

PARTNER WITH US ON THIS KINGDOM MISSION!



A WORD FROM PASTOR BLAKE

The Lord has made it very clear to me that he has BIG THINGS in store for our gospel partnerships in NYC. I encourage you to partner with us on this God-given mission opportunity whether that is by praying, giving, or going. I can not wait to see how the Lord uses you for this mission! To get started, scan the QR code(s) below to watch our “SEE NYC” short film and the impromptu interview with a New Yorker (Yasemin). This will help you see why we are going to NYC!

“SEE NYC”
SHORT FILM



NEW YORKER
INTERVIEW (YASEMIN)



**SOME INFORMATION COULD CHANGE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE TRIP. THIS IS OUR FIRST TRIP TO NYC SO FLEXIBILITY, PATIENCE, AND GRACE ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

PURPOSE

Although going on any mission trip will certainly be a blessing for anyone who goes, our main goal for going is to help and bring aid to church planters and church planting partners. It is vital that we go and help support those that are trying to push back darkness in a city where 96% of people don't profess Jesus as Lord. Since there is LESS THAN ONE evangelical church for every 50,000 people, it is paramount that we do what we can to help church plants and church planters thrive while they are on mission for the Kingdom of God!

DATE

Saturday, May 25th-Friday, May 31st

CURRENT PARTNERS

MNYBA- (Metro New York Baptist Association)- @mnyba- mnyba.org

CULTIVATE CHURCH NYC-

@cultivatencyc-cultivatencyc.com

REDEMPTION CHURCH NYC-

@redemptionchurchnyc-
redemptionredhook.com

PRICE ESTIMATE

The cost estimate is \$1500-\$1750

This includes:

-Estimated flight costs (purchased individually)

-Estimated all food costs (group breakfast and lunch. Dinner(\$28 /meal of your choice). *See "fun" for more info

-Lodging of \$45/night- (at MNYBA building, dorm style lodging)

-Transportation (Subway/bus)

-Other ministry costs for the group

*There will be fundraising opportunities. Ask Blake if you need financial help and fundraising ideas.

WORK

Currently, our work will be 3-fold as we will work with each of our partners in different ways. Every team member will not be part of all 3 as we will most likely have to split up a few times throughout the week.

-MNYBA: With the metro New York Baptist Association, we hope to help with some light to medium remodel work for their building that hosts more than 860 mission/ministry personnel each year!

This may include painting, drywall work, floor removal, deep-cleaning, bunk-bed building, etc..

-Cultivate Church NYC: located at the NW corner of Central Park, Cultivate has 3 neighborhoods they see as their primary mission field. They would like our help with outreach/evangelism efforts to the Morningside Heights neighborhood (Columbia University) and the Upper West Side neighborhood.

-Redemption Church NYC: located in Redhook Brooklyn (south of downtown Brooklyn) Redemption Church is strategically located in the 2nd poorest community in NYC. There are many children and adults that cannot read. Redemption church does weekly food distribution and literacy classes in the school and we will get the honor of serving in these ministries.

FUN

To be clear, this is not a vacation. We are going first and foremost to serve our ministry partners in NYC.

However, there should be some opportunities to go and experience some of the fun in NYC as well.

Although scheduling is likely to change, it is looking like 3-4 evenings we will be "off-duty". Instead of doing large group activities, we will most likely allow everyone to do their own thing (in smaller groups) for dinner/entertainment.

There is a built-in \$28/per person dinner price estimate in the trip cost listed above. This food pricing is a medium/low estimate. YOU CAN eat cheaper than this and YOU CAN eat more expensive than this. However, to estimate costs, this \$28 number was given to us by our friends at the MNYBA.

Any dinner costs above \$28 per/person - per/meal will be at your own expense. All extra entertainment will be at your own expense.

"IM GOING!" COMMITMENT

-A \$250 deposit, or an individually purchased flight will need to be given to the church office to hold your spot. You may pay your deposit to the NYC Mission Trip 2024 online as well.

-Commitment date is January 1st, 2024



**PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR BLAKE IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS!

FAQ'S

Q.Why should we go to NYC when there are still lost people Shawnee?

- A. The short answer is that we should be greatly concerned and working to combat against lostness in both places. Our calling as Christians is to “go and make disciples”. This certainly means that we need to be doing this at all times. However, the rest of that verse says “of all nations”.. That is the job of the church, to get the gospel to all of the nations/people of the world. And the truth is, NYC is in a way its own nation of nations that is experiencing very little christian movement. Secondly, I (pastor Blake) truly believe that our church, in particular, desperately needs to see ministry done in a place other than the bible belt. I believe this experience will open the eyes of anyone that goes and make us better followers of Christ and more engaged in the actual mission we are called to here in Shawnee.

Q.If I cannot personally go on the trip, how can I help?

- A. The two biggest ways you can help are through prayer and encouragement.
- We desperately need your daily/weekly prayers asking the Lord to bless the trip. Pray every person God calls to go will be faithful to say yes. Pray for logistics to be cleared up, effective ministry, flexibility for all who are going, health and safe travels, encouragement for the churches and partners, boldness in sharing the gospel, etc..
- Be encouragers of the trip and the mission. *Please refrain from spreading any kind of negativity* you may feel about the trip or the City we are seeking to go on mission to.
- **If you feel led to give financially toward the trip you can by giving online to the “nyc mission trip 2024” fund or you can memo a check or cash toward the same fund and place in the offering boxes.

Q.What if money is the only obstacle in my way?

- A. Come and talk to me (Pastor Blake) about some fundraising ideas and some options on how to get the trip cost considerably lower that you may not have thought about yet.

Q.What are the housing arrangements like?

- A. At the MNYBA building they house 100's of small mission teams each year. There are a 2 dorm rooms (men & women) that are bunk style beds, much like a falls creek cabin. Along with 2 hall restrooms for each dorm.

Q.Can I stay in a hotel instead of the dorms?

- A. Yes. However, This would likely be at least a \$200/day up-charge per room. Ask Pastor Blake about some of the hotel options that are close by.
- Anyone that does not stay in the MNYBA building with the rest of the group will be required to be at the MNYBA building each day for group breakfast/rally. You will also be required to participate in any other group activities such as meetings, ministries, and/or times of worship and daily testimony sharing times.

Q.What are we going to be doing on the trip?

- A. Please refer to the “work” section above.

Q.What kind of time will we have to explore the City?

- A. Please refer to the “fun” section above.

Q.When and how do I need to committ?

- A. Please refer to the ““Im going!”commitment” section above.