

Brantley Baptist Center

Ministries of Hope, Hospitality & Mercy

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Dear volunteers and visiting guests,

I am excited that you are taking seriously your call to missions! Together, we will make a Kingdom impact upon the NEW New Orleans. The community of faith has a window of opportunity to work side-by-side to bring restoration to the very souls of our neighborhoods.

I am also delighted that you will be lodging with us during your ministry to our City. You have a rare and unique opportunity to stay in a homeless shelter! We have retooled the Brantley Center from its historical ministry among the homeless to provide hospitality as you work in post-K New Orleans. You will be busy, you will be tired, and you will be exhilarated! I also want you to be as comfortable as possible as you stay with us. Here is what you need to know.

- You will be living in a large military-style dorm with bunk beds. These dorms will be gender specific, one for men and one for women. Please bring a sleeping bag and pillows. Bring clothing, hygiene items, gloves, sturdy shoes, and towels. Weather is unpredictable- be prepared for cold, wind, and rain.
- Privacy is a rare commodity in a homeless shelter. We have military-style showers and restrooms galore; however, you will be sharing with many other guests.
- Parking is a major concern in downtown NOLA. You will need a plan for bringing your group to and from the Center. Parking is limited to street-side and a couple of nearby lots.
- We are located in the heart of downtown. You may have opportunity to walk around and see a few sights. Movies, fast food, coffee shops, and world-famous dining are all within walking distance. We are very near the riverfront and only a block from the French Quarter. This is the safest area of New Orleans; however, you must take measures for your safety just as you would in any other urban city in America.
- Phones, internet, and fax will be available to you.
- Meals are not provided by the Center. You will need to know how your group will be fed.
- You can make use of common areas for socializing, worship, or planning.
- A skeleton crew will be working at the Center. You will need to be fairly self-sufficient. A receptionist will answer the phone, take messages, and provide information for you. Be prepared to walk stairs. Men are housed on four, women in the sixth floor penthouse (6)!

Please contact me if I have failed to include other information that is vital to your successful and memorable mission trip.

Hope for a NEW New Orleans,

Missionaries Cathy and Tobey Pitman

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