



MISSION TEAMS

Dear Mission Team and Leaders,

Thank you for coming to serve at Bridge of Faith Community Church! As we strive to see a generation transformed through Jesus Christ, know that each day you are here is a day of planting seeds for an eternal harvest. Since Bridge of Faith began serving this community in 2005, we have seen many spiritual victories, and the best is yet to come! Thank you for investing in eternity!

At Bridge of Faith, our mission is to transform generations that transform communities. Throughout the years, many organizations and countless individuals have partnered with God’s work in Rockaway Beach. It is an incredible experience to see where God is already working and to join Him there.

Mission Teams can join us in our vision to transform this former resort town from one known for deep poverty, methamphetamine use, and broken families to one where individuals and families flourish with an understanding of their true identity in Christ.

The Lord has provided for us to purchase an abandoned resort, as well as many downtown properties. We are working to renovate some of the buildings into business spaces and others into college housing in order to provide jobs and opportunities for our community. When we preach the Gospel, we strive to do it “wholistically,” because we believe God has concern for the whole person: physical, emotional, and spiritual. Throughout the year, there is abundant opportunity to assist with construction projects, church programs, and our multi-site thrift store ministry.

We are honored to have your team join us to further the Kingdom in rural Southwest Missouri!

Things to Know

Ministry Flexibility

You will be joining us for our daily ministry in our community. Depending on the season, time, weather, and needs of the day, experiences we encounter may vary and change on short notice. Please be flexible in this area. On the church campus, there are many ministries that happen daily – come ready to serve and help where the need arises!

Our goal is to raise up the next generation of Christians in our church and community, and to disciple those already growing in Christ. So, when mission teams come and assist the ongoing ministry taking place, it pushes us along and blesses our people in tremendous ways. We don’t usually have the capacity to add something new or do something differently when you come. Our church calendar keeps us going!

Below is the typical mission team weekly schedule:

Saturday: Check in at 4pm	Sunday: Worship, lunch, tour	Monday: Serve!	Tuesday: Serve!	Wednesday: Serve!	Thursday: Serve!	Friday: Rest and Recreation	Saturday: Check out at 10am
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**Specialized schedules require staff approval. See below for staff contact information.*

Summers at the Beach

Teams coming in June have the opportunity to serve in our Summers at the Beach program. **Training is required for this program**, and it takes place Sunday evenings in June, before the work week. This training is essential in helping mission teams understand the program. It also gives our staff an opportunity to get to know you and place you in positions for success during the week.

Manual Labor & Specialized Skills

We may undertake various manual labor jobs while you serve with us. If anyone in your group possesses specific skills in this area, such as dry-wall, construction, etc., please let us know!

Project Funds

While project funds are not required to serve with us, project funds are greatly appreciated! These funds allow us to move projects along quicker while your team is serving with us. On average, teams bring \$2500 to help with projects. We could not do what we do without this tremendous help.

Meals

June teams serving with *Summers at the Beach*: individuals 18 years old and under can eat breakfast and lunch for free Monday-Thursday, and individuals over 18 years can eat breakfast and lunch for \$5.00 Monday-Thursday. This is optional.

Another option for teams is the [White River Coffee Co.](#) We highly recommend this on-campus coffee shop. It is Christian-owned, and the specialty drinks and sandwiches are fantastic. For information and group rates, contact Dean O'Bryan at 417-770-7251.

We ask that teams pay for the Sunday lunch at La Pizza Cellar. Please plan for up to five additional people from the Bridge of Faith team to join you. One of our pastors will lead a tour following this lunch.

Lodging

Teams may make use of the church's *Lodge* facility. This building sleeps up to 32 people (16 on the men's side and 16 on the women's side) and has separate men's and women's bunk rooms and bathrooms with showers. Included with the Lodge is the Gathering Room - this space has a laundry machine and a full kitchen with appliances.

Facility Cost

\$20 per person, per night, with a \$50 cleaning fee. There is a minimum charge of \$500 for reserving the Lodge for the week.

Your team leader will receive the 4-digit door passcode.

*Payment is due upon arrival of mission week. Cash, check or credit card are accepted.

Cleaning Responsibilities

As part of our commitment to maintaining affordable nightly rates for our lodge, we kindly request your help in checkout procedures, which include cleaning responsibilities. By taking a few moments to tidy up the Lodge and Gathering Room before departure, you can significantly contribute to reducing the overall cleaning time and costs. Your assistance in these cleaning responsibilities will not only help keep our nightly rates lower but will also allow us to allocate resources towards our ministry and community initiatives. Thank you!

Pet Policy

Registered service animals only please. If you're willing, communicate with us on what task your animal is trained for, in the event that we need to suggest alternative accommodations for you. You will be held responsible for any damages caused by the service animal.

Trip Availability

Call 417-561-0777 and ask for Cameron Mund or email cameron@bridgeoffaithcc.com

Release of Liability

Each Team Member must fill out a copy of the attached document, "Volunteer Registration and Liability Release," form prior to serving for Bridge of Faith Community Church.

General Packing List

- Bedding (pillow and sleeping bag)
- First-Aid kit
- Bible, Pen and journal or notebook
- Personal toiletries – shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.
- Shower shoes or flip-flops
- Towels and washcloths
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Plenty of work clothes!

Preparing to Serve

Following the Leader

All team members must make a serious effort to support, respect, and follow their team's leaders. This mission trip will stretch and challenge you, and your leaders have an enormous responsibility for your growth, relationships, and safety. Pray for your team leaders every day as they will make many decisions (many you will not even know about) and they need your support, cooperation, and prayers.

Maintaining an Attitude of Servanthood

Ministry works well when everyone enters with the attitude of serving one another. Leaders and team members are asked to be servants as they encourage, support, and affirm each other. Ask yourself in all situations: "What is left to do?" "How can I help others finish the tasks?" "How can I leave it better than I found it?"

Prayer

Begin to pray now for what God wants to do through you and your group. Pray that you will be receptive to what God is going to do in you and your group. Pray for the safety of your group's travels and ministry.