



# LIBERTY COUNTY RESPONDS

## 2020 ANNUAL UPDATE

### Mission

To unite, empower and mobilize churches in Liberty County to expedite long-term recovery, respond to community crises, and prepare for future disasters.

### 2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments

- Identification of Disaster Response Coordinators
- Food Distribution
- Coalition Readiness Planning

### STORY: Transformed by Crisis Response

As the COVID-19 crisis unfolded, churches from Liberty County Responds took action to meet the community's needs in various ways. One church, Liberty Church of Christ, used its community food bank to serve families both physically and spiritually. Volunteers put in extra time to keep up with the demand for food.



The story of Richard and Patsy, shared by Pastor Bryant Perkins, illustrates the profound impact that crisis response ministry can have on both receivers and givers. Richard and Patsy initially started coming to the food bank for assistance. After being served by volunteers regularly, they decided that they too wanted to volunteer to help others. Richard and Patsy got to know other volunteers, began attending Bible classes, and eventually dedicated their lives to Christ.

Crises like COVID-19 can magnify existing community needs and issues, such as lack of adequate food. They can create more opportunities for volunteers to serve, like Richard and Patsy, who were transformed by being served and by serving others. Richard and Patsy will impact many more lives as they continue volunteering through the crisis response ministry.

### Leadership



**Josh Hale**  
*Coalition Contact*

### Advisory Team



**Reylon Bell**  
*Oilfield Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church*

**Josh Hale**  
*First Baptist Church Liberty*

**Bryant Perkins**  
*First Baptist Church Liberty*

**Ted Smith**  
*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

**Guy Williams**  
*First Baptist Church Dayton*

### Participating Churches



Bethel Church Liberty  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Church That Cares  
Dayton First Assembly  
First United Methodist Church Dayton  
First United Methodist Church Liberty  
Grace Church  
Journey Fellowship Church  
Kenefick Southern Baptist Church  
Liberty Church of Christ  
Mount Olive Baptist Church  
Oilfield Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### Participating Organizations



American Red Cross  
Liberty County LTRC

## 2020 | Highlights

Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.



Participating Churches **13**



Disaster Response Coordinators **8**



Families Served **8,138**



Pounds of Food Distributed **317,325**



Value Invested in the Community **\$539,000**

## 2021 | Vision



New Participating Churches **12**



Disaster Response Coordinators **20**



Families Served **9,000**



Volunteer Hours **250**



New Funds Raised **\$10,000**



Value Invested in the Community **\$400,000**

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