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Relief events scheduled for tomorrow

Cedar Landing Baptist Church hosts several events to aid storm victims

WINDSOR, N.C. – Two (2) relief events are scheduled to take place tomorrow at Cedar Landing Baptist Church located at 426 Cedar Landing Road inside the Cedar Landing Community which was one of the hardest impacted by Tropical Storm Isaias.

First, the Baptist Church will begin a drive-thru meal service tomorrow, Saturday, August 8th.

The schedule for meal service is as follows:

- Tomorrow, Saturday, August 8th
 - o Lunch hours: 1:00 - 2:00 PM (delayed due to a funeral service)
 - o Dinner hours: 5:30PM - 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 9th – Friday, August 14th
 - o Lunch hours: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (regular schedule as previously advertised)
 - o Dinner hours: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

The Baptist on a Mission will be providing meals during these hours until Friday, August 14th.

Second, the Church will also serve as a launch pad this weekend for local storm victims to be transported roundtrip by school bus to Bertie County's Storm Relief Donation Center. The Center has been feverishly collecting essential items such as bottled water, toiletries, bath linens, clothing, and baby products.

Any storm victims who would like to participate are asked to meet in the Church's parking lot just before 1:00 PM with photo identification. The event will end at 4:00PM, but will resume on Sunday, August 9th from 1:00-4:00PM under the same conditions.

Those affected may also drive personal vehicles to the Donation Center located at the Bertie Early College High School, 819 Governors Road, Windsor, NC 27983 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

“Our County staff, as well as all of the organizations already on the ground, are working around the clock during these recovery efforts. It’s a lot to organize, but we are doing everything we can to make sure those in need have access to these essential items that we sometimes take for granted,” Bertie County Manager, Juan Vaughan, II said today.

Third, and as previously reported, the Cedar Landing Baptist Church is also serving as a point of distribution (POD) site where local residents may obtain bottled water, cleaning supplies, food, and face coverings.

An EF-3 tornado was confirmed by the National Weather Service on Tuesday. The twister featured 140-145 mile an hour winds, and was reportedly 600 yards wide and traveled approximately 10 miles. The area known as “The Neck,” obtained significant damage as 26 homes were destroyed.

Those who have been displaced are being urgently asked to call the Storm Recovery Hotline at 252-794-6144. If the phone lines are busy, citizens are asked to keep trying until their information is personally received by a live staff member.

The Bertie County Morning Road Tornado Relief Fund has been set up for victims of the tornado, as well as Tropical Storm Isaias, at the Self-Help Credit Union. All donations to the Relief Fund will provide storm victims with food, temporary housing, and personal assistance, and will be administered by Bertie County.

Donations can be made to the Relief Fund via PayPal by going to paypal.me/BertieStrong. A donation button is also available on the County’s website.

This fund is the only County sanctioned and approved relief fund for Tropical Storm Isaias and the Morning Road tornado event.

Donations to the Relief Fund may also be dispersed to Bertie County, ATTN: Bertie County Morning Road Tornado Relief Fund, PO Box 530, Windsor, NC 27983.

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