

New Orleans; Our Journey

An intergenerational mission trip
Sunday, Dec 27th - Saturday, January 2nd



Once again, Vine Street Christian Church has the opportunity to send 30+ members of our community to New Orleans, Louisiana. It's a week of promise and possibilities.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please complete the attached paperwork and return it to the church office ASAP along with your \$75 registration fee which goes to pay the overhead at Westside Mission center. Each individual, regardless of age, must submit the required paperwork. Teenagers who are attending the mission trip **without** a parent/guardian will be required to complete an additional form after registration.

As soon as your paperwork and deposit have been received by the church office, you will be added to the participants list. Due to the limited number of spaces, a waiting list will be compiled as needed.

Lodgings: Westside Mission Center, New Orleans

What to Bring: A packing list will be provided

Extra Costs: meals on the road, one afternoon outing in the city

Travel Arrangements: rental vans, self-transport, train, and plane

Work Project: gutting a 2-story house

Questions: hope@vinestreet.org



VSCC Project-gut this two story house ☺

Margaret Banks Story

On Sunday August 28, 2005 Mrs. Margaret Banks age 70, along with her family (Daughter 3 kids and Grandson) left New Orleans headed to Houston Texas. On their Journey Mrs. Banks and her family stop in Baton Rouge upon the Request of her Oldest daughter who was in Houston Texas at the time of hurricane Katrina. She told her mother to stop in Baton Rouge; she would have a friend of hers who lived on the out skirts of layette to meet them and to help find a place to rest after a 5.5 hour ride, before they continue to Houston, TX. The gentlemen who were asked to meet Mrs. Banks had an aunt who lived in Baton Rouge. He was lead to call her and ask if she could help them find some type resource available for the night, well the aunt called everyone she knew and was unable to locate any help. So gentlemen's aunt saw it fit to invite them to her home and offered them her Guest House that was located next to her home. She said no one was there and it was available for their use. Mrs. Banks and the family gladly accepted. Their goal was to head out the next morning (Monday) to Texas, but the aunt offered her guest home that she called her little house for as long as they needed. So the family accepted the offer and stayed in the aunts little house for 11 days. The oldest sister Glida, who was in Houston TX, came down to Baton Rouge to be with her family that week. She began to look for an apartment for her mother, sister, 3 kids and her son. Becoming successful after viewing two apartments complexes they move in an apartment complex called the Holy Family of the Archdiocese, with a elementary school located a few blocks down for the kids. Mrs. Banks and her family stayed in Baton Rouge for 9months. During this time Mrs. Banks commuted back and forth to New Orleans to view her home that suffered 5 to 6 feet of flood waters and roof damage. Mrs. Banks and her family lives approximately 2 to 3 miles from Lake Pontchartrain in a two story home that was given to her by her mother and father about approximately 44 years ago. Mrs. Banks has continued the family legacy by keeping this home a place where family will always be invited and never outdoors. Mrs. Banks remembered the first time she was allowed back into the city to see her Katrina damaged home. They were so early that they had to wait in a Winn Dixie parking lot on Veterans Blvd. until it was time to go in. Mrs. Banks says once they arrived at her home, to lie her eyes on the damages was very depressing. But she always knew in her heart that her home would be restored with the help and direction of the Lord. During the process of salvaging her belonging, while staying in Baton Rouge. She sought her insurance company in effort to but in a claim for the damages, to find out that her insurance had cancelled due to missing a payment or two during the time frame of relocating due to the hurricane. Mrs. Banks said it slip her mine. She did not pursue the matter any further because she felt that she would not win. So she had to wait 4 years and counting to receive assistance from Road Home due to misplaced documentation and a prolonged process etc. As of February 06 Mrs. Banks daughter (Glida) had a new roof put on the house so that her family could return home and live on the second floor. Mrs. Banks and family returned home June 06. They had the 1st floor of their home gutted and treated for mold remediation. The family has been living in these conditions to date. She is presently moving to a temporary location so that we may assist Mrs. Banks in restoring her home back to a safe, secured, sanitary living environment again.