

**Teach people to evacuate – why, as Christians, they need to do this**

- Taxing the resources of the County (Fire Dept., Police, etc.)
- Safety of their families
- Being in need vs. being a help

**BUT – for people who are able-bodied and can stay...**

- Encourage people to stay and volunteer in shelters, prepare for immediate response
- Encourage people to prepare for a hurricane for themselves and for their neighbors (food and water for their neighbors who didn't prepare...) They are either in a place where they need to be helped or they are prepared to help others

**Prepare people to minister Jesus**

- Teach people to talk about Jesus, offer to pray, etc. (not either end – not hard sell evangelism, but not ignoring the words and spiritual help)

**This is not a “the church is taking care of it” project – this is an “all hands on deck” project. You won't have too many volunteers!**

**Encourage them to have their unchurched friends take part**

**What individuals and small businesses can do (“What I Learned from Four Hurricanes”)**

**What would God have them do (creativity – treats and special things were truly special)?**

**Prepare the Church to be a “shelter” for those in need (not literally a hurricane shelter, but a place to go sit, have a meal, get some help, talk to someone, pray with someone, get information...)**

**Church members can collect all year for donation, 2<sup>nd</sup> level items like radios, camping stoves, tarps, lanterns, etc., as well as 1<sup>st</sup> level items like food staples, baby goods, etc.**

**They can find out about their neighbors – the elderly and the “special needs”**

**They can hand out hurricane preparation lists to their neighbors**