

ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FORT WORTH

First Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in downtown Fort Worth, Texas seeking to provide dynamic worship, engaging programming, and outreach in the name of Christ within a caring, inclusive community. Our mission statement, "Inspiring Disciples...Engaging the World," best exemplifies the simple, yet profound goals we have as a community of faith.



FORT WORTH

Fort Worth is the 16th-largest city in the United States, and the fifth-largest city in Texas. Fort Worth embraces both its Western heritage and its commitment to the arts. It is home to several universities and large corporations. As an urban center, opportunities for outreach abound to address needs of poverty, hunger, homelessness and care for the vulnerable, including children.



FPC is actively engaged in outreach ministries in Fort Worth and works collaboratively with other churches and agencies to meet the needs of our city.



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A MISSION EXPERIENCE

Bridging the
Gap Between
Action and
Reflection



URBAN

GAPS



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ABOUT URBAN GAPS

Is your youth or family group looking for a unique mission experience?

For over a decade, First Presbyterian has hosted youth and young adult groups from around the U.S. to experience urban mission, fellowship, and theological reflection. Groups volunteer with established social agencies and faith-based programs in our urban community that allow youth to experience the daily circumstances of those in need. Participants are exposed to the complex issues surrounding poverty and will have opportunities to deepen their Christian understanding and responses.

Participants stay in the FPC gym, located near the city center. Groups prepare and eat several meals together, participate in daily reflection, and enjoy the fellowship of staying together. They sleep on air mattresses in the gym (we can also accommodate separate sleeping arrangements for genders, if desired). Bathrooms with showers are available as well as a full kitchen for meal preparation.

Mission opportunities include interacting with "the least of these" through working at a summer day camp for children in need, serving/distributing food, and simply spending time with those experiencing homelessness.

- **Groups volunteer with ministries that address a variety of urban issues. (homelessness, food insecurity, children and youth)**
- **Participants spend up to a week working with a variety of church and agency outreach ministries.**
- **Examples of FPC volunteer opportunities include:**
 - > **Room in the Inn** provides overnight hospitality for homeless men
 - > **Summer Feeding Program** serves free lunches for children and youth
 - > **Mobile Food Pantry** distributes fresh free produce once a month
 - > **Worship on Wednesdays** meets weekly for worship, dinner and education
- **Examples of Fort Worth agencies include:**
 - > **Presbyterian Night Shelter** provides shelter and case management for men, women, children, veterans and those with mental illness
 - > **United Community Centers** offer enrichment and activities for children
 - > **Tarrant Area Food Bank** empowers communities to eliminate hunger.
 - > **ACH Child and Family Services** brings resources to children and their families.

Typically, groups arrive Sunday afternoon or early evening, but we welcome a Saturday night arrival in order to participate in Sunday morning worship. Because the needs, interests, and schedules of groups vary, we are flexible on the arrival and departure times. We provide an evening at a church member's home for dinner, and we can also help groups choose local activities for any free time.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Settle in, tour, and orientation to the week.

MONDAY

Tour of three homeless shelters and agencies (morning); set up and serve at Room in the Inn at First Presbyterian (afternoon and evening)

TUESDAY

Volunteer at a summer day camp for less privileged children (morning); volunteer at the Presbyterian Night Shelter women and children's building (evening)

WEDNESDAY

Work at Mobile Food Pantry (morning) hosted at Broadway Baptist Church or at the First Presbyterian Food Pantry and Summer Feeding Program; volunteer with Catholic Charities Street Outreach Services at First United Methodist Church (afternoon); pool party at a church member's home (evening)



THURSDAY

Volunteer at Beautiful Feet (morning); tour and volunteer at Union Gospel Mission (afternoon); serve at the Agape Meal at Broadway Baptist (evening)

FRIDAY

Serve at Unity Park (morning); free afternoon and evening



AVAILABLE 2016 WEEKS

June 12-18
June 19-25
July 10-16
July 17-23
July 24 – 30

Be the
change
you want to
see in the
world.
- Ghandi



WHAT MAKES URBAN GAPS DISTINCT?

Urban Gaps are tailored to facilitate mission, fellowship and reflection within your group. To that end, First Presbyterian provides housing (air mattresses on the gym floor), showers, a small kitchen and schedules your week of activities. Your group shops for and prepares the group's meals (we have a Super Target nearby); provides their own transportation; provides adult supervision at the work sites (a suggested 1 adult per 7 youth); provides leadership for your devotions and reflection (we can provide the suggested Bible study and reflection materials); and plans any extra activities (or T-shirts, etc.).

COST

\$25 per participant

HOW TO REGISTER

Email or call Robyn Michalove for any questions or to register your group. A completed registration packet and \$100 deposit secures your registration.

Contact: For more information or to register.

Address: First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102,

Contact: Rev. Robyn Michalove, Associate Pastor for Mission and Family Ministry at robynm@fpcf.org or 817.335.1231.