

# FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF CHAPLAINCY

Fred Edwards  
[FLDRChaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:FLDRChaplaincy@gmail.com)

## Process for becoming a DR Chaplain

### Complete DR Background Check

- <https://flbaptist.org/disaster-relief-background-check/>
- Follow the instructions on this page. (Common Q&A's are found here)
- You will be able to pay the fee via credit/debit card. This "must" be completed before you can be credentialed as a DR Chaplain.
- The Florida Baptist Convention DR office will be notified when the check is complete.
- Thank you for completing your background check prior to attending training.

### Attend a Disaster Relief Regional Training

- Seven trainings are available each year throughout the state (Saturdays)
- See training schedule for dates and locations here:  
<https://flbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DR-training-flyer-2022.pdf>
- Take the "Introduction to Chaplaincy" class in the afternoon session.

### Submit a DR Chaplaincy application

- Find the application here: <https://flbaptist.org/disaster-relief-chaplaincy-application/>
- Be sure that the application says "**Disaster Relief** Chaplaincy Application" at the top.
- When complete, click the "SEND" button at the bottom of the form.
- You may also print the form and mail to:  
Florida Baptist Convention  
Atten: Disaster Relief Admin.  
6850 Belfort Oaks Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32216
- FLDR Admin will receive your application and FLDR Chaplaincy will reach out to you.

## Submit Spiritual/Character Reference(s)

Submit to address above or email to [dr.assistant@flbaptist.org](mailto:dr.assistant@flbaptist.org).

Ordained persons: One reference from pastor or other related leader.

Layperson: Two references, one from home church pastor and one from church or chaplain leader.

## Attend the three-day DR Chaplains/Operational Stress First Aid (OSFA) training.

- Trainings will be held at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center near Leesburg, FL (dates to be announced).
- Training days will be Thursday – Saturday.
- Lodging and meals will be provided at no or low cost. (*Bring toiletries and bedding*)
- Cost of travel will be the responsibility of the student.
- Additional trainings may be scheduled if logistics, personnel, and student number requirements are met.
- Upon successful completion, you will be issued a Certificate of Completion.

## Experience

- One week call-out experience with a chaplain or under supervision of a team Blue Hat.
- email [FLDRChaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:FLDRChaplaincy@gmail.com) or call Fred Edwards at 352-210-6497 if you have any questions.
- Upon successful completion of on-site experience, a chaplain's badge and cap will be issued.
- Please inform us of any pastoral/chaplain related experience that you already have.

### **If you would like to serve as a chaplain in other Florida Baptist ministry areas:**

- FL Baptist Chaplaincy (other than Disaster Relief)

Contact Marc Johnston, Community Ministry Catalyst at: [Marc.Johnston@flbaptist.org](mailto:Marc.Johnston@flbaptist.org) for more information or check out the website: <https://flbaptist.org/chaplaincy>.

- North American Mission Board Disaster Relief Chaplain (Endorsement)
  - Complete the training "Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"
  - Complete the training "Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chaplain's Manual"
  - Complete one unit of training in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Go to <https://www.namb.net/chaplaincy/disaster-relief>