

Hopewell Baptist Church Rebuild & Disaster Recovery Newsletter

Sharing the love of Christ through service and ministry

As we continue our mission to rebuild and restore communities affected by disasters, we want to take a moment to thank you for your support and dedication. Your efforts are making a real difference in the lives of those in need.

Greetings:

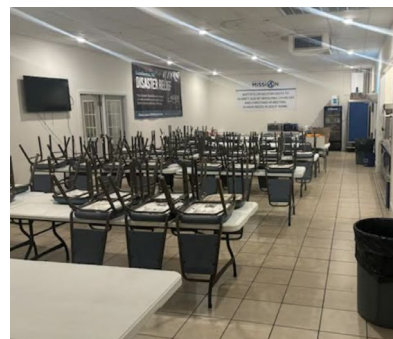
Welcome to the team!

This team started in 2015 and has grown steadily since then. Many members have had decades of disaster recovery and construction experience. There are also those who joined without any construction experience at all.

That's what makes it fun. We learn from each other. The fellowship and discipleship are a big part of it. God blesses us each time we serve together.

We are a team of over 60 men and women, volunteering to serve Christ through our willingness to work with our hands, to rebuild and help those that have suffered loss. Each one willing to serve has gifts that God can use to make a difference in a person's life that has lost so much. Please come join us and serve.

Our team consists of a wide range of ages, from late teens to mid-80's. We have projects that are single-day deployments, multi-day and week-long. Our overnight deployments consist of clean and comfortable accommodations for both the men and the women, usually staying in a Baptist built camp.



What do I bring:

On Most deployments members usually bring sleeping bag, shower towel and toiletries. Most of the accommodations, bunks are provided. Sometimes we may be required to sleep on a matt on the floor, but this is not usually the case. Your team leader will know if this is required before the team deploys. Members that use CPAP or other medical devices usually bring them along. This is not uncommon. All tools are provided as well, however if you have a specialty tool you like to use you are welcome to bring those. Check with your team leader before deployment if you have any questions. Once you register for a trip, the team leader usually sets up a group text with that team as to communicate any special needs.

Recent deployments:

Regional and National:

The team has served over 32 missions in 2024. These include the NC mountains from the devastation of Hurricane Helene as well as rebuilds in Lumberton, Rockingham and Fort Caswell from Hurricanes Florence, Floyd and Matthew. The conservative estimate of savings to the state convention and other government agencies is nearing several millions of dollars. Last year's records show we have donated over 3500 volunteer hours.



Local: We served with the Brotherhood ministry on construction of 10 dugouts for Hopewell's Recreation Ministry. This was a 2-day project. We also built decks for the handicapped throughout Union county.



Support and Equipment:

The team's equipment and tools are supplied by Hopewell's mission budget and the 10-10-10 ministry.

We recently accepted a delivery of a new equipment trailer. This now gives us two towed vehicles that house our tools and equipment. These trailers are equipped with most tools needed for demolition and rebuilding of any structure.

We are currently upfitting both trailers to a pod system in which we can move needed tools from one trailer to another quickly, based on the type of mission we are responding to. This allows us to take two teams in different directions. We were recently given a Conex box that is staged at Victory campus for extra tool storage and materials. We can also work on equipment as it needs repair. It is estimated that 95% of the material we use on sites is provided by the State Baptist Convention, FEMA local government or the homeowner. Most of our expenses for the team consists of travel costs and for our tools and equipment.



Communication:

We post 99% of our deployments on the church website. Here you can view the upcoming deployments and choose where you would like to serve. When you click on deployment you are directed to fill out the information which includes your name, email and contact information. This is then sent to our team leaders who will reach out to you with details.

Each name that is submitted is entered into a database as well as a TEXT group. Currently there are 5 text groups. These text groups are used only for mass informational messages. If you receive a text from the large text group, we ask that you text back to one of the three leaders on a separate text, as not to disturb the other 19 members of that group. This is also how we will send out deployments and important information that needs immediate attention and may not be posted on the website.

These text groups are limited to 20 each because that is the allowance when texting to a mixture of Apple and Android devices at one time. They are titled Baptist OM G1 – G5.

Upcoming Deployments:

We are currently looking to make recurring deployments for the second and last Friday and Saturday of each month. They will alternate between Lumberton and Western North Carolina.

March:

1. March 21st and 22nd, Lumberton, working out of Baptist camp. Continuing new construction homes to replace those destroyed during floods during hurricane Floyd and Matthew.
2. Work weekend to Paint team Conex Box at Church and up fit new trailer.

April:

1. April 11th and 12th, Lumberton, working out of the Baptist camp on new construction.
2. April 25th and 26th Mountains

3. Fort Caswell To be determined soon.



Past Deployments:

November

1. November 8th and 9th Lumberton
2. November 7th 8th and ninth Mountains

December

1. December 13th and 14th Lumberton
2. December 12th 13th and 14th Mountains

January

1. January 10th 11th and 12th Mountains
2. January 24th and 25th Lumberton

February

1. February 4th Installing post for dugouts Hopewell ball fields.
2. ~~February 6th and 8th Mountain (canceled due to weather had housing)~~
3. February 15th dugouts at Hopewell ball fields.
4. ~~February 21th and 22nd Lumberton (canceled due to snow)~~
5. February 22nd Shelving in Conex box
6. February 24th build deck in Rockingham
7. February 21st re-tarping roof:

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Sign up on the church website to volunteer for our next deployment event. You can also call or text the team coordinators.

Keep an eye on the church website for any new offerings.

<https://whatasavior.com/connect/serve/opportunity-detail/559495/>

[CLICK HERE](#) Spread the word and invite others to join our mission.