

Lakewood Church Opens Up for Storm Relief

Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas opened up for storm relief for all those in the wake of Beryl.

“Beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., Lakewood will serve as a cooling and water distribution center, and safe haven for anyone in need,” the church posted on Facebook.

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The megachurch also utilized their relief teams to get supplies, and emergency kits to those in need as well as clean up areas of the city that were impacted.

They provided an update later today with photos of their relief team working together.

“It has been incredible to see people in Houston coming together to help those affected by the storm. If you need a place to get out of the heat and cool off, you are welcome here!” the church wrote.

This quick emergency response comes after Lakewood Church and its pastor, Joel Osteen, came under heat in 2017 for not responding quick enough to the city’s needs when Hurricane Harvey hit Houston.

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In the wake of Harvey, Lakewood did eventually open up its doors to those in need, partnering with Samaritan’s Purse as

well.

“Lakewood’s doors are open to anyone needing shelter. We are also coordinating with the city as a collection site for distributing supplies to area shelters,” the church said in 2017.

However, Lakewood was not quite prepared at that time for the scope of Harvey’s devastation.

Speaking with Charisma News in 2017, the Lakewood shared that “The city was prepared for this dangerous storm, and the city and county have provided rescue teams that are ready to go...there’s a shelter that’s five times bigger than our church just a few miles away stocked with everything people need, from food to medical supplies.”

While Beryl is not a large of a storm as Harvey was, Lakewood took a different approach this time in their efforts to provide aid quickly.

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