

Shelters, agencies providing assistance

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Delois and Nathaniel Pasley had to leave their Center Point home, their 6-year-old dog Bo in tow, following Monday's tornado.

Three trees through the couple's three-bedroom home along 4th Place NE made that escape necessary. They were among about 15 storm survivors who had trickled into First Baptist Church of Center Point by Monday afternoon for hot

soup and combread, coffee, other snacks and kind words from Red Cross and Birmingham Baptist Association volunteers.

Delois said she was awakened about 4 a.m. Monday by her husband's yells. "I made it to the door when something fell and hit me," Pasley said lifting one of her pant legs to reveal a reddish, purple wound. One of the three trees that hit their house crashed into the bedroom just as she got to the bedroom door, she said.

The couple had moved into the house in December and Nathaniel Pasley had

just hired someone to paint the trim on their new home. "They were supposed to come today," Delois said.

The couple was trying to get in touch with Delois' brother, Otto Smith, who is in Kentucky on business.

"We want to ask him if he had room for us to stay with him," she said.

Stan and Brenda Diger-ness, the shelter's managers, said the church has enough room for about 100 people to stay. The building has shower and bathroom facilities for people who opt to stay on cots that were expected Monday afternoon.