

# Responding to Florence

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**With strong support from CBF Global, CBFNC continues to engage in disaster response in the areas affected by Hurricane Florence. Like Hurricane Matthew, which struck in October 2016, recovery from Florence will be a long-term effort. There are several ways you can help:**

## PRAY

Thirty-four counties received damage in some form, with many of those counties suffering devastating consequences. Not only were churches, homes, and businesses damaged, but agricultural losses are projected to exceed \$1 billion. Please continue to “pray without ceasing” for those affected by Florence.

## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are desperately needed for recovery work. While teams that can commit several days or weeks are needed, even those who can contribute one day of labor are extremely helpful. Many North Carolinians are close enough to drive down on a Saturday and give a day. No contribution of time and labor is too small. CBFNC is promoting two channels for volunteering:

### CBF-Coordinated Efforts

We have identified two neglected areas to focus our recovery efforts and have hired part-time contract coordinators to organize that work.

Daynette Snead is directing our work in Trenton, the seat of Jones County, adjacent to Craven County. Volunteers can be housed and fed at First, New Bern. For information about the needs and opportunities there, contact Daynette (Daynette@diaspra.com).

Todd Padgett is directing our work in Columbus County. Whiteville is the county seat. Volunteers can be housed and fed at First, Whiteville. For information about the needs and opportunities there, contact Todd (toddpadgett35@gmail.com).

Volunteers for both sites must sign up through CBF Global (<https://cbf.net/dr-eastern-carolinas>).

### NC Baptists on Mission

NC Baptists on Mission (formerly NC Baptist Men) are coordinating operations in 14 recovery sites. For more information, visit this page: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>.

### Ministry Grants

Thanks to the generosity of Cooperative Baptist friends in NC and beyond, CBFNC has established a fund to support ministry efforts in the affected regions. Grants have already been given to help with recovery efforts in Wilmington, Trenton, and Whiteville.

Visit here to donate:

<http://co.clickandpledge.com/sp/d1/default.aspx?wid=122157>

Visit here to apply for a grant:

[www.cbfnc.org/missions/hurricane-florence-grant-request](http://www.cbfnc.org/missions/hurricane-florence-grant-request)



*From top left opposite page (Counterclockwise): Volunteer group from FBC Asheville including men from their Veterans' Ministry; Trenton resident Wendy Willie & Zebulon Baptist Church volunteers June Lanier & Kaylay Howell; Steeple of Winter Park, Wilmington (center); CBFNC convened an ecumenical gathering of church leaders in Columbus County to discuss disaster response in the area (below); Daynette Snead, disaster response coordinator in Trenton (left); Damage at First, Morehead City, in the aftermath of Florence (above).*

