

Guidelines

Galveston Central Church | last updated July 29, 2026

The following are guidelines for you and your group to get a glimpse of what visiting and serving at Central might look like and to ensure we're a good fit for your group and your timing. Please feel free to reach out to our Office Manager, Amy (amy@galvestoncentralchurch.com) if you have any questions.

General Guidelines for All

Come With Curiosity

Be ready to see where God is at work both here and in your own context. Bring your questions!

Circle Back With Staff

During your time with us, you may encounter community members with needs that are especially great. When that happens, don't feel like you need to jump in and save! Circle back with your designated staff person on how to handle these situations as they arise.

Photography

Do not take pictures of or video anyone on our campus without their express permission.

Parking

During open hours, our building can get pretty busy and parking can be challenging. If you can find a spot, please park in our main parking lot on Avenue O (one way heading southwest) or our side lot on Avenue O ½. If no spots are available, feel free to park wherever you can find space on the surrounding streets, but please be careful not to block our neighbors' driveways.

Supervision of Vulnerable Persons

For Tour Groups visiting on a Monday or Wednesday, there are no age restrictions as long as the visiting group provides adequate, non-related adult supervision in keeping with our Texas Annual Conference Safe Sanctuary guidelines (see table below). Regardless of size, there must be at minimum two non-related adult leaders (over 21 years old) with the group at all times, and there must be one adult leader for every five protected persons (children, youth, and vulnerable adults.)

For Volunteer Groups, we ask that groups do not bring children younger than 12 without express permission. The same Safe Sanctuary guidelines apply as above. For questions about these guidelines, please contact our Office Manager, Amy at amy@galvestoncentralchurch.com.

# of protected people	Minimum # of adult leaders needed
1-10	2
11-15	3
16-20	4
21-25	5

Volunteer Group Guidelines

Are there any limitations to when and where we can serve?

Yes. There are limits on what we may be able to schedule you to do depending on group size, preferred activities, skill level, and what days you are available. In order to manage demands on our staff, most serving opportunities will be

scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays, with some exceptions made for groups providing specialized skills who can work independently.

What kind of work will we be doing?

Depending on our needs at the time, you could be cleaning, organizing, painting, sorting donations, or helping out with any number of projects inside or outside our building. We love to have outside groups **of ten or fewer people** provide lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or breakfast on Sundays, including cooking (in our commercial kitchen) and serving food that you bring. Our staff will be happy to discuss any preferences you may have for volunteer opportunities when you submit your request form.

If your group hopes to arrange a visit beyond Tues/Thurs lunchtime, or if your group is larger than ten people, we may need to work with you to coordinate a volunteer opportunity on another day. Please let us know when you're planning your visit with our team if your group has specialized skills to offer or requires any mobility accommodations!

I'm serving a meal. How do I prepare?

At least a week before, please send us your meal plan—what you're planning on making, your timing for the day, and how much food you're cooking. We ask that your group prepare 150 meals for lunch on Tues/Thurs, and/or 50 meals for breakfast on Sunday. We'd love to also be a thought partner with you as you plan meals (we can send you a recipe book of meals that've worked before)!

We open at 7am and serve breakfast on Sundays at 9:00am and lunch on Tues/Thurs at 10:30am. Please arrive no later than 8:30am on Sundays or 9am on Tues/Thurs to prepare and serve meals. If you'd like to come the day before you're serving to prep food, that can be arranged in your initial conversation with staff.

Anything else?

Please also read through this one-page “Things to Think About” document with your group to familiarize yourselves with our community, values, and Frequently Asked Questions. [\[Document to come\]](#)