



Trinity River

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Overflowing with the Living Water of Jesus Christ

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Saturday, Sept. 16

Men Alive features horse whisperer



Paul Daily of Wild Horse Ministries will be the featured event at TRBA's Men Alive Outdoor Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at the TVE Fairgrounds in Liberty.

Daily is known for being able to "gentle" a horse in two hours or less, becoming the first person that horse has ever allowed to ride it.

It's a horse training demonstration, but also a spiritual experience as Daily talks throughout the process, pointing out similarities between man's relationship with God and a horse's relationship with his trainer.



The free event for the whole family will feature an archery shoot, BB contest for kids, exhibitors, give-aways, door prizes, bounce house, games, stick horse obstacle

course, roping dummy, cook-off, and free lunch including brisket, chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and beans.

Gates open at 10 a.m. for the games and exhibits. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The horse training demonstration will begin right after lunch. Door prize drawings will be after the demonstration.

Exhibits will include a fire engine from the City of Liberty Fire Department and a patrol car from the City of Liberty Police Department, as well as information ta-

bles set up by local churches and area ministries. LifeShare Blood Centers will have a mobile donation center at the event.

First Liberty will help people sign up to get help with their flooded homes, or to volunteer to help others.

The Pregnancy Care Center will register flood victims who need baby items.

The archery shoot, for those with their own equipment, will feature 3-D targets, one of which will be the grand prize for the best shooter of the day.

BB guns and goggles will be provided for kids who, with their parents' permission, take part in the BB contest. Top prize will be one of the BB guns.

Special delivery — Youth from First Devers deliver food and water to the home of a family flooded in by the storm.



TRBA mobilizes to help victims of Hurricane Harvey

TRBA is partnering with First Baptist Liberty and Virginia Baptist Disaster Response to help people whose homes were flooded by Hurricane Harvey.

This command center will cover the entire area of Trinity River Baptist Association, which includes south Liberty, west Hardin, and mid Chambers counties.

The First Baptist Church Liberty Recovery Center Hotline number is 936-256-3415.

That is the number to call if your home was flooded.

It is also the number to call if you want to volunteer to help people fix their flooded homes.

TRBA churches lining up volunteer groups to come do tear-out, clean-up or rebuild should also call that number if they need assignments for their visiting teams.

TRBA churches and members immediately took action when the storm hit, rescuing people from flooded homes, opening as shelters for evacuees, collecting and distributing water and other supplies, cooking meals, praying with people, sharing Christ.

Harvey hits five TRBA churches

Five TRBA churches report they had heavy damage from the rain and flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

Flooded were Trinity Dayton, South Dayton, First Hull, and Grayburg Sour Lake. Pathways Dayton had leaks around their steeple and water damage to several rooms.

Homes of two senior pastors were flooded: Michael Blackburn, Trinity Dayton, and Byron Sanford, Grayburg Sour Lake.

Church staff members with flooded homes include Howie Howeth, student minister of First Dayton; Brad Chachere, youth and music minister of Calvary Dayton; and Shawn Buser, youth minister of First Sour Lake.





Mission Journey

When Hurricane Harvey dumped more than 50 inches of rain on us at the end of August, our churches sprang into

action. They worked together with other churches and agencies in their communities to do whatever they could to meet the immediate need for shelter, water, food, and clothing.

As the need to shelter and feed people declines, we are now shifting our focus to helping people clean out their homes and — after several weeks of drying out — helping them restore their homes.

Virginia Baptist Disaster Response has set up a command center at First Baptist Church in Liberty to help us coordinate the recovery effort throughout the area of our association. This is the same group that worked out of First Liberty after Hurricane Ike. They are here for the long haul. Already they are sending assessors to check out property reported as damaged. Already groups of volunteers are being sent out to work on homes.

Please share this information with your congregation and beyond.

We are working in the entire area of Trinity River Baptist Association which covers south Liberty County, west Hardin County, and mid Chambers County. Anyone — not just members of our churches, but anyone — whose home was flooded should call the recovery center for help. The phone number is 936-256-3415.

If you know of groups of volunteers that want to come from outside our area, have them call that same number. Or if you are hosting a group of volunteers, call that same number to get some assignments for them.

As your church receives donations for flood relief, please consider using some or all of that money to help fund this recovery effort. We will be helping all of these homeowners at no cost to them, which means we

TRBA helps churches, pastors with gifts

Some of the first disaster relief funds received by TRBA are being distributed to the churches and pastors impacted by the storm.

\$1,000 gifts will go to the five churches that had damage. \$500 gifts will go to the senior pastors whose homes were damaged. \$200 gifts will go to church staff members whose homes were damaged.

“God is providing this help,” said David Williams, TRBA director of missions.

will need financial resources to provide clean-up and building materials as we move forward. In addition, we will need to feed volunteers who come to work.

If you do not have a disaster relief fund in your own church, TRBA has such a fund and will be glad to accept your donation and use it for that purpose.

Also, please consider being a host church, housing teams that come to help.

We’ve seen what Harvey can do. Now let’s watch what Jesus can do as we work together to share His love with the people around us.

Working with you to meet needs,
David Williams

State Missions Offerings

BGCI: Mary Hill Davis Offering

Sept. 10-17

SBTC: Reach Texas Offering

Sept. 17-24

Annual meeting to focus on TRBA disaster relief and recovery efforts

When Trinity River Baptists gather for their 73rd annual meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24, the theme will be the ongoing relief and recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey.

The meeting will be at North Main Baptist Church and will begin with a 5:15 p.m. session, followed by a 6 p.m. meal, and then a second session beginning at 7 p.m.

“There will be a lot for us to share about how the Lord has been using this disaster for His purposes,” said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. “We will hear testimonies from people whose homes were destroyed and from people who helped others put their lives back together.”

Representatives from Virginia Baptist

Pray for our pastorless churches

Gum Grove, since September 2017

First Sour Lake, since August 2017

First Devers, since January 2017
Bill Fabriguze, interim

First Anahuac, since March 2016
Trey Clark, interim

Wild Country, since May 2015

First Hull, since February 2014
John Guedry, interim

First Concord, since January 2014
Richard Stidham, interim

Oak Island, since December 2012
Rick Jackson, interim

TRBA sets up disaster fund

TRBA is receiving donations designated to help with disaster relief and recovery.

Funds have already been received and gifts are being delivered to churches, pastors and staff members impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Donations received in the future will be used in a variety of ways to help finance the relief/recovery effort. Some expenses anticipated include meals for volunteers, clean-up supplies, and building materials.

“Volunteers will be coming from around the country to help our area,” said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. “We need to be ready to provide them a place to stay, food to eat, and the supplies and materials they need to do their work.”

Disaster Relief will be special guests for the evening. Based at First Liberty, the Virginia Baptists are serving as incident command for disaster relief efforts throughout the entire area of TRBA.

“It’s appropriate that we are meeting this year at North Main, one of our churches that opened its doors to shelter evacuees,” Williams said. Several Liberty area shelters were consolidated into the one at North Main when the Red Cross took over the operations there.

“When we meet at North Main, the sweet aroma of selfless, sacrificial service, will still be in the air,” Williams said. “They gave of their facilities, their time, their energy, in order to provide a safe and happy place for those who had lost their homes.”



If water came into your house...

1. Take photos of the water damage. Videos are good, but be sure to take some still shots also. Run a tape measure from the floor to where the water line is and take photos of that.
2. If you have insurance, alert your insurance company right away.
3. Register with FEMA at 800-621-3362 or www.disasterassistance.gov.
4. Register your home with the First Baptist Church Liberty Recovery Center by calling 936-256-3415. They will send someone to assess your home and will send volunteers to help as they are available.
4. Rip out and throw away any water-damaged carpet, wood floors, drywall and insulation. Don't wait for an insurance adjuster. Just make sure to have plenty of photos/videos and keep samples of the materials you removed. Be sure to follow local government instructions about how to divide the debris into different piles in front of your house.
5. Remediate any mold found. Use Shockwave, the industry standard, or undiluted distilled white vinegar.
6. Wait for everything to completely dry out. This will take several weeks. Use a moisture meter, available at hardware stores. Do not begin rebuilding until moisture in the walls is less than 12%.
7. After everything is dry, then replace sheetrock and flooring.

ABOVE LEFT: Daniel Harris, left, pastor of Covenant in New Caney, and Ken Davis, right, pastor of Calvary in Dayton, were among those who came to help Trinity Dayton work on their flooded building. Trinity's pastor, Michael Blackburn, center, also had water damage to his home. Trinity was one of five TRBA churches heavily damaged by the storm. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Michael McIlwain, music minister of Kenefick Southern, distributes supplies from a semi-trailer in the church parking lot. Many TRBA churches distributed water, food, clothing and other donated items to hurricane victims.

TRBA responds to Hurricane Harvey

BELOW LEFT: Daniel and Christine Harris pick up a load of donated clothes to take to two families living near their church, Covenant Baptist in New Caney. When TRBA learned the two families had lost everything in the flood, they gathered appropriately sized clothes from three shelters in Liberty to take to the families. **BELOW RIGHT:** Louis and Della McBride and Kathy Kennedy of Berean Tabernacle Baptist in Liberty, sort clothes, food and water to give people from their church's Center for Missions on Hwy. 90.



Sheltering people — North Main in Liberty was one of several TRBA churches that opened as shelters when the hurricane hit. After a week, nearby shelters were consolidated into North Main's which was then taken over by the Red Cross. Other TRBA churches that opened shelters included First Liberty, Old River, First Sour Lake, and First Batson. First Dayton, First Hull and Hardin cooked meals for evacuees.



Four more in the family — David Smith, at pulpit, presents certificates to these four baptized at Wild Country on Sunday, Aug. 6.



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Family Visitors' Center Schedule

Sept 2 (Sat)	Sept 17 (Sun)
AM Mendoza & Simmons	AM Smarts
PM Kinney & Nichols	PM Baldrigues
Sept 3 (Sun)	Sept 23 (Sat)
AM Adairs	AM C. & G. Theis
PM Thomas & Catchings	PM Vseteckas
Sept 9 (Sat)	Sept 24 (Sun)
AM Cain & Clark	AM Shaws
PM Hortmans	PM Hinch & Barefield
Sept 10 (Sun)	Sept 30 (Sat)
AM Presnulls	AM Garvins
PM McGuires	PM Herring & Morales
Sept 16 (Sat)	Oct 1 (Sun)
AM Goff & Davis	AM Adairs
PM Herring & Morales	PM Thomas & Catchings

Receipts July, 2017

	July 2017	Jan-Jul '17
Batson Prairie	0.00	350.00
Berean Tabernacle	100.00	800.00
Calvary, Dayton	500.00	3,500.00
Calvary, Liberty	112.00	1,684.00
Center, Thicket	43.00	379.00
Central Daisetta	0.00	0.00
Central, Liberty	79.55	651.37
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Eminence	0.00	0.00
First Anahuac	416.67	2,916.69
First Batson	50.00	350.00
First Concord	720.24	720.24
First Daisetta	231.00	2,189.10
First Dayton	534.12	5,649.92
First Devers	254.76	1,993.95
First High Island	240.00	1,632.00
First Hull	0.00	0.00
First Liberty	905.19	8,368.36
First Saratoga	323.40	2,993.83
First Sour Lake	691.25	5,813.51
Grace Community	909.00	7,714.50
Grayburg	0.00	0.00
Gum Grove	32.16	284.24
Hardin Baptist	924.43	9,774.11
Heights	1,755.14	7,634.05
House of Living Waters	0.00	0.00
Kenefick Southern	333.33	2,664.22
Line Camp Cowboy	237.24	2,261.73
Mt Calvary	425.10	3,674.51
North Main	376.07	3,911.39
Nuevo Amanacer	0.00	0.00
Oak Island	53.77	553.52
Old River	1,375.00	9,625.00
Pathways	0.00	501.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	525.00
Smith Point	28.50	308.36
South Dayton	0.00	250.00
Sweet Home	0.00	0.00
Trinity	100.00	700.00
West End	0.00	2,717.00
Whispering Meadows	483.48	825.01
Wild Country Mission	93.78	288.65
Interest	2.85	38.06
TOTAL	12,406.03	94,242.32



Mission team — First Dayton members take a moment for a group photo in one of several churches they visited during their July 10-17 Dominican Republic mission trip. The team led Vacation Bible School in four locations, using the 3 Circles evangelistic presentation as the basis of their VBS curriculum. They also made home visits in the communities.

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Trinity River Baptist Association September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day TRBA Office Closed	5 12 pm Pastor Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Gideons	6	7	8	9
10	11 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	12 9 am-noon Food Pantry 6 p.m. TRBA Executive Board First Saratoga	13	14	15	16  10 am-2 pm Men Alive Outdoor Expo TVE Fairgrounds
BGCT Week of Prayer for State Missions and Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions, Sept. 10-16						
17	18 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	19 12 pm Pastor Fellowship	20	21	22	23
SBTC Reach Texas Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions, Sept. 17-23						
24	25 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	26 9 am-noon Food Pantry	27 See You At the Pole (Student-led prayer at flag pole before school)	28	29	30