



August 31, 2011

Dear Urban Mission Camp Inquirers,

Thank you for your interest in our 2012 Urban Mission Camp experience. Located in downtown Mobile, Government Street Presbyterian Church (GSPC) has ministered to this community for generations. For over twenty years, this congregation has welcomed youth and adults throughout the PCUSA, and provided life-changing experiences through its Urban Mission Camps.

Through GSPC's Urban Mission Camp, campers will:

- Bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ through service to urban poor
- Learn about urban issues and the Christian faith from those they serve.
- Reflect on poverty issues in light of Biblical and Reformed understandings of Christian faith.
- Live together and build Christian community
- Experience the connectional foundation of the Christian community and the PCUSA
- Grow spiritually through worship and devotion, which is guided by our staff

Campers will reside at Baytreat, GSPC's beautiful conference center, located on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, about thirty minutes from downtown Mobile, Alabama. Campers arrive Saturday afternoon, worship and recreate Sunday, work Monday through Thursday morning at a variety of mission sites, enjoy Thursday afternoon at the beach and dinner at a local restaurant, and depart Friday following breakfast and clean-up.

I am providing on-site leadership for the Urban Mission Camps, as well as planning and publicizing them throughout the year. During the summer, I will support the mission teams as they live in community, travel to their work sites, and worship and reflect at the end of each day.

The deadline for sending in your initial registration form and deposit (\$100 per camper) is February 27. The initial deposit is required in order to reserve a week for your campers. The total cost per camper is \$250 and includes six nights lodging, sixteen meals, and a commemorative T-shirt. With this in mind, please send in your registration and deposit as soon as possible. Please check out our website <http://www.gspcmobile.org/urban-mission-camps> for updated information about who is coming and when. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to receiving your registration material and deposit check soon!

Sincerely,

Kristin Austin

Urban Ministry Intern, Director of Urban Mission Camps

300 Government Street / Mobile, AL 36602

Phone: (251) 434-9328; Fax: (251) 434-9324

E-mail: Kristin@gspcmobile.org

Urban Mission Camp Usage Information Registration and Facility

Urban Mission Camps are limited to a total of thirty-two campers (which includes both youth and adults). You may bring less than 32 campers with the understanding that your group may be combined with another group to fill the camp week. Urban Mission Camps are designed **for rising high school freshmen through graduated high school seniors**. In addition, we are offering an Urban Mission Camp for middle school students (rising 6th graders through rising 8th graders).

Our Summer Camp Director relies on the adult advisors to see that their youth are participating and following the schedule. The advisors will be expected to participate fully and provide leadership and guidance. **We ask that advisors be at least 25 years of age** (age limit does not apply to church employees), and that an advisor of each gender be present for groups that consist of both genders. We ask that you have **one advisor for every seven campers**.

The cost per Urban Mission Camp Participant is \$250. The \$250 covers six nights of lodging, sixteen meals (Saturday evening through Friday morning, except for dinner out on Thursday evening) and an Urban Mission Camp t-shirt. **Groups are responsible for providing their own transportation and gas throughout the week. Vans are preferred over buses for transportation, as it will be difficult to reach Baytreat and get around Mobile during the week in a bus.** We can provide information for groups that need to obtain rental vans while at Urban Mission Camps.

Baytreat has been a special place for GSPC since the 1960s; therefore, we expect our members and guests to join us in being good stewards of the building and property. Baytreat is a smoke-free, alcohol-free and drug-free facility. Please be aware that that our facility is located in a residential neighborhood in Point Clear, AL, and we are committed to being good neighbors, which means respecting boundaries and keeping the noise down. **A facility deposit of \$150 is required of each group to cover any damage incurred while staying at Baytreat. We fully anticipate that this deposit will be returned to you.**

Because of the large number of requests we receive and the limited number of available weeks, please note the following deadlines and cancellation policy:

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| \$100 per participant deposit | due February 27, 2012 |
| \$150 per participant balance | due April 27, 2012 |
| \$150 facility deposit* | due April 27, 2012 |

****Separate check for facility deposit, please!***

Cancellations: A full refund of deposits shall be made if cancellation notice is received **IN WRITING** by April 27, 2012. No refunds will be made after that date, unless we are able to completely fill that week with another group.

Please make all checks payable to Government Street Presbyterian Church, and **mail all registration forms** and payments to:

Government Street Presbyterian Church
Attention: Kristin Austin
300 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Urban Mission Camp Registration Form

Government Street Presbyterian Church
300 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602
251-432-1749

(Please type or print clearly)

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: () _____

of Youth: _____ # of Adults: _____

Please indicate your desired dates in order of preference (1= first choice). Put an X next to weeks that your group CANNOT attend. Please call Kristin Austin at (251) 434-9328 or check the website www.gspcmobile.org for an update on available weeks.

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| _____ Week 1: June 2-8 | _____ Week Four: June 23-29 |
| _____ Week 2: June 9-15 | _____ Week Five: July 14-20 |
| _____ Week 3: June 16-22 | _____ Week Six: July 21-27 |
| (Middle School) | _____ Week Seven: July 28-August 3 |

Please mail this form back to the attention of **Kristin Austin** with your deposit payable to GSPC at the above address as soon as possible. We look forward to having you as our guests for Urban Mission Camp!

of participants _____ X \$100 = \$ _____ **Registration Deposit**

The total price per participant is \$250. The balance of \$150 per participant is due by April 27, 2012, along with your \$150 total security deposit.