

## JLK Prayer & Grill Nights

# Basic Grill Site Timeline

- 4:30**      **Set up begins @ site**
- Leaders arrive
  - Parking helpers arrive
  - Sound system set up
  - Canopies set up
  - Signage set up
- 4:30-4:45**      **Trailers Arrive** (*Food, supplies & equipment*)  
**Set up tables, supplies, food area** (*be ready to serve food by 5:30*)
- 5:00**      **Ice Trailers Arrive** (*Volunteers help unload*)  
**Volunteers Arrive and help where needed**
- 5:00-5:15**      **Set up in all areas – introductions and prayer in all areas**
- street teams check in
  - volunteers check in with area leaders (look for bright lanyards)
  - volunteers receive instruction from area leaders
  - volunteers fill coolers with ice, water, and freeze-pops
- 5:15**      **Impact groups arrive**
- 5:30**      **Food serving begins**  
**Street teams get instructions, pray and head out**  
**On-site volunteers gather for instructions & prayer**
- 5:30-8:00**      **On-site Ministry happening** (*music, children's activities, games, food, fellowship, etc*)
- 7:30-8:00**      **Street teams return and eat**
- 7:55-8:05**      **Close-up games and children's areas**
- 8:05-8:15**      **Circle up for ending prayer** (ALL volunteers should join, final clean up happens AFTER prayer)
- 8:15-8:30**      **All-volunteers help clean up & IMPACT students leave**
- 8:30**      **Return to Centerpoint; Unload and clean-up crew begins**

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# Leader & Volunteer Tips

### *When to arrive and what to do when you get to the grill site...*

- **AREA LEADERS** should be at grill-site locations by **4:30 PM**. Check in with Info/Hospitality.
- **GENERAL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD ARRIVE between 4:30-5:15 PM**
- **VOLUNTEERS GO DIRECTLY TO THE AREA THEY WOULD LIKE TO SERVE.** The leader of each area will have a bright lanyard and will give some direction as volunteers gather.
- **STREET TEAMS** will form, receive instructions, pray and then head out into the neighborhoods at approximately **5:25 PM**.
- **EVERY AREA** should take time to gather and **PRAY** before the community begins arriving.
- **LEADERS SHOULD ENCOURAGE and MODEL PATIENCE and FLEXIBILITY.** Everyone should be prepared to pitch in wherever needed and stay until all is cleaned up.

### *If volunteers are not sure which area to serve in here are some thoughts...*

- **If they are WILLING to do STREET MINISTRY, THEY ARE NEEDED!** Volunteers should check in right away at the Street Ministry Table.
- **If they are interested in the FOOD/ GRILL area, remember it is first-come, first-serve.** Volunteers should check in at the food serving area when arriving and help with set up. However, only so many volunteers can fit behind the food tables. Encourage flexibility 😊
- **If they are interested in ON-SITE MINISTRY, or HOSPITALITY, or are NOT SURE what to do, have them check-in by the “Info” table.**
- **If they are interested in the PRAYER area, check in by the Care & Prayer Tent.**
- **If they signed up for CHILDREN’S or GAMES, encourage them to go to the that needs the most help.**
- **If there doesn’t seem to be anything specific to do during set-up, encourage them to walk around the site & PRAY!**

**ENCOURAGE ALL VOLUNTEERS TO...**

**RELAX - SMILE - PRAY & POUR OUT HIS LOVE!**

**Above all be FLEXIBLE!**

**Activity at the site should be FLUID and flow with the Holy Spirit!**

**It’s about FELLOWSHIP and seeing others through the eyes of Christ!**

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## JLK Provided Site Equipment

(Delivered by equipment truck at approximately 4:30 pm)

### Tables: 27-30

*6-8 for children's*

*6-8 for food area*

*5 for hospitality/street ministry/ prayer tent and miscellaneous*

*6+ for eating*

### Chairs: 160-188

*64 for childrens*

*64 for around eating tables*

*30-60 grouped for eating/fellowship*

### Small Canopies: 4

*1 for hospitality*

*2 for prayer area*

*1 for sound system*

### Sound System with Microphone

### Flash drive with playlist

### Tarps for under sound equipment (if ground is wet)

### Generators: 1-2 (need varies)

### Grills

### Food

### Orange Drink Cooler: 8

### Plates/Cups/Napkins

### Food Service Area Bin

### Coolers for Street Ministry: 10-20

### Water for street ministry

### Street Ministry Bin

### Prayer/Bible Area Bin

### Garbage Containers: 4-6

### Signage: 2 large JLK sandwich boards

*Information and prayer signs*

*Parking sign*

*Free Food sign*

### Children's Area Bin

### Limited Game supplies

### Long extension cords

### Additional items site teams may choose to provide:

- Safety cones
- Game equipment
- Children's activities
- Food
- Canopies
- Care packages
- Tables and chairs

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# Site Coordinator(s)

- When helping host a site, each church that is part of the team will choose a Site-Team Coordinator.
- One Site-Team coordinator will need to be present at Centerpoint for “loading”
- Provide direction on site-layout and general oversight for the Grill-site Area Leaders during the Grill-night.
- Work closely with Hospitality/ Info Area Leaders
- Be ready as an emergency contact for all areas on your site

### **Tips in case of an emergency:**

- There is a first aid kit located at the info table for minor injuries
- If there is a serious medical emergency call 911
- Pay attention to the weather. Stay up to date on any weather warnings.
  - \* If there is a thunderstorm warning during the grill night, pack up and leave.
  - \* If there is a tornado warning during the grill night, take shelter in a nearby building immediately.
- If there is a thunderstorm warning or tornado warning right before the grill night starts, it will be postponed until the warning is lifted.
- *Street ministry coordinators will speak with the teams going out on street ministry on what to do if the weather turns bad.*
- If there is any type of emergency please contact Julie: 269-217-6374 or Kristy: 269-207-1576

## Spiritual Overseer(s)

- Provide oversight of the general spiritual atmosphere
- Address any safety threats /things out of order
- Gather all On-site Ministry volunteers by 5:30 for instructions & prayer (does not include food, children’s or games area volunteers)
- Discernment regarding any testimonies asked to be shared through mic...
- Coordinate ending prayer circle (choose others to come to the center to lead the prayer – usually a youth, a community member, a neighborhood pastor)

***\* Turn over page for On-Site Ministry Tips***

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# On-Site Ministry Volunteer Tips

***“On-site Ministry” refers to any of the volunteers who will be staying on-site and interacting with the community rather than going out a street ministry team.***

***These tips are applicable and helpful for all On-Site Ministry Areas – including grill/food, children & games, hospitality, prayer & care tent.***

- **On-Site ministry (just like street ministry) is sharing the gospel to people outside of your church walls.** It is an outreach to people who may never enter the church doors. Its approach can't be confined to a particular style nor can it be confined to a particular person. It is 'ministry', in that the Spirit of God carefully leads every step.
- **On-Site Volunteers should consider that they have the same function as the street teams:**
  - Smile! Be welcoming and friendly! You are representing Jesus 😊
  - Engage in conversation...
  - Let them know why we are here...
    - We just want to share God's love in a practical way
    - We just want to let them know that Jesus loves them
    - We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray with them
- **Remember to take the “PILL” of street ministry:**
  - P – Prayer (1 Thess 5:16-18)
  - I - - Initiating conversation (Hebrews 13:1-2)
  - L – Listening to Others (James 1:19)
  - L – Listening to the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:26)
- **If in conversation someone says they don't have any personal prayer requests, ask them how we can best pray for their neighborhood.**
- **Quality vs Quantity:** Volunteers should consider consistently loving and interacting with a select few children (or adults) in order to have the time to form a relationship – rather than feeling like you need to jump around and talk just a little while with “everyone”.
- **Remember to write down any prayer requests** (gathered after talking for a while) and turn them in to the JLK/365 Table by the end of the night.
- **Prayer Support Available:** We hope EVERY volunteer will be willing to pray with someone, but if you don't feel comfortable -- or if you feel like some extra prayer support would be helpful – look for volunteers with the blue PRAYER lanyards.
- **Pitch in where needed:** As general On-Site Volunteers, keep an eye out for any area that might need extra help.

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# Hospitality/Info Area

*The info area will always need 1-2 persons manning the table. This can be handled in shifts. General "hospitality" volunteers are encouraged to be engaging with the community and checking-in with area leaders (in other words, try to avoid too many "red shirts" congregating around the info table 😊*

### Hospitality Responsibilities:

- Most important qualities for this role: be welcoming, encouraging, calm and creative when it comes to plugging in volunteers 😊
- Arrive by 4:30 & introduce yourself to Site Coordinators / Spiritual Overseers
- Help with set up / clean up as needed
- Set up info table ("info" sign and a box of supplies will be delivered to the site)
- Help Site Coordinators gather all On-Site Volunteers together (approx 5:30) so they can give direction to everyone who will be staying at the site.
- Direct volunteers with questions to the various areas where they are most needed.

### *Examples of what can be found at this table:*

- First Aid kit
- Lost and Found
- List of volunteers who signed up online
- Emergency contact numbers
- Box of misc supplies (tape, scissors etc)

### Find Volunteers to help with the following:

- Distribute bright lanyards to key leaders in each area (in supply box).
- Distribute Prayer Request cards to all On-site Volunteers (in supply box).
- Help coordinate the process for having everyone (volunteers and guests) put on a nametag.
- Check in with each area (@ 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00pm) and assess need for additional volunteers. Remind area leaders to **PRAY** with the volunteers in their area! 😊
- Keep an eye on volunteers throughout the evening (be ready to give friendly suggestions and gently nudge them to mingle and talk if needed).
- Assist JLK/365 Volunteers with prayer card collection at the end of the night.

### **Some Miscellaneous “Jobs” Available at Most Sites:**

- Volunteers to **hold signs**: free food and parking – shifts (there will be signs with the supplies)
- Volunteers to help with **garbage collection** – replacing bags in cans and continuously picking up around site
- Volunteers to **monitor bathrooms**
- Volunteers to **monitor safety** at road crossings – shifts
- Volunteers to **monitor the free give-away table** (if applicable)
- Volunteers to help at a **t-shirt sales table** (if applicable)
- Volunteers to **pass out stuffed animals**: (if applicable) Note, there will never be enough for everyone, God will let you know who needs one 😊
- Volunteers to **distribute care packages**: (if applicable) Use re-usable cloth bags. Pass out care-packages close to the end of the evening by walking around and giving to people who are eating or hanging around. Note, there will never be enough for everyone, so use discretion.

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# Sound Equipment / Announcement Tips

*Notes: Sound equipment should be set up as quickly as possible. There will be a playlist loaded on an ipod-type device to play through the sound system. Set up speakers as far away from Prayer Tent area as possible. Street Ministry Coordinator will need to use the microphone to send out the street ministry teams.*

### **Announcements to be made during set up:**

- “If willing to LEAD a street team, check in at street ministry table. If going as PART of a street team, please wait near the street ministry table -- teams will be forming shortly.”
- “Please go to the area you would most like to serve in -- if they have too many volunteers check another area or join a street team (highest need for volunteers).”
- Site Coordinators/ Hospitality Leaders: Use the mic to announce any misc needs or misc volunteer jobs that come up.

### **Announcement ideas for every 20-30 minutes...**

- **Welcome** the community to the JLK grill site...
- **Share the Purpose of why we are here:** (ideas) “We are here to fellowship, eat together, have fun and...(to present the truth about Christ... let you know Jesus not only Loves Kzoo -- but Jesus Loves YOU! ...He paid the price in FULL – so to reflect that, everything is FREE” 😊
- “If you have any questions about how Christ death and resurrection benefits you today or if you need prayer, feel free to ask anyone who has on a red shirt!”
- “If you have been impacted by the love of God today, go to the JLK info table and share your story with our team of people.”
- “On behalf of the Church of Kalamazoo we want you to know you are loved!”

### **Before allowing any testimonies to be shared over the mic...**

- Clear any SHORT testimonies with the designated site coordinator or spiritual oversight leaders for the grill site.
- **IMPORTANT:** Do not make announcements for seconds for food until all street ministry teams and IMPACT students return.

### **At close (approx 8:05) – gather the circle together, let Spiritual Overseer lead from there**

- **Ending prayers** will be led by a pastor, a community member and one/two children or youth – a few testimonies can also be shared at this time. If available, you could close with singing of a common worship song such as Amazing Grace. 😊
- **Thank everyone for coming;** remind the community that if they would like to keep talking with someone to let us know and we will follow up.
- **Remind the volunteers** to turn in all prayer request cards; come to the info table if they want to record a testimony and also remind that all volunteers need to help clean up.



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## Food / Grill Area

Most sites utilize TWO serving lines. For ONE serving line, volunteer numbers could be halved...

**Needed:** 6-10 rectangle tables

**Suggested Volunteer Assignments:** 20-30 volunteers

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| 3-4 - grillers  | 2 - watermelon     |
| 4 - handing out burgers and dogs  | 2 - cookies        |
| 2-4 - condiments  | 2-4 serving drinks |
| 2 - chips   |                    |
| 1 - runner behind tables for misc, such as making sure grillers have meat ready and cooked meat is transferred to the serving lines)      |                    |
| 1-2 - volunteers to mark hands as people come through line  |                    |
| 1-5 - volunteers to help people carry plates, drinks and also some volunteers could go around the site with a pitcher, re-filling drinks. |                    |

**Grilling Tips:**

- 1-2 trash cans IN grill area; Trash goes back to church unless told otherwise
- Have long grill lighters to start grills
- Consider direction of wind for grills
- Keep eye on propane tanks (keep two extra at each site)
- No one under 13 work in grill area (safety reasons)
- Make sure burgers are slightly FROZEN and hotdogs are THAWED
- Keep designated coolers for meat ONLY
- Have 1 cooler of cold waters for grill area workers
- Everyone handling food needs GLOVES (Have volunteers do all the serving/touching of food)
- Use big bowls for chips and watermelon (or tins), platters for cookies
- Cutting board and knives are provided to cut watermelon at site – use CAUTION with knives!!!

**Regarding Food Numbers:**

- We plan to serve anywhere from 600-1100 at every site
  - Interfaith, MLK, LaCrone and Portage sites are VERY busy, plan for higher volume
- We usually try to provide an equal amount of Hot Dogs / Hamburgers
- Be stern (but KIND) about 1-time though line. Can have 2nds once everyone has been fed and AFTER the Impact & Street Ministry groups return (this can be challenging) ☺
- **Save enough food for Impact Group and Street Ministry teams who will return at the end of the night. Check in with Impact leaders and Street Ministry coordinator to determine if all teams are back. Only after this can seconds be offered.**

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## Care & Prayer Tent Area

*The "care & prayer tent" is an area where we have bibles, devotionals etc. There will be a few chairs available for those situations that might warrant a longer conversation or deeper prayer. Sometimes volunteers from the JLK/365 team also decide to set up in this area. Although this area always needs to have 1-2 people manning the tent, all other "prayer" volunteers should be encouraged to go out from under the tent, engaging with the community -- in other words, try to avoid too many "red shirts" congregating around the prayer tent 😊*

### **Tips for the Care & Prayer Area Leaders:**

- First, gather all those indicating they would like to volunteer in this area. Pray together and make sure all get a list of prayer points for the site and the surrounding area.
- Distribute lanyards only to those willing to pray with people. If someone prefers to be a "hedge prayer volunteer" (interceding for all that is going on, but not necessarily praying "with" people) do not give them a lanyards so that it's not confusing for individuals who might want prayer.

### **For Volunteers sitting at the tent:**

- Watch the bibles and other materials, intercede while sitting, and be available to pray with individuals if they approach you
- Write down any presented prayer requests cards and turn in to the JLK/365 table.

### **For Volunteers ministering around the site:**

- Wear lanyards indicating that you will pray with people.
- Be proactive! Many of the people who attend the grill nights may not understand that they can approach the prayer tent to receive prayer, and therefore you will need to take it upon yourself to approach people.
- Take the time to build relationship with individuals before jumping right in and asking for prayer needs, as people may be initially uncomfortable and unwilling to receive prayer.
- Be available to give some extra support to general on-site ministry volunteers who want help praying with someone

### **What is a "Hedge Prayer" Volunteer?**

- We have normally considered "hedge prayer volunteers" to be those called to be intentionally interceding for all that is happening on the site and on street ministry.
- Some may choose to be in this role the whole night and others may want to do it in shifts.
- Encourage hedge prayer volunteers to discern with the Lord how He wants them to be interceding (maybe walking the site or sitting and praying with another volunteer, etc).

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# Overall Prayer Tips

***Note: These tips are helpful for all volunteers, but in particular, be sure everyone with a prayer lanyard reads through and understands these directives.***

### **Salvation prayer:**

- Ask the individual if it is a first time commitment.
- Ask them if they understand the gospel - if not explain it to them.
- Then ask if you can lead them in a prayer of commitment.
- We want them to know this is the best decision they can ever make.

### **What needs to be included in a salvation prayer?**

- The person needs to acknowledge they are coming before God.
- They can confess that their life has been lived apart from God and that they have done wrong (sinned)
- They can ask God for his forgiveness, and then repent from their past - to turn away from it.
- They can confess that they believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of their wrong (sins), and to reconcile them with God the Father.
- They should now commit their life into the hands of God asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Salvation prayers do not have to be religious. People have been “saved” by just saying the name of Jesus! “All those who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”

### **Prayer for physical healing:**

- We can pray for physical healing based upon Jesus’ work on the cross. Is. 53:5 - “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was laid upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.”
- Just pray naturally. **Ex) “Father, Come and bring healing to this leg/arm. I thank you that by your wounds \_\_\_\_\_ is healed. Let your healing presence flow here. Come and restore.”**

### **Prayer for Freedom from demonic oppression:**

- If you are praying for a person and you sense some demonic oppression. You can pray for an increased measure of freedom for that individual. You do not need to strive against the demonic presence. It will yield when God is at work!
- If you discern that a person is manifesting a demon you can pray “peace” over that person. In an extreme case you may have to firmly ask the person to look you in the eye, and speak a “peace” to that demonic storm. Demons like to draw attention to themselves. Don’t allow Satan to have any place in the process.
- Pray in the opposite spirit. If you sense anxiety, speak a release of peace. If you sense fear, speak a release of love and trust. Praying in the opposite spirit draws attention to what God is doing and away from what the enemy wants to do.
- If you feel that a demonic presence has been “cast out” or has left you should follow up with prayers of salvation, recommitment, or infilling of the Holy Spirit. It’s important not to leave their “house” empty. The Bible tells us that if we leave the house empty, seven more may take its place.

### Confession of Sin:

- If someone comes forward to confess sin remember this is a very vulnerable position they are putting themselves in and it takes courage to come to someone they do not know. It is our job to be a safe place for them. Be careful of facial expression of surprise, shock or negativity no matter what they say. Empathy, compassion and love are our best helps in those moments.
- Remember, no sin is too great for the unending, miraculous and gracious love of God. **Lead them through a prayer of repentance. You can include leading them through giving God any shame that came with that sin. After they have repented, declare forgiveness, honor and blessing over them and anything else that the Spirit leads.**

### Pray Biblical Prayers such as:

- *Come Holy Spirit*
- *Let Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven*
- *A deeper revelation of the Father's love in Christ*
- *Bring the light and expel the darkness*
- *Open the eyes of their understanding so they will know the magnitude of their salvation*
- *Peace ruling and reigning in their hearts*

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## Children's Area

### **Children's Area Leader Responsibilities:**

- Arrive at 4:30 (if possible)
- Introduce yourself to the Site Coordinator and Hospitality/Info Leaders
- Direct all children's area volunteers to help with set up / clean up as needed
- Once your volunteers gather, pray and give them an overview and brief training of the activities available
- Plug volunteers into activity areas; field questions and generally oversee the entire area during the night.
- Pray for God to move in a mighty way in the Children's area and give God the glory for what He is going to do!

### **Activities Featured in the Children's area**

*(note: all supplies will arrive on the trailers in marked bins)*

- Face Painting / Tattoos
- Colors of Faith- Nail Polish
- Colors of Faith –Beaded Necklaces
- Creative Art Project
- Reading Corner

### **Specials** (not available at all sites)

- Balloons/Clowns
- Bubble Machine
- Calligraphy Bookmarks

### **A Few Tips & Reminders for Volunteers:**

- We are there to share Jesus with the community children – so please limit volunteers to only one craft necklace for the week
- Come prepared to share the Colors of Faith (see below) – tell the story in your own words
- Middle school and older volunteers only for face-painting and nails
- We encourage volunteers to mingle and make friends with wandering children- maybe invite them to do a craft or join in the games along with them. Remember we are here to share the love of Jesus with them!
- Safety First! Volunteers should be watching at all times for the children's safety in this area.

### **Colors of Faith:**

- BLUE: God created everything perfect
- BLACK: People chose to disobey God. When we do wrong, it's called sin.
- RED: Instead of everyone being punished, God's son Jesus died to pay for our sins.
- WHITE: Jesus came alive again! When we believe this and accept Jesus into our heart, God forgives our sins.
- GREEN: Then you want to live better like Jesus did
- YELLOW: And God promises we will live forever with him in heaven!

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## Children's Game Area

### **AREA LEADERS:**

- Arrive at 4:30 (if possible)
- Introduce yourself to the Site Director & Hospitality/Info Leaders
- Direct volunteers to help with set up and clean up as needed
- Once all your volunteers gather, pray and give them an overview and brief training of the activities available
- Note: 1-2 "games-gurus" from the JLK Games Planning Team will be supplied to each site to assist. They are not in charge, but are there to offer help, support and energy 😊

### **GAMES AREA GOALS:**

- Provide a variety of games for children ages 5-15.
- Interact with the kids and share the love of Jesus.
- Safety prioritized at all times.

### **TIPS & CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Site locations should be reviewed ahead of time. Decide what is offered based on safety.
- Soccer or kickball should not be played next to a busy road.
- Games need to be "organic" – trust God and don't force it.
- Kids will come and go from this area, be sure to welcome new children joining.
- Some kids will need to be INVITED – go to the food area and invite! Others will just come...
- Have volunteers start playing and lead by example to encourage kids to join in.
- Some of the kids may not have a lot of experience with "organized" games – be patient and flexible.
- Use discernment and consider splitting the group by ages for safety.
  
- Greet anyone you see, young and old. Explain what is happening; food, fun, fellowship, all under the banner of Christ and the participations of many churches within the community. There is food for the body and soul. Point people to food, prayer tent or ask if you could pray with them.
- Smile and have fun!

### **JLK will Provide the Following Types of Games Supplies:**

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| ○ Basketball             | ○ Hula hoops     |
| ○ Soccer                 | ○ Sidewalk chalk |
| ○ Nerf Football          | ○ Bubbles        |
| ○ Soft oversize Frisbees | ○ Parachutes     |
| ○ Ladder golf            | ○ Jump Rope      |

***Other games can be played, but certain games are avoided for safety reasons. (Baseball, softball, hard Frisbees, dodgeball)***