

Clarion Call to Assist in Disaster Relief:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As you have heard, Hurricane Harvey has wreaked untold damage on the states of Texas and Louisiana. It is our Christian duty to support and serve our brothers and sisters in Houston and Louisiana in their time of need in the aftermath of the worst disaster in our country's history.

Rev. Dr. William H. Foster, Jr., President of the Baptist General State Convention, has made an appeal to each District and Church to make the next two Sunday "Sacrificial Sundays". As Moderator of Wood River Baptist District Association, I am asking that each church in our district, contribute at least \$100.00 to help our people in the Texas/Louisiana area. Please send your contribution to our Treasurer, Rev. Dr. U. Pete Williams at the Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, 609 Bowman N. Ave., Danville, IL 61832. Make checks payable to the Wood River Baptist District Association, and in the "Memo" section, be sure to write "Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief". We will track every dollar and give a report of all monies, which will be sent to our National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

The Baptist Convention will also be asking for volunteers to go to the Texas and Louisiana areas at the appropriate time to serve and support the people in those devastated areas. We will be working with our Parent Body Vice Presidents and the Laymen's President, Deacon Milton Taylor, as well as the Laymen's Auxiliary and others to provide physical and spiritual support. If you have skills or a trade and are interested, please notify Deacon Taylor as soon as possible. We are also asking our churches to be prepared with supplies and much-needed items to send to Texas and Louisiana.

Please continue to pray for comfort, rebuilding and strength for all of those impacted by this catastrophe.

I thank you in advance for your sacrifice in giving. May God continue to richly bless you, and that none of your homes and ministries go lacking.

Thanking you in advance,

Reverend Silas Johnson, Moderator

Wood River Baptist District Association of Illinois