



Cordova, Alabama

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Directions

Coming from the east or west, on Hwy 78 and future I-22. Take exit 65, at Jasper (Industrial Blvd). Travel north, at the 2nd traffic light, turn right onto Hwy 5 south. Travel approximately 3 miles. Turn Right at the caution light, (Butter Milk Road) Travel approximately 1 mile. Sleepy Holler Campground is on the left. Continue to signs that say "office/church." Don't go to office as it has turns an RV can't negotiate. Follow sign to church and at Watts Creek Rd turn right. Follow till you see MDS signs.

Location

Cordova is located in Northwestern Alabama, just west of Birmingham.

Demographics

Cordova, located just west of Birmingham was founded in 1871, just after the Civil War. Most of the original settlers were of English ancestry and the town was named after one of the major industrial cities in the United Kingdom. In the early days of Birmingham's history, the major industries were iron and steel. In the 1950's and 1960's, Birmingham became the center of the Civil Rights Movement in the south. Birmingham is the largest city in the state of Alabama with a population of approximately 200,000 people. Twenty-five percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

EF-4 Tornado 2011

Alabama residents saw one of the worst tornado outbreaks ever on April 27, 2011. Over 60 tornados were reported on that day across the state and 243 people lost their lives. More than 13,000 homes were destroyed or heavily damaged across the state. Cordova, Birmingham and surrounding areas took a direct hit.

MDS

MDS has strong connections in the area from several local Mennonite affiliated congregations and due to extensive work by MDS volunteers in 1998 following tornados. MDS completed weeks of cleanup in the area and are now ready to begin the long process of rebuilding. Volunteers will be parking their RV's at the Sleepy Holler Camp Ground. Current work includes both repairs and building new homes in the county.