

2017 Mission to Livingston Parish, Louisiana

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you provide some **overview** information on the August 2016 flood as well as Denham Springs and Walker (two largest towns in Livingston Parish)?

A: Wikipedia:

August 2016 flood: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Louisiana_floods

Denham Springs: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denham_Springs%2C_Louisiana

Walker: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walker,_Louisiana

2016 Louisiana Flooding: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Louisiana_floods

Q: Are we **partnering with churches** in the area?

We are partnering with three primary churches:

Christ Community Church

26574 Juban Road

Denham Springs, LA 70726

Brother Willis Easley

Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:45 AM;

Wednesday at 7:00 PM

South Walker Baptist Church

13719 Hammack Road

Denham Springs, LA 70726

Brother Mark Carroll

Sunday service at 10:45 AM;

Wednesday at 6:00 PM

New Covenant Church

215 Florida Ave SE

Denham Springs, LA 70726

Elder Todd Whirley

Sunday services at 10:30 AM;

Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Q: Describe the volunteer **housing**?

A: Address: 10607 Cassle Road, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726

The volunteer camp consists of a bunk house (double-wide mobile home) with bunk beds for up to 26 people divided into 4 rooms. There is a separate building for meals and fellowship (kitchen and hall), both located on an active horse farm. If you're navigating via GPS, once you're on Cassle Road take the left fork not the right fork as your GPS directs.

B: Our goal is to have a full bunk house, so depending on the size of your team, you may have the opportunity to get to know another group of equally passionate volunteers.

Q: What is the **cost** of room and board?

A: The cost of staying at the volunteer camp is \$100 a week. This covers the cost of lodging at the bunk house and meals. Checks should be written to:

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders

Attn: Pete Koester

201 West NASA Pkwy

Webster, TX 77598

Q: Do you provide **linens and towels**?

A: Volunteers are expected to bring their own bedding and towels. However, we do have a few extras. And we also provide pillows.

Q: Is there a **washing machine** available?

A: Yes in the bunkhouse.

Q: Which **meals** are provided?

A: We provide meals starting Sunday night through Thursday lunch. During the weekdays, we provide a hot breakfast, bag lunch and full dinner.

Breakfast Friday morning is continental; and, there is no meal on Friday night. Teams are also encouraged to enjoy the local cuisine. We have a list of restaurant suggestions and menus.

Q: What is the daily **schedule**?

A: The schedule is as follows:

6:30-7:00	Breakfast
7:00-7:30	Brief devotions/morning announcements
7:30	Leave for worksite
12:00ish	Lunch at worksite
4:30ish	Depart worksite
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner
7:00	Evening presentations/Face of God (varies)

Q: Will we still be doing Face of God?

A: Absolutely, the daily devotions and sharing our stories from the day is an important part of our ministry.

Q: Will there be an **orientation** on Sunday night?

A: Yes, the mandatory Sunday night orientation is immediately after dinner (usually around 7:00pm).

Q: What is the closest **airport**? Is airport pick-up available?

A: The closest airports are Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BTR) 25 miles and New Orleans, Louisiana (MSY) 72 miles. We're unable to provide airport pick-ups.

Q: Is **WiFi** or internet available?

A: Yes, WiFi is available in the bunk house and Fellowship Hall (aka barn).

Q: Are there **vehicles** available to get to the worksite?

A: No, you'll have to provide your own transportation.

Q: Is there an **age limit** for volunteers?

A: You must be at least 14 years old to volunteer with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. Volunteers that are 14 – 16 years old will participate in meal preparation and volunteer camp maintenance. Volunteers that are 16 years old are permitted to work on the construction site. Adult supervision by a parent or legal guardian is required at all times for minors (under 18).

Q: What type of **construction** will we be doing?

A. Initially we'll be doing all rehabs—homes flooded with 2-4 feet of water and now gutted. Expect the work to be primarily interior. So we'll be drywalling, floors and doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, painting, etc.

Q: Should we bring **tools**?

A. Yes, bring everything you can. We're rebuilding our inventory. As a minimum bring your personal items: tape measure, utility knife, hammer, pencil, tool belt, and gloves.

Q: Are there **volunteer opportunities** other than construction?

A: So far we have not located a clinic, soup kitchen, or food bank that needs volunteers. You can always help in the kitchen at our volunteer camp. If you are interested in helping to prepare meals, please let us know.

Q: Are there nearby **hotels**?

A. There are a number of hotels in the area. We recommend the Best Western Plus, 13600 Hartman Lane, Walker, Louisiana, [(225) 380-1640] which is located approximately 5 miles from the volunteer camp.

Q: Are there **restaurants** nearby? Are there local **attractions** we should consider visiting?

A: We can provide you a list of local restaurants and attractions upon your arrival.

Q: Do you have **t-shirts** for this mission?

A: Yes

Q: Are there parking locations for **RVs**?

A. There are no RV hook-ups at the volunteer camp; however, there are RV spots available at our church partners (water and power only). If you are interested, please let us know.

Q: How do I register?

A: If you haven't already registered, please register online at:
<http://fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilders/>

Q. Whom do I **contact for additional information?**

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