

West Bank Baptist Church



MISSION TEAM PACKAGE

Dear Church Leader,

My name is Trenton Fleener, Elder and Missions Director at West Bank Baptist Church in Marrero, Louisiana. Thank you for your interest in serving with us. West Bank Baptist Church is a Send North America church plant designed to reach the Marrero community of greater New Orleans with the gospel. The enclosed packet will first help you determine whether you want to partner with us by sending a mission team to Marrero along with the necessary information for planning your trip and time with us.

For 2018 our primary needs are canvassing and volunteering at our meeting location, Miller Wall Elementary. Our secondary needs are putting on backyard Bible clubs and block parties. Many of the locations where our teams serve have high crime rate. Therefore, groups with children and youth will only work in safer neighborhoods while college age and adult groups will travel into the higher-risk areas.

If you would like to serve with West Bank Baptist Church you can contact us in two ways. First, call me at 270-230-3066. You can also send an email to wbbc.missions@gmail.com. In this email please include your **contact information, a good time to call, and preferred dates to serve**. When requesting dates to serve, please be mindful that in 2018 our dates for mission teams are only from Wednesday evening through the following Sunday. If you desire to arrive earlier or stay longer please make arrangements with other New Orleans ministries for opportunities to serve. Requested dates are not guaranteed to be granted.

Once you are in Marrero myself or another member of West Bank will take you through our Mission Team Orientation, where we will explain all your mission activities and provide all necessary information about your trip. After orientation we will give freedom and flexibility to you and your team but will also stay in contact during your stay. Near the end of your trip someone will debrief your trip with the leaders.

There are several things to do before coming. First, I strongly encourage you to lead your group through **Life on Mission**. The devotional given at the beginning of your trip will correspond with what you will learn with this study. You should also familiarize your team with our evangelism method, the **4 R's**. This is an easy-to-use gospel presentation which will be used during the trip. Third, **you are responsible for buying and ordering your team's t-shirts containing our church logo**. These will be worn when canvassing neighborhoods and during other mission activities. These help make our name better known in the community and ensure the safety of your team. A sample shirt and logo is enclosed. Fourth, **you are responsible for finding your own housing**. Several housing locations along with their contact information are included in this packet. Finally, you are responsible for **printing off all surveys, packets, and materials for the trip**. Each of these is also enclosed in this packet.

Thank you for your consideration of serving alongside West Bank Baptist Church.

Sincerely,

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Mission Team Schedule
Sample of Community Service & Canvassing Trip
March - October

Wednesday, Day 1

Arrival Check into hotel/church residence.
6:00 Preview and Devotional

Thursday, Day 2

9:30am-12:00pm Volunteer at Miller Wall Elementary (Landscaping, moving school supplies)
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Rest/Prepare for Backyard Bible Club
4:00-6:00 Prayer Walk/Backyard Bible Club
6:00 & after Dinner/Free time

Friday, Day 3

9:30am-12:00pm Volunteer at Miller Wall Elementary
12:00pm-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Rest/Prepare for Backyard Bible Club
4:00-6:00 Canvassing/Backyard Bible Club
6:00 & after Dinner/Free time

Saturday, Day 4

8:00am Tourist Activities
12:00pm Lunch
1:00-6:00 Canvassing

Sunday, Day 5

10:00am Church at West Bank Baptist
11:15am Travel home

Hotels/Lodging

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Distance from Marrero</u>
Providence House (\$65/ngt)	4104 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans, LA 70126	888-886-7276	25 min/16.0 miles
Ames Blvd. Baptist (Free)	3233 Ames Blvd., Marrero, LA 70072	504-347-1614	3 min/0.5 miles
FBC Marrero	4001 7 th St. Marrero, LA 70072	504-340-7175	11 min/3.3 miles
FBC Avondale	360 South Jamie Blvd. Avondale, LA 70094	504-436-7850	16 min/7.4 miles

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Ames Blvd. can house several people. Has a kitchen, a large meeting area, and a few beds. **Will need to bring air mattresses, linens, and towels.** Wi-fi is available.

If you stay at any churches free of charge **please show your appreciation** through a gift or love offering.

Call to reserve housing as soon as your trip dates are confirmed with West Bank. Spring and summer housing around New Orleans fill up fast due to several mission teams coming each week.

Trip Costs

These are the costs of the time in New Orleans only. This does not include the costs of gas or food while travelling.

Life on Mission Book \$13

at Lifeway

Meals

One nice meal during trip @ **\$15/person.**

3 fast-food meals @ **\$7/person = \$21.**

3 sit-down meals @ **\$12/person = \$36.**

*We encourage you to try different local restaurants if possible.

Economical options for lunch/dinner

1. Pre-buy your food in bulk and cook at the location where you are staying.
2. Peanut butter and jelly or lunch meat with chips. Pack lunch before you go out that morning.
3. Fast food.

Souvenirs/Tourism

Estimated **\$20/person**

*The price of any activities such as the Katrina Museum or the World War II Museum are not included in these estimated costs. Local tourist activities are listed later.

Shirts

\$15/person

Total Price Per Person with free lodging \$120/person

New Orleans Do's and ~~Do Not's~~

~~DO NOT~~

1. Do not pronounce "New Orleans" as "New Or-leens." The correct pronunciation is "New Or-lynnns."
2. Do not wear Mardi Gras beads out of season.
3. Do not go out alone. Especially at night.
4. Do not travel into unsafe areas, canvass, or be in any park after dark.
5. Ladies-do not travel without a male present. If there are multiple ladies, take a few extra males.
6. Do not judge the culture. Lost people will act like lost people.
7. Do not act offended when people act different than at home. Curse words and open containers are prevalent.
8. Never under any circumstances show gang signs.

DO

1. Bring cash to most places. Many places do not accept cards. This includes Café-Du-Monde in the French Quarter.
2. Be adventurous and try new things. This includes things such as new foods and engaging people of different cultures.
3. Wear your team shirts while serving. This shows the neighborhood that you aren't random people knocking on doors but are part of a team.
4. Listen to your leaders. If they tell you not to do something, it is for your own safety.
5. **USE WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT.** If you believe a place is excessively unsafe, feel free to avoid that area. If canvassing, let West Bank Baptist Church members know this area was skipped and we will try to cover that area at a better time.
6. Look for how God is working both in and through your life during your trip.
7. Have a positive attitude.
8. Be flexible and willing to serve wherever God places you.

Mission Team Supply List

For Cleaning Areas

Hand Sanitizer
Pick up Trash Sticks (Just a few for extremely dirty items)
Trash Bags
Plastic Gloves
Older clothes

Recreation Equipment/Individual Recreation

Basketballs
Frisbees
Gym/outdoor activity clothes
Proper pool attire - One piece bathing suits. Pools in New Orleans are typically open from May to mid-September.

Toiletries

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mouthwash
Contacts/Glasses (its always good to bring spares of things such as contacts)
Vitamins/Medications
Sunscreen
Shampoo/soap
Shower caddy
Trash bags for dirty clothes
Towel and Washcloth

Dress

Light jacket.
Comfortable clothes (jeans and shorts)
Proper sleeping attire
Extra set of clothes
Close toed shoes that you are comfortable walking in
Nice jeans and t-shirt/collared shirt for if team eats at a nicer restaurant
Mission team shirts

Miscellaneous items

Cookies or snacks to give away while canvassing (If you choose to do this)
Snacks for team or individual
Bottled Water
Earplugs for if you sleep in room with those who snore
Cell phone/charger
Close toes shoes for canvassing
Camera
Travel iron
Money for souvenirs
A good book

Spiritually

Journal
Bible
Willingness to be stretched

[Items Necessary for Mission Work](#)

Supply List Links

Life on Mission Guide http://lifeonmissionbook.com/?page_id=11

Ordering T-Shirts

Here is a sample copy of our t-shirt. Have one for each member of your team. Shirts can be printed locally. Email Trenton to ask for the vector image.



Printable Pages

The following are pages and their quantities you need to print off and bring on your trip. You are responsible for all printing costs.

Survey Summary **1** per person

4 Question Survey **1** per person

Medical Release and Waiver **1** per person

[West Bank Baptist Church 4 Question Survey](#)

(Say) Hello, I'm _____ and we are with a new church in Marrero. We are trying to discover how we can serve the community better. Would you be willing to answer three quick questions?

Question 1: In your opinion, what are the greatest needs of the community?

Question 2: Are you or anyone living here actively involved in a local church or religious group?

Question 3: Would you be interested in someone from West Bank Baptist Church stopping by to share more about the church and answer any questions you may have?

Question 4: Is there any way that we can pray for you before we go?

* If 'yes': When would be the best time for them to visit? Would you mind giving us your name and phone number? Only one person will follow up with you for your privacy.

Thank you for taking a few minutes with us. Here is our card with our website and contact information. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

THINGS TO DO IN NOLA	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/ADDRESS
City Park	Good for relaxation, running, mini-golf, and paddle boats	http://neworleanscitypark.com/attractions
French Quarter	Variety of street entertainment and items for sale.	
WWII Museum	One of the best museums in the country.	945 Magazine St. New Orleans, 70130
Katrina Museum	Good and entertaining tour of Katrina.	2525 Desoto St. New Orleans
Vietnamese Community	Largest Vietnamese community in the world outside of Vietnam. Market early on Sat. morning.	4661 Alcee Fortier Blvd. New Orleans
Jean La Fitte Park	Hikes, tours, etc.	6588 Barataria Blvd. Marrero, LA 70072
Streetcar Rides	Great way to view the city for cheap. Neworleansonline.com/tools/transportation/gettingaround/streetcars.html	
RESTAURANTS		
Las Cazuelas	Best Mexican food on the West Bank.	1122 Manhattan Blvd. Harvey, LA
Sahara Café	Middle Eastern/Lebanese food. Where WBBC often debriefs.	401 Realty Dr. Gretna, LA
La Hacienda de Leon	Mexican food near Miller Wall Elementary.	5131 Lapalco Blvd. Marrero, LA
Lebanon's Café	Lebanese/Middle Eastern food. \$10-15 range.	1500 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans
Gumbo Shop	Cajun/New Orleans. Gumbo, shrimp, jambalaya, etc. Located in French Quarter.	630 Saint Peter St. New Orleans
Dat Dog	Large, good variety of hot dogs. 3 locations.	5030 Freret St., 3336 Magazine St., 601 Frenchman St.
Parkway Bakery & Tavern	Authentic Po-boys (New Orleans style sub).	538 Hagan Ave. New Orleans
Angelo Brocato	The best Gelato (ice cream) in town. Also has pastries and coffee. \$5 minimum on cards	214 N. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, 70119
Fast Food	There are several fast food restaurants near West Bank Baptist Church	Can be found on smartphone map
CITY GUIDE	NOBTS has a great guide to divide out the city. Nobts.edu/resources/pdf/studentlife/nola%20neighborhood.pdf	
RESTAURANT GUIDE	NOBTS also offers a restaurant guide. Nobts.edu/resources/pdf/studentlife/wheretoeat.pdf	

[Final Checklist](#)

1. Mission Team Shirts
2. Surveys for canvassing
3. Cash-avoid using many cards
4. Life on Mission Guide
5. Decide on what to do with free time and which restaurants you will eat at before you come.
6. Please send a **final count** of how many youth and adults are participating **two weeks** before coming. Please send to me at wbbc.missions@gmail.com
7. Make sure to print off all surveys/materials. We are a church plant and on a very low budget.
8. Pray for one another, the church, and the Marrero community.