

Dear Church Family,

We are all aware how severely our region has been impacted by the recent hurricane. Many have lost homes, properties, and loved ones. Devastation is rampant and unprecedented in our area. Everyone has been affected.

Several have called wanting to do something to alleviate suffering and meet needs. Some have wanted to open our building for various reasons. But this has not been possible this week due to various issues including roof damage, ongoing construction and renovations, and an issue with the fire sprinkler system. We also have no phone or internet service. Thankfully electrical power was restored.

The primary purpose of this email is to inform you of three ways you can make a difference for those in need.

1. We are forwarding to you an email from Dr Tony Wolfe of the SC Baptist Convention, appealing for donations to our SBC Disaster Relief Ministry. This agency of our state convention is working throughout our state and in NC to help those in need. Please prayerfully consider donating to this trusted group and the work they are doing. Every penny will go to relief efforts. Here is a link to donate. There are other links in the forwarded email. Please read it thoroughly:
<https://www.scbaptist.org/disasterrelief/>
2. Tryon International Equestrian Center is accepting donations of the following: Water, Batteries, flashlights/headlamps, animal hay, feed, pet food and kitty litter, bread, non-perishable food items, can openers, Gluten free and Celiac safe items, Hygiene items, Baby formula and food, chainsaws, towels, socks and underwear, first aid kits, portable chargers/battery packs, buckets and trash bags, coolers, generators, camping supplies. If you would like to donate through this organization, please bring donations of items to the church this Sunday. Courtney and Kevin McCormick and David Wilson will transport donations to Tryon.
3. The Spartanburg County Baptist Network is accepting donations at Calvary Baptist Church, 4000 Parris Bridge Rd. Boiling Springs, SC from 9 AM - 6 PM through Sunday. The items they request are: Cases of water, water filters that do not require electricity, Canned foods with pop-tops if possible but all accepted, peanut butter and crackers, cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, etc. You will need to deliver donations for this group to the address listed above.

There will be long lasting needs because of this disaster and we will continue to seek ways to engage wherever we can to be of service. We will keep you informed of opportunities. If you have an idea, please contact me directly as we channel efforts through our Missions ministry.

Poplar Springs, here are some simple ways to show your generosity, help many in need, and be Jesus in the lives of those who need to know He is real and He loves them. Will you be Jesus to somebody today? The opportunity to show Jesus to our world is upon us. Let not just talk about Him, let's show them who He is and who we are in Him. Let's not talk about the church, let's BE the church! I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Love and blessings!

Scott