



Eight Days of Hope - Rapid Response

Opelika, Alabama March 7th, 2019 – March 29th, 2019

What happened in Opelika, Alabama?

Sunday, March 3rd an EF-4 tornado touched down in multiple counties in Alabama and Georgia. Opelika suffered the worst of the storm. The storm was a tragic one as 23 residents lost their lives. Eight Days of Hope has decided to respond to love and serve this community.

What is the cost to attend?

It is free! We provide food and lodging. You just have to show up with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals and our volunteers for donations.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

We will provide sleeping accommodations. We will be staying at Trinity United Methodist Church. The address is: **800 2nd Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801**

The lodging is separated by gender.

Will there be any RV spots available?

We are sorry but there are **no** free RV accommodations available. Lake Side RV Park has available full hook up camper sites and will discount the rate for our volunteers. Please mention that you are with Eight Days of Hope when you call to reserve a spot. The campground is 6.8 miles from Trinity UMC. Lake Side RV Park is at 5664 US Hwy 280 East, Opelika Ala 36804. Their phone number is 334-705-0701.

Do I have to bring my own food?

No. We will provide food for all of our volunteers.

What kind of work will we be doing?

The primary work removing debris from the homes affected and tree work.

Should we bring tools?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using for gutting a home and removing trees.

Can we bring our youth group or our children? What about pets?

No, during Rapid Response trips we require everyone to be **18 years or older**. If you arrive with a child younger than 18, they will not be able to volunteer. Sorry, but no pets are allowed.

What will be a typical day serving with Eight Days of Hope?

Breakfast will start at 6:30 am. We will spend 10-15 minutes together with a special time of worship and devotion before we head out to help the families. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the job sites by the volunteers. Supper will begin at 6:00 pm.

What times can we arrive to “check in” to Eight Days of Hope and where do we go?

On **Thursday, March 7th** the check-in area will be open from **3:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Every day after and through **March 29th**, the check-in area will be open from **7:00 am – 8:00 pm**. Please check-in at Trinity UMC. The address is: **800 2nd Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801**

What else can we do to prepare?

Please pray for the families that were affected and that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety, both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers. Pray that God sends the people He wants to be a part of this outreach. Pray that God will not only allow us to bless families but that He opens up many doors for us as we encourage people in the name of Jesus Christ!

How do I sign up?

You can volunteer on our website under Volunteer on our homepage.

www.eightdaysofhope.com

What should I bring?

- Rapid Response t-shirt. If you do not have one, one will be provided
- Jeans, Good working boots or shoes
- Bible
- Case of water
- Gloves
- Linens, pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot (we will not have a bed for you)
- Towel, Toiletries

If you have any additional questions, please email info@eightdaysofhope.com or call 662-255-7565.