



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 being planted in 2005, Bridge of Faith has served this community, 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.

We recently purchased an abandoned resort and are working to renovate some of the cabins into business spaces 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 would be 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.

Manual Labor

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, electrical, plumbing, construction, etc., please inform us as soon as possible.

Working Together

On the church campus, there are many ministries that happen daily – come ready to serve and help where the need arises!

Summers at the Beach Meals

Teams serving with Summers at the Beach: individuals 18 years old and under can eat breakfast and lunch for free Monday-Thursday, and individuals 18 years old and up 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.

Lodging

Teams may make use of the church's *Lodge* facility. This building sleeps up to 36 and has separate men's and women's bunk rooms and bathrooms with showers. Mission teams are expected to respect and care for the facilities.

Facility Cost

\$15 per person, per night.

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

Trip Availability:

Call Cameron Mund at 417-561-0777 for availability

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.