

Memphis TEAM WORK WEEK



Saturday June 2nd-Saturday June 9th

Saturday: Get in late to Memphis and sponsor houses. (Eat on the road)

Sunday:

Bible Class and worship with the GYG.

Lunch (Commissary bbq) and games after morning worship.

Free time till evening worship.

Dinner (Pizza) after evening worship, games, and work week overview

Monday:

Meet at the church building for breakfast (sausage biscuits, fruit, granola bars) at 8AM

Morning Devotional and daily download.

Be on worksite by 9AM (FSI Farm* Work Day #1)

Break for lunch (Sandwiches) at 12PM

End work day at 5PM

Dinner (Spaghetti or Chicken and waffles) at Germantown Church of Christ at 6PM

End day devotional at 7PM

Tuesday:

Meet at the church building for breakfast (Eggs and biscuits) at 8AM

Morning Devotional and daily download.

Be on worksite by 9AM (FSI Farm Work Day #2)

Break for lunch (Sandwiches) at 12PM

End work day at 5PM

Dinner (Tacos/Nachos) at Germantown Church of Christ at 6PM

End day devotional at 7PM

Wednesday:

Meet at the church building for breakfast (Pancakes) at 8AM

Morning Devotional and daily download.

Be on worksite by 9AM (FSI Building** Work Day #1)

Break for lunch (Sandwiches) at 12PM

End work day at 5PM

Dinner (Burgers and fries) at Germantown Church of Christ at 6PM

End day devotional at 7PM

Thursday:

Meet at the church building for breakfast (Cereal Buffet Day) at 8AM

Morning Devotional and daily download.

Be on worksite by 9AM (FSI Building Work Day #2)

Break for lunch (Sandwiches) at 12PM

End work day at 5PM

Dinner (Pizza) at Germantown Church of Christ at 6PM

End day devotional at 7PM

Friday:

Meet at the church building for breakfast (Gibson's donuts, fruit, granola bars) at 8AM

Morning Devotional and daily download.

Workday at Germantown Church of Christ 9AM (Personalized blessing bags*** and lunch bags)

Break for lunch (Sandwiches) at 12PM

Go downtown and distribute Blessing Bags until 3PM

Dinner at Central BBQ

Bass Pro Pyramid and walk the river front Photo Scavenger Hunt after dinner

End day devotional at Church after downtown hangout.

Saturday: Travel Day (eat on the road)

Week Day Cost: \$15

Friday Cost: \$25

Full Week Cost: \$120 (plus money for road meals and Bass Pro stuff)

What is FSI?

FSI stands for the **Family Stability Initiative**. The *Family Stability Initiative* began serving families in May 2013. Following a case management model, the program is designed to enhance the academic success of youth in targeted schools and neighborhoods that have historically experienced higher mobility rates for students. The foundational premise of the initiative is that supporting families at risk of becoming homeless or displaced through the provision of more stable and secure living situations will help students maintain their school placement and ultimately experience a higher degree of academic success.

Why Partner with FSI?

FSI serves one of the poorest zip codes, not only in Memphis, but the entire United States. The Germantown church of Christ has partnered with FSI in several ways for almost 2 years. One of the programs FSI runs is a diaper supply program with families, often single mothers, currently enrolled in their program. In order for families to escape poverty parents need to be working, which means for families with children child care is a must. Many day cares will not accept children without a minimum number of diapers for the week. For parents and especially single mothers living paycheck to paycheck having a week or sometimes a month's worth of diapers ahead of time is a nonstarter.

So over the past year and a half the Germantown church of Christ has helped collect over 200,000 diapers and donated them to these qualified families in need. We have also partnered with them by helping with the upkeep and beautification of their current facilities much like we will be again in this work week. Through this program they are put into contact with Christians spreading the love of Christ through these most basic of human needs as well as sharing the gospel and hope with them.

* **FSI Farm**- This is a community garden that the NBA Memphis Grizzlies actually started. We will help work with upkeep, weeding, planting, general maintenance, etc.

****FSI Building**- There are three buildings that FSI use, but there is a primary campus including a playground. We will be helping with general beautification and maintenance.

*****Blessing Bags**- Memphis is one of the poorest larger metropolitan cities in the country. It is estimated that there is over 1,600 homeless individuals and about 150 homeless families. We will be making homeless "Blessing Bags" with food and toiletry essentials as well as sack meals to hand out when in downtown Memphis. The Germantown Youth Group has done this regularly about twice a year. Each bag will also include a Bible and a hand written note and will be passed out to people along with a prayer with the individual.