



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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THE FPCOKC VILLAGE FOR PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

We welcome you to the Moore Recovery efforts and to the Village at First Presbyterian Church (Oklahoma City, OK). We are conveniently located close to downtown OKC and also I-235 (which becomes I-35), making us a fairly short 15-20 minute commute to the Moore disaster sites. We are hopeful that our facilities will adequately serve your needs while you are here. Thank you for being a part of this important part of our recovery in Central Oklahoma. May God work boldly through you!

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke (Associate Pastor), Jack Lancaster (Facilities Director) & Mary Ann Boucher (Chair of the Board of Deacons) – Co-
Coordinators of the FPCOKC Village

Dear Presbyterian Disaster Relief Volunteers,

Again we find ourselves in the midst of disaster in our community. And again we feel overwhelmed and blessed by all those who offer their help. We are grateful for your desire to help and open our doors to you as a gesture of hospitality on behalf of our entire community.

There are at least four areas in and around Oklahoma City that were devastated by tornadoes and flooding the end of May this year. At First Presbyterian, we are hosting crews who will dedicate themselves to the site at Moore, OK. Our church is located about one mile from direct highway (I-35) access to the site.

To help cover the costs for the use of our building, we are asking a donation of \$15 per night per person. This will include use of a bed, showers and restrooms, laundry facilities, and lounging areas. It will also include a Continental breakfast and use of a small kitchen and a dining area. We ask that one check be sent to the attention of Becki Walden, Finance Administrator, prior to your arrival. We ask that all volunteers read the enclosed handbook during your days of preparation for other requirements/suggestions. A General Release and Indemnification Agreement is included which we ask that you bring with you - please do not mail it. Please note that any medical release forms are a function within your group, not involving FPC-OKC.

Questions? Please direct them to Eden (or Cameron) at the PDA Call Center - 866-732-6121.

Accept our thanks for your selfless contribution to this giant recovery effort. Know that we recognize your gift of Christian labor as being the hands and feet of our Lord.

Blessings,

for The Members of First Presbyterian Church,
Oklahoma City, OK

WELCOME TO OKLAHOMA CITY, Home of the Oklahoma City Thunder AND First Presbyterian Church!

Finding Your Way to FPCOKC

First Presbyterian Church is located at **1001 N.W. 25th Street** on the northeast corner of the intersection of N.W. 25th and N. Western Avenue. We are west of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building approximately a mile and a half, and two blocks north; and east of Oklahoma City University approximately one mile. The church building is a large gothic structure of grey stone with a steeple.



There is a gold dome (geodesic) building just 2 blocks south and 1 block west of our location.

For those of you who depend on GPS for guidance, our zip code is **73106**.

For a map of our location: www.fpcokc.org/location

Arriving from the North via Interstate 35, exit N.E. 23rd Street, and proceed west. This will take you past the State Capitol Building and hopefully out of highway construction. Proceed the final 1.5 (appr) miles to Western Avenue; turn right and proceed 2 blocks; turn right passing the church and entering the drive on the east side of the building. There is parking at the NE corner of the building and an entry there. Walk through the fenced area to enter the building.

Arriving from the South via Interstate 35, take 235 as you enter downtown OKC and proceed approximately 2 miles to 23rd Street; exit and turn west (left) and proceed approximately 1.5 miles to Western Avenue; turn right and proceed 2 blocks; turn right passing the church and entering the drive on the east side of the building. There is parking at the NE corner of the building and an entry there. Walk through the fenced area to enter the building.

Arriving from the East via Interstate 40, take 235 as you enter downtown OKC and proceed approximately 2 miles to 23rd Street; exit and turn west (left) and proceed approximately 1.5 miles to Western Avenue; turn right and proceed 2 blocks; turn right passing the church and entering the drive on the east side of the building. There is parking at the NE corner of the building and an entry there. Walk through the fenced area to enter the building.

Arriving from the West via Interstate 40, exit Western Avenue near downtown OKC and proceed North 2 plus miles to N.W. 25th Street; turn right passing the church and entering the drive on the east side of the building. There is parking at the NE corner of the building and an entry there. Walk through the fenced area to enter the building.

The Village

We have adequate space for your team to spread out, including two dedicated rooms with 29 dorm-style beds, a full kitchen/dining room, quiet rooms, a game room, five showers, and a washer/dryer. The church also has Wi-Fi. (One of the “bedrooms” is pictured below, although the beds are not “bumper to bumper” like that anymore, as we were just setting up when this pic was taken)



Getting to Know the Area

First Presbyterian Church is located near two very interesting areas - the Asian District and the Paseo District. And while you may choose to cook your own lunches/dinners in our Village kitchen, both areas offer fine restaurants that are in walking distance from the church - the Asian District being the closest. The Paseo District offers interesting artisan shops as well.

Also within walking distance are **two pharmacies** located at N.W. 23rd Street and Classen Blvd. - 2 blocks west and 2 blocks south of the church. On the NE corner

is CVS, on the SW corner is Walgreens.

There are several restaurants within a couple miles, from fast food to fine dining. There are also more restaurant and entertainment opportunities in the Bricktown area (see map) and at Midtown which is near N.W. 10th and Walker. Talk with your Host when you get here, or Pastor Matt who is our resident foodie/Urban spoon guru!

The closest **hospital** is St. Anthony located at N.W. 10th Street and Shartel. Shartel is 2 blocks east of the church. So east 2 blocks, then south one mile.

There are **four grocery stores** that are easily accessible. A small Homeland, which is about 7 blocks south of the church – Stay on Western, go south, to 1108 NW 18th (Store Hours: 7am – 10pm). Or Wal-Mart SuperCenter (1801 Belle Isle Blvd)– go west on 25th Street for 2 blocks until you get to Classen Blvd. Then go north, past Northwest Expressway and underneath an overpass. After you pass Chili’s there is a large shopping district on your left. Turn left. Wal-Mart is within that Belle Isle Shopping Center. (Store Hours: 24hrs). The third and fourth grocery stores are a Buy For Less and a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market. Both are near 23rd Street and Penn (approximately 3 miles west of the church) From the church go south 2 blocks, to 23rd Street and turn right. Go 3 miles and look for them on your right (behind the Sonic and McDonald’s respectively)

While you are in Oklahoma City, don’t miss seeing the OKC National (Bombing) Memorial (free) and Museum in the downtown area - approximately 2 miles from the church. Or check out the OKC Museum of Art about half a mile from the Bombing Memorial in the heart of downtown OKC. There we have the largest permanent Chihuly art glass collection in the world. The Oklahoma Historical Museum is just east of the State Capitol Building but on the north side of 23rd Street. There is another interesting museum at N.W. 13th Street and Shartel.

PDA WORK CREWS' SUPPLY LIST

For stay at First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City

BRING

Sleeping bag or sheets/pillow/blanket
Personal toiletries
Sunscreen
Insect repellent
Good hand lotion (petroleum jelly)
Medications for length of stay
Flashlight
Reusable water bottle
Towels/robe/shower shoes

In addition to usual clothing items*:
Heavy work boots
Leather or heavy-duty work gloves
Light-weight cotton gloves
Rain gear
Hat, visor, bandana
Sunglasses
*incl. long-sleeved light-weight shirts
advisable

DO NOT BRING

Alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind
Weapons or fireworks
This is a non-smoking facility.

**It is recommended that every volunteer
have a current tetanus shot.**

WE PROVIDE

Air-conditioned (heated) facility.
19 **EXTRA LONG** twin bed frames/mattresses. And 11 regular twin bed
frames/mattresses
A small kitchen with microwave, toaster, refrigerator, ice maker, eating utensils, and
limited cooking utensils. A more fully equipped kitchen with ovens is available if
necessary.
Dining area with adequate tables/seating.
Continental breakfast items on hand in the refrigerator.
A mid-week (Wednesday) fellowship supper; additional \$7 (paid at event).
Two large sleeping areas - one for men, one for women.
Lounging area(s).
Shower and restroom facilities for men and women.
Laundry facilities with detergent.
Paper supplies; cleaning supplies.
Wireless Internet access.
Cable TV, pool table, foosball, air hockey, outdoor basketball court (Kevin Durant made
a Nike ad on our court!!!!)

HOUSE RULES FOR VISITING GROUPS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY

These “rules” are meant to help provide a safe and relaxing area for the duration of your stay. Other events may be taking place in shared areas while you’re here. This is an active church - we welcome you as a part of our Christian activities! Upon your arrival, there will be a brief orientation with more specific guidance.

1. Drugs (except prescription medications) and/or alcohol of any kind have no place here.
2. There’s an area for smoking outside the building; it is not within 25 feet of any entry.
3. Respect all property and persons.
4. There’s no privacy under these dormitory conditions.
5. Work together to keep things clean and tidy.
6. Loud talking, texting, or music may disturb others.
7. Leave all weapons at home.

GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Bring this completed form with you - do not mail it to us.

Participant name: _____ (“Participant”)

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (Cell) _____ (Day/Evening) _____

The undersigned, in consideration of the housing, services, food, and the like provided by the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City, hereby understands and agrees that the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City and its staff, its members, its volunteers, its pastor, its elders, deacons, trustees, representatives, successors, assigns, and entities (hereinafter “FPC-OKC”), will not be responsible in any way whatsoever for any loss, damage, or any injury of any kind or in any manner resulting from or in connection with my use of premises owned by FPC-OKC.

Those premises include the church building located at 1001 N.W. 25th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the church-owned property surrounding the building including parking lots.

I understand that FPC-OKC does not and cannot guarantee my safety in connection with my use of the premises. I accept and assume all responsibility for all risks which may occur during, in connection with, or which may result from my use of the premises listed above.

With the above in mind and by my signature below, I fully understand, agree and hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge FPC-OKC for any accident, loss, death, injury or damage to myself or my property, in connection with my use of any of the premises owned by FPC-OKC. I do hereby further agree to indemnify and hold FPC-OKC harmless against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, actions or rights of action, suits, judgments and associated costs and expenses of whatsoever kind in connection with my use of the facilities described above. I make this agreement on behalf of my heirs, agents, fiduciaries, successors and assigns. I waive, knowingly and voluntarily, each and every claim or right of action I now have or may have in the future against FPC-OKC related to my use of the premises described above, even if such claim or right of action is caused by the alleged neglect of FPC-OKC. This document does not release FPC-OKC from liability which may arise as a result of gross negligence.

My signature below indicates that I have read this document, understand it completely, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness: _____ Date _____