

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN OF NEBRASKA MAKES AN URGENT CALL FOR PREPAREDNESS

- Our prayers go out to those who have been and continue to be affected by the recent weather extremes and experience unparalleled dangers and destruction to people, property and livestock across our great state.
- By the time this will pass virtually every one of us will have personal knowledge of or have a relationship with someone that has been touched by one of these events.
- There will be great need for help, comfort and most of all prayers in the days and weeks ahead. And while it is the instinct of each of us to want to immediately rush to help, for now the only thing we can do is let the professionals do their jobs as we prepare for the days ahead. The time is now for preparation.
- **The American Baptist Men of Nebraska Disaster Ministry is issuing a State Wide Request** for our men's ministries and churches to prepare a minimum of 5 FLOOD BUCKETS to be available locally to your families, church families and community Emergency Management Agencies once the flood waters recede. *We have provided suggestions here for preparation of each FLOOD BUCKET.*
- Over the weeks ahead, as the floodwaters recede there will soon be calls from family, churches and neighbors in our communities who need our help. These FLOOD BUCKETS and your volunteering will provide the immediate resources needed to begin their recovery. ABMen of Nebraska's Disaster Ministry encourages each of our men's ministry groups and churches to.....
 - a) *Communicate any needs prior to the waters receding as they come,*
 - b) *Encourage our men (we are a men's ministry) and churches to be prepared and available when called,*
 - c) *Focus on our own families, church families and neighbors / communities first and foremost if you are in the immediate flood areas,*
 - d) *Prepare for calls for help from sister ABC churches and neighbors,*
 - e) *Encourage the churches to prepare flood buckets,*
 - f) *Support your local church, ABC Nebraska Region and ABMEN Disaster Relief funds,*
- As we go forward we will continue to share updated information received through our social media sites.

ABMen of Nebraska is a laymen's ministry engaging in a mission of *Mentoring, Evangelism* and *Nurturing* (M.E.N.). If you'd like to know more please contact any member as we can do more through your support.
This can be our finest hour, as we prepare to be the hands and feet of Christ.