

Atlanta Mission Trip 2019



THANK YOU!

We are excited to spend this time with your student on our Atlanta Mission Trip

In this packet, you will find all of the necessary information to ensure your student has an excellent time at our Atlanta Mission Trip this year. After reviewing all of the information, please feel free to reach out with further questions.



Church Partner
Vertical Life Church
Dallas, GA

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YOUR LEADERS



GRADY PFAHL

Grady has been serving at The Glade Church for nearly 5 years. He serves as Middle School Director and is passionate about the discipleship of Students.



ERIC WARREN

Eric is the High School Director of The Glade Church. He is passionate about preparing students to make disciples wherever God may put them.



ERIC WEHMEYER

Eric and his family have been serving The Glade for several years and their service spans nearly every ministry area. Eric is a natural leader with valuable organization skills.



JEN WATKINS

Jen is one of the most faithful servants of student ministry at The Glade. She currently serves in High School ministry directing the praise band.



KEVIN COLLINS

Kevin has long been a behind-the-scenes leader at The Glade Church. Currently, he serves in Middle School Ministry. Kevin has three children, each of them are or have been active members of Glade student ministry

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6th

- Depart The Glade Church at 2PM. Students should come having already eaten and prepared to make our way down to Vertical Life Church.
- Upon arrival, students will situate their luggage, prepare for dinner, and in the evening we will do evangelistic training for The Plunge that will take place later in the week.

Tuesday, October 8th

- We will spend the first half of the day serving with Grace Community Food Pantry.
- We will spend the evening assisting Vertical Life Church preparing for and carrying out a community block party in efforts to engage the surrounding area in Dallas, GA.

Thursday, October 10th

- To cap off our time together we will spend the morning at the World of Coca Cola Museum in downtown Atlanta.
- We aim to make our departure at approximately 12:30 to return to Mount Juliet.

Monday, October 7th

- We will be serving for the day at Helping Hands of Paulding County assisting in their clothing center, food pantry and in other areas of need around their facility.
- Return to Vertical Life Church for the evening. Prepare for dinner and evening hang out.

Wednesday, October 9th

- For the first half of the day we will head into the downtown Atlanta area via the MARTA train to participate in The Plunge. We will engage those in need of prayer and seek out opportunity to share Gospel witness.
- We will return early afternoon to Vertical Life Church to prepare for dinner and spend the remainder of our evening with VLC Students in their worship gathering.

CHURCH PARTNER



We are thrilled to be partnering with Vertical Life Church for this student mission trip. Vertical Life began meeting in Dallas, Ga in the early 2000's. Their staff and congregation are passionate about serving their community, introducing them to Jesus, and fostering a culture of discipleship. Below, you will find some of their key staff people with whom we will be working throughout the week.



BRAD PARKHURST - LEAD PASTOR

Brad's passion is for people to come to Christ, no matter their background, and to follow Him completely through "taking their next step" in corporate worship and personal discipleship.



BRYAN BARTON - HIGH SCHOOL PASTOR

Bryan's role in ministry involves High School Students, College and Young Singles, mission work in Slovakia, and he is currently working with Vertical Life Church to develop discipleship further.



SEAB BAKER - MIDDLE SCHOOL PASTOR

Seab is excited that God has allowed him to partner with families to help equip parents to teach their children what it means to follow Jesus!



NIDIA WALKUP - GLOBAL MISSIONS DIRECTOR

Nidia's passion is serving others in the mission field. Every fiber in her body is geared towards the rejected, neglected and ignored. Being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus is what drives her.

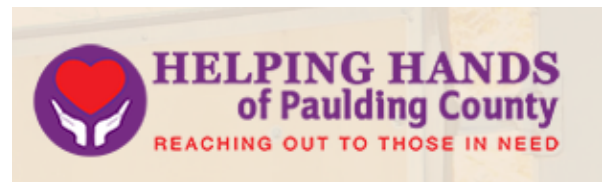
MINISTRY PARTNERS

On any mission trip, our aim is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and work to meet practical needs of the community in which we are serving. Through opportunities provided by Vertical Life and our own experience serving in the Atlanta area, we will be arriving with the tools necessary to be sharing the gospel. Both Paulding County and the City of Atlanta have a very real and observable struggle with hunger. For this reason, we have made time to serve at 2 faith-based food pantry's, one within the city itself and another right in the heart of Paulding County. Below, you will find a little bit of information about each of these partners.



A division of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Grace Community Food Pantry's mission is to involve, educate, and unite people in the work of ending hunger in the Atlanta area.

Pantry volunteers will aid in sorting food items and stocking the shelves of the Food Pantry. Volunteers will organize and unpack the food items that have been delivered, ensure freshness, and monitor quality before supplying the appropriate shelves with designated items. Volunteers will also break down boxes and take cardboard to the recycling bin/trash. Other duties as necessary.



A Non-Profit Organization founded in 1987 by five local churches (Dallas 1st Baptist, Dallas 1st UMC, New Canaan Baptist, New Hope Baptist, and Poplar Springs Baptist) who formed a partnership to battle the effects of poverty and hunger... from these humble beginnings we have grown into a multi-faceted agency assisting our neighbors of low-income with their basic needs... Helping Hands of Paulding County GA is a vital coalition of churches, businesses, civic groups, and caring individuals representing community partnership at its very best.

LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION

For the safety and security of your student, we have included the contact numbers for each of the Glade Church's leaders on this trip. We ask that you first attempt to contact either Grady Pfahl or Eric Warren before utilizing a leader's personal cell phone number. Please also understand that cell phone service can be inconsistent and varies widely from carrier to carrier. If a leader does not answer your call please leave a voicemail. You may not receive an immediate reply when attempting to contact a leader. Also, if you choose to text any leader, please include your name and the name of your student.

Leaders will not respond with student information to a number that is unrecognized and unidentified.

Grady Pfahl	615-767-1630
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Eric Warren	615-517-8015
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Eric Wehmeyer	931-980-8365
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Kevin Collins	615-315-1020
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Jen Watkins	615-351-2798
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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE TRIP

We're willing to bet that, as a parent, you'd appreciate some updates and photos of your students from time to time throughout the week. Rather than inundate social media with photos throughout the trip, trip leaders will have the ability to post photos and comments throughout the day using a group chat we have established in WhatsApp. To gain access to these updates, please note the following instructions.



1) Download the WhatsApp Messenger app from your app store

2) Set up your WhatsApp account using the prompts within the app



3) Using your smartphone, access the following URL to be join the group

<https://bit.ly/2mVKdrb>

Hint: To access more quickly, use your camera app or QR reader to scan the code to the left

Only trip leaders will have the ability to post in this group. If you need to contact a trip leader, we recommend you reach out to them directly

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR STUDENTS

We ask that you spend some time each day this week praying for your student. If you are looking for specific ways to pray, please take some time to review the daily breakdown below.

Sunday: Understanding

As we transition into a new ministry context, many of our students will need to set aside preconceived notions about ministry. We will meet our church hosts this evening and we ask that you pray for our students to be gracious guests.

Monday: Faithfulness

The first day of service can be a bit of a shock. Students will realize that their fall break won't be so much of a break. Pray that they would stay faithful to their mission to serve.

Tuesday: Steadfastness

We will waste no time jumping into service. This will be a long day of ministry and we ask that you pray for our students to thrive in a full day of service.

Wednesday: Resolve

This day will involve the most gospel conversations. Students will receive training and supervision but breaking the ice with someone far from the Lord can be unnerving. Pray that our students wouldn't allow anything stand between Jesus and the people we seek to serve.

Thursday: Safety

Thursday is a fun day and a travel day. Pray for safety as we travel home and pray that we will have a wealth of stories of God's grace to share.

PACKING LIST

BRING THESE

- Air Mattress or cot
- Twin sheets and/or sleeping bag and pillow
- Rain Jacket
- Bath towel
- Refillable water bottle
- Closed toe, closed heel shoes
- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Sun/bug protection
- Spending money for snacks and souvenirs.

DON'T BRING THESE

- Alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs
- Fireworks
- Any kind of weapon
- Anything that resembles a weapon
- Pornography of any kind
- Anything that could be used for pranks (water balloons, silly string, etc)
- Energy drinks

ABOUT PROHIBITED ITEMS

The above list is intended to be but may not be exhaustive. Students and parents should use common sense when deciding whether or not an item is appropriate to pack. In order to ensure the safety and spirit of this trip, students found to be in possession of any of the above items will have the item confiscated, their parent will be notified, and the student's immediate dismissal will be required.

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for students dismissed from trips.

CELL PHONE POLICY – GLADE STUDENTS

Student and parent/guardian: please sign this form and submit to host table upon check in

Spirit of this policy

Access to cell phones and social media can enhance some portions of the trip experience. Access also gives parents the opportunity to contact their student directly. However, cell phones have also proven themselves to be a notorious distraction and there is no essential element of camp that can not be experienced without a phone. It is our intent to allow students and parents the highest degree of autonomy possible while preserving the safety, integrity and experience of all students in attendance.

Should I send my student with a phone?

As a parent, you are the first line of defense and sound decision making for your student. As stated above, there is no essential element of trip that cannot be experienced without a phone. Please only send a phone with your student if you can confidently agree to each of the statements below.

- My student consistently shows sound judgement in the use of his/her phone.
- My student does not use his/her phone at inappropriate times or in inappropriate ways.
- I have had a conversation with my student about responsible phone use on church trips.

Students who misuse their phones

Trip leaders reserve the right to confiscate a student's cell phone. Parents of students who have their cell phone confiscated will be notified immediately. A student will have their phone confiscated and returned only when the group arrives back at The Glade church if the student is found to have used the phone in any of the following ways:

- Accessing any inappropriate content
- Harassing another student or leader through the use of technology
- Using the phone at inappropriate times or inappropriate ways

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT – GLADE STUDENTS

Student and parent/guardian: please sign this form and submit to host table upon check in

Illegal Possession

The possession of any items listed below is considered by the church to be grounds for immediate action. Should any Next Generation leader witness or have knowledge of a student at a church sponsored activity who is in possession of any of these items, the leader will notify the trip leader and, if warranted, the appropriate authorities.

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, pornography, or tobacco products
- Firearms, knives, martial arts items, or any other weapons.

Inappropriate Behaviors

The following lists behaviors and activities which are prohibited by students at any church sponsored event.

- Assault
- Physical displays of affection (beyond handholding and light hugs)
- Leaving an event/activity without consent from a ministry leader
- Leaving church property without consent from a parent or ministry leader
- Vandalism or willful damage to property
- Breaking curfew on an overnight church activity
- Stealing
- Body piercing or permanent tattooing while on a church sponsored outing
- Wearing inappropriate or revealing clothing

Actions

The following outlines how we will manage infractions of the guidelines listed above.

- Trip leader and a group of chaperones will discuss the infraction
- Student will have an opportunity to explain the situation
- Trip leader and chaperones will make a decision based on the severity of the infraction to:
 - Call parents of student
 - Remove student from event / trip / outing
 - Suspension from future ministry events
 - Notification of proper authorities

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PHOTO RELEASE

parent/guardian: please sign this form and submit to host table upon arrival/check in

Our aim is to take many photos throughout the week. Our Hope is to use these photos to tell the story of what God does among our student body at camp this year. Photos may be used in social media or other promotional materials generated by The Glade Church.

Parents: Please read the statement below and check the appropriate box and then sign

I acknowledge that there may be photographs or video taken during normal event activities, and I hereby grant my permission to The Glade Church for such photographs/videos to be taken of my child(ren) and used in promotional materials.

Student Name(s) _____

Parent name _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

____ day of _____, 20____

PARTICIPATION FORM /PARENT PERMISSION AND RELEASE

parent/guardian: please sign this form and submit to host table upon arrival/check in

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Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a church-sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the church property. If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, **SIGN**, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I hereby consent to **participation** by my child, _____ in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the church grounds. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

I hereby give my permission for **medical treatment** to be administered to my child in the event of injury or illness incurred during camp. I hereby, authorize the making of photographs, motion picture, videotapes, recordings, or other memorializing of said event and his/her participation therein, and the publication or other use thereof. I hereby, waive any right to compensation therefore or any right that he/she otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use.

In consideration of the agreement of The Glade Church to allow my child to participate in the above described outing, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Glade Church their employees, agents, successors, assigns and legal representatives, against any loss from any and all claims, demands, and actions at law or equity that may hereafter at any time be brought by my child, or anyone acting on her or his behalf, for the purpose of enforcing a claim for damages because of any injury to my child or any cause of action of any kind or nature as a result of, or in any way related to his/her participation in the above mentioned outing, or his or her transit thereto.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS FULLY READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTANDS

Health Insurance Company or Group _____

Policy Number _____

(Please print the following information)

Name of Participant: _____ Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

MEDICAL ALERT/ALLERGIES:

CURRENT MEDICATIONS (use back side of this sheet for additional space):

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

_____ day of _____, 20____