



# Caroline Baptist Association

Empowering Kingdom Growth Through Cooperation

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Dear Pastor,

The Disaster Relief teams across Arkansas and the US do a great ministry and service to those who find themselves in crisis after a storm or some type disaster. Our DR team in our association is a chainsaw unit that helps clear debris from homes of people that have no place to turn for help.

In the recent ice storm, our team was able to use a piece of equipment that helped them to do their work a lot faster and much more efficiently. A Genie lift that lifts about 45 feet into the air above houses to get to trees and limbs that otherwise they could not reach. This lift was so effective that when they gave a report at this month's Executive Board meeting the Board approved the purchase of a similar lift for our association! The cost is \$20,900 which we are taking from the funds that we have in the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. The Executive Board does want our churches to have an opportunity to replenish the monies that were taken from this account and also give all of our people an opportunity to give towards this purchase.

Normally, during the month of May, when associations are recognized for their ministry and work, special offerings have been not been a part of this week. However, we feel this would be a great time for our churches to mention the association and specifically highlight one of the main ministries of the association, the Disaster Relief team. We developed an offering envelope especially for this to send to the churches to insert in their bulletins or to place in your foyer. This offering could be taken the Association Missions Emphasis Week May 17-24 and used only for the new lift.

The DR team wants you to also know that they are available to bring the lift to your church for a live demonstration or even use it at the church or any member's home to remove trees/limbs. This lift is YOUR lift as well and they are willing to schedule a time to do their ministry wherever needed. The contact for the demonstration or work to be scheduled is Blue Cap Rex Williams at 501.201.0138.

Thank you for your consideration of this. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. If you need more envelopes, please call us at 501.676.6558.

Blessings to you,

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