at the disaster site, involving motor vehicles, in or about the living, sleeping and eating areas, or during activities of the disaster relief team; am fully aware of possible injuries to members of the disaster relief team, including myself.

Therefore, I desire to protect, release, acquit, indemnify, and hold all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, losses, expenses or attorney fees incurred or suffered en-route to or from the site or participation with the team or in the activity and whether directly or indirectly related to my acts of commission or omission, those of others or otherwise.

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and all other persons, firms or corporations, I do hereby release and discharge from liability all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, from any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions which I, the undersigned, have or may hereafter, and on account of, or any way growing out of injuries or damages both to persons or property resulting or that may hereafter result from the voluntary venture.



Disaster Relief Volunteer – Adult Application

Includes Disaster Relief Credentialed and Non-Credentialed Volunteers

Full Name: _____ Sex: Male Female
(As it appears on your driver's license)

Preferred Name: _____ Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
(For badge purposes)

Ordained Minister: _____ Licensed Minister: _____ Retired: _____
(Date) (Date) (Date)

Email Address: _____ Spouse First Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Church Membership: _____ Church City: _____ Association: _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: _____ Languages spoken in addition to English: _____

Professional skills: Nurse Physician Legal Business/Financial Other: _____

Specific skills that I have: _____

Current Passport? Yes No Exp. Date: _____ Available for overseas assignments? Yes No

Current Employment: Actively Employed Self-employed Retired Other: _____

Experience in this type of ministry: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone #1 (____) _____ Email Address: _____

REFERENCES: Provide name of references, phone numbers, email, and how the references know you.

Character Reference: (unrelated to you) Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone #1 (____) _____ Phone #2 (____) _____ How Known: _____

Ministerial Reference: (pastor or staff) Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone #1 (____) _____ Phone #2 (____) _____ How Known: _____

Disaster Relief Office Use Only:

NCV: Yes No
Expires 3 years from date of issue.

Cash: _____ Check #: _____ PAID: \$36.00 (for New or Renewal)

Safety Class taken: Date _____ Instructor: _____

Unit Assigned to: _____ Team Leader: _____

Submit completed application to eholmes@tnbaptist.org or mail to 6434 John Hagar Road, Mount Juliet, TN 37122
Non-credentialed Applications must be submitted to the DR Office BEFORE volunteer leaves on assignment.

A. Lifestyle Considerations: *Please read the following information very carefully. It is extremely important for you to understand the responsibilities and lifestyle expected of a Disaster Relief Volunteer.*

The unique and special nature of Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) requires all volunteers associated with TBMB to manifest conduct and actions that project an image consistent with the expressed purpose and mission of TBMB. Conduct or actions that are perceived as inconsistent with the belief and values of Tennessee Baptists are unacceptable. Examples of such conduct are involvement with alcohol, illegal drugs, harassment of any kind, or sex outside the marriage relationship between a man and a woman.

1. Do you have, or have you had, any lifestyle, conduct, or activity that would project an image which could be reasonably seen as inconsistent with these expectations? YES NO
2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? YES NO
3. Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a minor or contributing to the delinquency of a minor? YES NO
4. Are you currently under any investigation or pending charge? YES NO

If you answered "yes" to question(s) 1, or 2, or 3, or 4, please, elaborate:

5. Do you currently use any of the following?
 - A. Alcohol YES NO
 - B. Tobacco Products YES NO
 - C. Illegal Drugs YES NO

If you answered "Yes" to letter(s) A and/or B, would you be willing to forgo your personal use of these items during your time of volunteer service? YES NO

6. Do you have any physical or mental health condition(s) or impairments(s) that could limit you from performing Disaster Relief work? YES NO

If "yes", please explain and indicate what type of accommodations might be made to enable you to perform the ministry.

B. Disaster Relief Volunteer's Responsibility

As a volunteer in Disaster Relief with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB), I understand that during my service with TBMB, I am expected to recognize and abide by the following:

1. TBMB is a Christian organization. Volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that would honor Jesus Christ. Volunteers are expected to treat each other, those they work with, and those that they are ministering to with respect and care. Volunteers must be careful not to use words and actions that would disrespect others. They must respect the property of others. Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the ministry site.
2. Volunteers in Disaster Relief must be prepared physically, spiritually and mentally to serve in the chaos of a disaster event.
3. The use of alcohol or illegal drugs in the ministry area is strictly forbidden.
4. Generally, volunteers are responsible for bearing their own expenses during the ministry. This may include: travel to and from the ministry site, food, lodging, and incidental expenses.
5. **Volunteers are responsible for having their own Medical Insurance. No insurance of any kind is provided to volunteers.** Volunteers are encouraged to purchase special trip insurance for each deployment.
6. Volunteers may not attempt to charge for any work done or seek to enlist personal jobs in the future.
7. Volunteers must be careful not to promise future help or assistance to individuals or groups.
8. Volunteers must have appropriate clothing for the ministry site. Generally, this means long pants (or ¾-length pants for women), closed toed shoes (no flip flops or sandals). Work boots are best. All clothing must be conservative and respectful of community norms (no tank tops, halters or strapless tops).

9. Volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in a safe manner including the prudent use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Volunteers must attend any required safety briefing and inform unit leader of any physical limitations or illness that may impact their work or the work of their team.
10. Maintain current (1) address and phone number, (2) availability status, (3) skills and abilities with team leader and Disaster Relief office.
11. Assist with unit preparation, training events, and non-emergency use of the unit, as personal availability and ability allow.
12. Authorize background checks and screenings, as required, and pay a credentialing and training fee every three years to remain active.

C. Affirmations

By my signature placed below, I affirm that I have read, understood, and agreed to make the following affirmations.

1. **I agree and commit to conduct myself, share my faith, and interact with others in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the principles of Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and the theological principles and doctrines as presented in the *Baptist Faith and Message*, most recently adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and affirmed by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.**
2. **I understand** that until I have completed the "Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief" class, a specialized class, successful background screenings; satisfied background and reference checks, and paid my credentialing fee, that I am considered a "Non-Credentialed Volunteer" and can only be assigned restricted duties under the close supervision of a unit director.
3. **I understand** TBMB does not carry insurance to cover volunteers for medical needs or injuries during their term of service. Therefore, every volunteer is expected to have insurance in case of accident, injury, or illness. Furthermore, I understand that personal liability is the responsibility of the volunteer.
4. **I affirm** that I have read, understood, and agree to fulfill the lifestyle required of a TBMB Volunteer.
5. **I affirm** that the information provided in this volunteer application is true and complete. I understand that, if I am accepted for volunteer service, any false information or omissions will affect my continued eligibility for consideration, service and/or participation without any obligation or liability whatsoever. I agree to immediately notify TBMB if I should be convicted of or charged with a felony, or any crime involving dishonesty or a breach of trust, or any change or occurrence that alters any of the information contained within the application, while my volunteer application is pending, or after my application has been approved.
6. **I authorize** the investigation of all statements contained in this application.
7. **I authorize** any person, church, school, current employer, past employer(s) and organizations that might know of my qualifications for volunteer service to provide TBMB with relevant information and opinion that may be useful to TBMB in making a decision, and I release such persons and organizations from any legal liability in making such statements.

Release

Warning: By signing this release you are waving and releasing legal rights which you may have.

Volunteer Status

I desire to volunteer with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) to provide volunteer services and engage in the activities related to this ministry. I hereby agree to donate and offer my personal services and labor, free of charge. I understand and agree that I will not be acting as an employee of and I will not be entitled to any wages, compensation, or benefits associated with my service from TBMB. I understand that neither TBMB nor any other Releasee under this agreement assumes any responsibility or obligation to provide financial or other assistance to me.

Ministry Description

I understand that Tennessee Baptist Mission Board through Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief sends personnel and equipment into areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters. Routine ministries include preparation and service of meals, tree cutting and removal, flood clean up and sanitation, childcare, roof repair, fire recovery, shower and laundry services, light construction, construction rebuild, and other similar work. Volunteers will normally be housed in gymnasiums and churches, sleeping on the floor, and working in extreme conditions, with various degrees of sanitation, electricity, and other normal living conditions available.

Potential Risks

I understand that my participation in this ministry may involve risk of injury to myself and even my death. I understand these risks may include, but are not limited to, risks associated with travel, transportation in commercial and other vehicles, moving and lifting heavy objects, working with and around dangerous equipment, cooking and serving food, and working and living in environments which may be toxic and without power, normal sanitation, and access to immediate medical care, including the potential for contracting contagious diseases such as the COVID-19 virus in an environment where proximity to other people is a natural part of the ministry activity. These risks exist because of the activity itself and/or the content of the program (e.g., the hazards of depending on other people) or those created by acts of God.

Assumption of Risk

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, and next of kin and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in this ministry, I hereby expressly and specifically assume all the risks of injury and harm associated with my participation.

Indemnification and Release of Liability

I do further hereby release and discharge from liability and agree to defend, indemnify, and forever hold harmless all other participants and volunteers engaged in any Disaster Relief or Construction Rebuild project that I participate in, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, The Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and those corporations of which the Southern Baptist Convention is the sole member, Southern Baptist state conventions and associations, the churches which are in friendly cooperation with these Baptist state conventions and associations, and the members, volunteers, employees, servants, agents, officers, and directors of all these entities, herein collectively referred to as Releasees, from any and all causes of action arising from or relating to my participation in these services, including but not limited to travel, lodging, transportation, or on account of first aid or other medical treatment rendered by Releasees, for damages or injuries I may suffer including but not limited to claims for personal injury, disability, sickness, loss of limb or life, **even if said claims arise from injuries or illnesses or other damages caused by the sole negligence or fault of one or more of the Releasees.** Notwithstanding anything which may appear to the contrary, this agreement shall not be understood, however, to release the intentional acts or gross negligence of the Releasees.

I understand that I am solely responsible for my personal effects and property and that no one will provide security for any of my items and I will hold the above Releasees harmless in the event of theft or loss resulting from any source or cause.

Publication Release:

I understand that during this ministry Activity, one or more of the Releasees (or its agents or designees) may be photographing or shooting video footage of the activity and that I may be photographed or included in a video shot. I hereby give the Releasees and parties designated by them permission to photograph me for commercial purposes and agree to the following: 1) being photographed by any means; 2) commercial or any other use of my likeness without compensation; 3) specifically waiving all rights of privacy during the photographing. Furthermore, I hereby give the Releasees and parties designated by them including clients, licensees, purchasers, agents, publishers, and periodicals, the irrevocable right to use my name and/or photograph/video image for sale or reproduction in any print or electronic medium for purposes of advertising, trade, display, exhibition, competition, or editorial use.

Public Health Safety:

After signing this release but prior to serving, if I become symptomatic with contagious diseases such as COVID-19, I understand I am to communicate that immediately to my church's leadership and cancel my participation at this activity. During service, if I become symptomatic, I understand that I am to communicate that immediately to leadership on site and to avoid further contact with others on site. I commit myself to leave as soon as possible to avoid jeopardizing others and procuring medical attention for appropriate follow up.

Adult Verification:

I verify that I am at least 18 years of age when signing this document and therefore, an adult. YES NO

By signing in my own handwriting or typing my name below using electronic means, I affirm I have read, understood, and agreed to its terms, and have effectively signed the application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Tennessee Baptist Convention
Disaster Relief
"Making Christ Known By Serving"



This page needs to be placed in your suitcase for when you deploy.
When deployed, turn this in to administration upon check-in and you will receive it back upon your departure.

Volunteer Personal/Medical Information

Date _____

Full Name (as it appears on your driver's license) _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Church Membership _____ Association _____

Emergency Contacts (please list two people)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Health Information

Medications _____

Dosage/Frequency/Side Effects _____

Allergies _____

Symptoms _____ Antidote _____

Date of Last Tetanus Shot _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Health Insurance Company _____

Group/Policy _____

Other Information/Medical Conditions _____
