



BENNETTSVILLE, SC

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Hurricane Florence – 2018

Location

Bennettsville is located by the Great Pee Dee River in Marlboro County, South Carolina, which is in the north-east part of the state. It was founded in 1819 and is named after former South Carolina governor Thomas Bennett. In 1978, the Bennettsville Historic District was designated and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Disaster

Hurricane Florence hit land in North Carolina on September 14, 2018 as a Category 1 hurricane. Florence caused widespread power outages and dumped heavy rain along coastal areas, which, along with a large storm surge, caused widespread flooding. Many areas received record-breaking rainfall, with some places measuring more than 30 inches.

MDS Response

MDS volunteers will be staying at Pinehill Baptist Retreat and Camp.

Volunteers will primarily be focusing on repair work from flooding after Hurricane Florence. Most of the homes have been mucked out, so the work will mainly be insulation, drywall, flooring, kitchens and trim work.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Florence Regional Airport is the closest airport, about 41 miles away. Several car rental companies are available (AVIS is one and can be reached at 1-800-633-3469).
- The closest Amtrak station is in Dillon, SC, about 27 miles away. There is an Enterprise Rent-A-Car about a mile from the station which can be reached at 1-855-266-9289.

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Directions

Use GPS to direct you to the project site. Once you turn onto Baptist Road, use the attached maps (see next page) to find the entrance to the camp. When you enter the camp, go to the dining hall for parking instructions and directions to the MDS bunkhouse.

