



Disaster Relief | *Right Beside You.*
Florida Baptist Convention

FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

2023 Regional Training Events

Registration Starts at 8:30 AM | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Region 7	March 4	Southeast Training Center - Miami
Region 5	March 18	Covenant Fellowship - Stuart
Region 4	April 1	First Baptist Church - New Port Richey
Region 6	April 15	First Baptist Church - LaBelle
Region 3	April 29	First Baptist Church - Middleburg
Region 2	May 20	Hopeful Baptist Church - Lake City
Region 1	June 3	First Baptist Church on Bayshore - Niceville

First Time Volunteers

Registration Fee \$10 per person
(No pre-registration)

- First Time Volunteers will participate in our New Volunteer Class that is designed to prepare volunteers to be able to respond effectively with our ministry. Information will be shared to help answer the questions that all new volunteers typically have.
- First time volunteers will be able to choose Ministry Area Classes to obtain specialized training in the area they most likely want to work.
- You **may** cross train in other Ministry Areas by attending another regional training event.
- Price includes training materials and lunch. Note: **To receive ID badge at the training, you must complete a Background Check two weeks prior to date of your preferred training. To complete, visit <https://flbaptistdisaster.org>. Cost for background checks is additional.**

Returning Volunteers

Registration Fee \$10 per person
(No pre-registration)

- Returning Volunteers have several options:
 1. During the morning, **you** may choose to acquire additional training in **your** primary ministry area.
 2. After lunch, **you** may choose to attend another ministry area class to receive training in another specialty, thus expanding **your** ability to minister.
 Price includes lunch and training materials.

If your badge has expired, you will need to attend the New Volunteer Class to receive a new badge. Badges expire every 3 years. Background checks will be required when badges are renewed. Cost for background checks is additional, **which you must do on-line.**

If you choose to renew on-line, you will need to register, also. Check out the website at FLBaptistdisaster.org

Training provided in these Ministry areas: Mass Feeding – Clean up and Recovery – Administration – On Site Management – Logistics – Chaplaincy - Communications – Temporary Child Care

You have the option of on-line training. Our website gives all the information. FLBaptistdisaster.org

Quick FAQs

Who should attend this training? Anyone who wants to become a new volunteer in the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry or any previously trained volunteer who wants additional training or needs to retrain due to expired credentials. (Volunteers must retrain every 3 years)

Why do I have to be trained to be a volunteer? Emergency Management Officials now require all volunteers to be credentialed by an organization like ours before they are allowed to work in a disaster response area. Our training is designed to meet these requirements and prepare volunteers to do effective ministry when called upon.

How do I register? There is no pre-registration. Register at the event site between 8:30 AM & 9:00 AM the day of the event.

What about lunch? Lunch is prepared by trained feeding volunteers on one of our feeding units at the event.

Why isn't there an event closer to me? The training season can only be done between March and June to be ready to respond to our most likely disaster - hurricanes, between July – October. With a limited number of weekends available, we must do regional events. Our goal is to have at least 1 event within a 2 1/2 - hour drive for volunteers to attend. We move the sites to different associations from year to year within specific regions.

How old do you need to be to attend training? Everyone may attend the training, however, anyone under 18 will be considered a Youth. Youth cannot be called out on their own and will need to respond with their credentialed legal guardian. Youth do not have to pay the registration fee.

Will background checks be mandatory? Yes. The Florida Baptist Convention has now added this requirement to continue the practice of protecting those whom we serve.