



Chickasaw, Mississippi

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Directions

Coming west on US-78 near Tupelo. Take Exit 85, then turn left onto Natchez Trace Parkway. Travel 25 miles, then exit to MS-32 and turn left. Travel 4.7 miles and turn left onto MS-15 S. Travel 2.2 miles and stay left onto N Jackson St/Co Rd 219/MS-15. Travel 2.3 miles and turn right onto 5th Ave. 106 5th Ave is on the right.

Coming east on US-78 from Memphis. Take Exit 64, MS-15/MS-30 E toward Pontotoc/Ripley. Turn right onto MS-15 S. Travel 17.8 miles and turn right onto S Main St/MS-15 S. Continue to follow MS-15 for 20.1 miles. Stay left onto N Jackson St/Co Rd 219/MS-15. Travel 2.3 miles and turn right onto 5th Ave. 106 5th Ave is on the right.

Location

Chickasaw County is located in northeast Mississippi,

Demographics

Chickasaw County was named for the Chickasaw Indians who inhabited this area. It is largely rural with a population of approximately 17,000. Average household income is well below that of the rest of the state. Paper and furniture manufacturing are the largest industries. There are two county seats, located in Okolona and in Houston.

April 2011 Tornadoes

The worst tornado outbreak of 2011 raked across Mississippi and Alabama on April 27, killing hundreds of people. Tornadoes skipped across southern Chickasaw County, not staying on the ground for long distances, but damaging and destroying many homes. Three people were killed in the county.

MDS

MDS will work with the Long Term Recovery Committee to repair and rebuild homes in Chickasaw County. The MDS camp will be located in two houses owned by the Parkway Baptist Church in the town of Houston. These houses have space for both long-term volunteers and short-term volunteers, with parking for several RVs on the yard.