

More Than 40 Bethel Members Lose Everything in Carr Fire

The Trump administration has declared California a major disaster. Eighteen major fires are burning right now and at least eight people have died.

One of the blazes, the Carr fire in Redding, has destroyed more than 1,000 homes and displaced tens of thousands of people.

But while the devastation is historic for this northern California community of 90,000, there's also a rising hope.

On Sunday morning at Bethel Church, thousands lifted their hands and sang about God's love. You can still see the smoke here from the nearby fire which continues to burn north and west of town.

The Carr fire started July 23 outside of Redding and surprised many by invading the city a few days later.

It destroyed entire neighborhoods and seemingly cherry-picked homes in others, decimating some homes while leaving others on the same street intact. The fire's ability to jump properties has left some in Redding to rejoice and other to mourn—and everyone to question their sense of safety.

Pastor Elizabeth Woning at Bethel has spent the last week as a volunteer counselor at the church. "Whether you were in the evacuation area or you've lost a home or your home is OK, the whole community is on edge," she told CBN News.

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If you want to help those affected by the fires, you can give through Charisma's non-profit partner Christian Life Missions.

One hundred percent of your donation will go to those affected. We have already sent \$5000 to Bill Johnson and Bethel Church since they know where the needs are. Send a check to Fire Disaster Fund, Christian Life Missions, 600 Rinehart Rd. Lake Mary, Florida 32746. Or give through PayPal at . or call 407-333-0600 during business hours to give by phone.

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