

BE THE CHURCH

SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2013

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

ADAPTED FOR
FLUSTRING COMMUNITY church

March 1, 2013

The dream began in the heart of God... He created his people to do good works! We are God’s workmanship! Be the Church is an opportunity to live out the dream that God had in mind when He created us!

On Saturday, April 20th we will join with over a thousand people to give a gift of service and love to the city of Flint.

We cannot do this project alone... God will help us!

Four years ago Be the Church began with a group of people committing to serve God and this community. Today we stand on the edge of an incredible moment of opportunity. Imagine being part of community organizations, congregations and civic groups partnering together to impact the city of Flint.

I want to invite you to join this endeavor. I want to extend a personal invitation to you to join the work that God is already doing as we work together to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Many are already partnering together to make this day a success. Others will join in the days ahead. Thanks to the following:

- Eastern Michigan District – Church of the Nazarene
- Genesee County Land Bank
- Lowes
- EMD - Nazarene Missions International
- Forge Flint
- Salem Housing Authority
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful
- Salem Lutheran Church
- Flint Public Art Project
- Little Lamb’s Compassionate Ministries
- Good Justice

Attached you will find information to help you in your planning for Be the Church on Saturday, April 20th. Please read through the materials carefully. Feel free to print the materials and distribute them to the people you serve with. Please take time to visit Facebook and Twitter to see updated information. Go to BTC Be the Church and “like” the pages.

I am looking forward to seeing you and serving with you on Saturday, April 20th

For the Kingdom!

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GOAL

The goal for "Be the Church" is to clean up abandoned properties, board up 200 homes owned by the Genesee County Land Bank, and work on a variety of other community projects.

Workers Needed

- Board Up Teams
- Property Clearance Teams
- Community Project Teams
- Videographers
- Photographers
- Evening Meal Celebration
- Truck Drivers
- Nazarene Disaster Response Trailer
- Ambassadors of Good Will
- Community Cook-Out
- Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministries
- Painting
- First Aid

Schedule for the day

- 8:30 AM Gather (Location to be Determined)
Meet together as teams – Get Acquainted
Pray Together
Receive Final Instructions
- 9:00 AM Depart for Work Assignments
- 12 Noon Lunch on Site **(BRING YOUR OWN!)**
- 3:30 PM Wrap Up Work
Clean Up
Depart for Closing Celebration
- 4:00 PM Closing Celebration
(location TBD)

What do I need to know?

All Outside Work Sites will need the following:

- Comfortable work clothes
- Pair of Heavy Work Gloves
- Pair of Work Boots (no flip flops/sandals)
- Cap or Hat
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Tools/Equipment Needs

Please bring any of the following tools you might have. Don't worry if you don't have all of the following. Bring what you have and we will have enough when we combine all of the resources

Property Clean Up/"Family Friendly" Project

- Rakes – Garden & Leaf
- Pruning Shears & Trimmers
- Weed Whackers
- Chain Saws
- Shovels – Garden & Flat
- Wheel Barrows
- Gardening Tools

Board Up Projects

- Saw Horses
- Extensions Cords
- Circular Saws
- Air Compressor (if available)
- Air Gun (if available)
- Carpentry Tools
- Extension Ladders
- Step Ladders

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Board Up of Abandoned Houses

We will be working in the Martin Luther King Avenue community boarding up 200 abandoned houses owned by the Genesee County Land Bank. We will create teams of 10-12 people who will board up first floor windows and doors to prevent entry into the abandoned homes. Skills necessary: basic carpentry skills, some lifting required and ability to work with a team of people.

Clean Up of Abandoned Properties

We will be cleaning up 100 abandoned properties in the Martin Luther King Avenue community. These are properties that once had a house on them, but the house has been demolished or burned. We will create teams of 10-12 people who will clear the brush and debris from these properties. Skills necessary: removing debris, trimming trees and brush, raking properties and ability to work with a team of people.

"Family-Friendly" Project

We will be partnering with several civic groups to clean up, spruce up and paint abandoned properties in areas adjacent to other areas that are stable. We will create teams of 10-12 people to work on various aspects of these projects. This project is for families but there must be someone from the family to take responsibility for children. The ideal age is age 13 and up. Skills needed: Willing to take and follow directions and the ability to work as a team.

Evening Meal Celebration

A brief Celebration Meal will be held at the end of the workday. Skills needed: Organize, plan and set up for the meal. Skills needed: willing to work together as a team.

Nazarene Disaster Response Trailer

The Nazarene Disaster Response Trailer will be located in the Martin Luther King Avenue Staging Area. It will have tools and equipment to augment the tools participants bring. Skills needed: a person will be needed to staff the trailer and make sure that all tools are returned at the end of the day.

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Photography/Videography

Photographers/Videographers are needed to record the activities of the day. All media will be downloaded and used for showing and promotion through social media networks

Ambassadors of Good Will

We need lots of Good Will Ambassadors who are willing to drive around the job sites and provide encouragement to those who are working.

Community Cook-Out

We will be partnering with Good Justice to provide a "community meal" for the people living in the Martin Luther King Avenue Community. This is a cook-out for people who live in the immediate community. Skills needed: ability to work in a team environment.

Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministries

Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministries provides infant and children's clothing to moms and families. This ministry will be located at Salem Lutheran Church located on Martin Luther King Avenue. Skills needed: ability to work in a team environment.

Painting

There will be several house and trim painting projects. These "brush-up" projects will be in the Martin Luther King Avenue and University Avenue Communities. Skills needed: basic painting skills and the ability to work as a team.

First Aid/Medical

We will need nurses or physicians to serve as a basic medical staff in the event of an emergency.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS -FAQ

HOW CAN WE GET INVOLVED?

Begin now to recruit people from your congregation, block club, school, civic group or non-profit to join you in being a part of Be The Church on Saturday, April 20th. Go to Facebook to get an application, fill it in and mail it in. It's just that easy! You will be assigned to a team based on your preference and then you will be ready to go.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The registration cost is \$10 per person.

WHAT DOES THE REGISTRATION COVER?

All Registration Costs will be donated to two Compassionate Ministry Centers serving the families of Flint. These donations will ensure that the community is served after Be the Church is over.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE INVOLVED?

Over a thousand people will be working on a variety of projects. These include: boarding up 200 abandoned houses, clearing 100 abandoned properties, a "family friendly" project, Community Cook-Out, Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministries and painting projects.

IS IT SAFE?

Flint is a city with a reputation for danger, however in four year of doing ministry like this we have never had an incident. This is a result of careful planning, focusing strategic projects in areas where danger is minimized and the vigilant attention of participants. **PRAY NOW THAT THIS CONTINUES!**

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Complete the registration form. Enclose check made payable to ~~Eastern Michigan District~~ **Be the Church**, 2254 South Dye Road, Flint, Michigan 48532

(SEE OUR REGISTRATION FOR FCC INSTRUCTIONS)

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR REGISTERING?

All Registrations must be postmarked by April 8, 2013. **OR @ WELCOME CNTR BY APRIL 7, 2013**