



## Be Prepared Questions and Answers

### **What is a Be Prepared project?**

We are calling on our small groups to adopt widows, single moms, elderly couples and/or special needs families (“friends”) as their CHLB projects in 2024. And we have a great idea for how you to help them!

### **What is your great idea?**

Grace Fellowship will provide a “Be Prepared” kit for each “friend.” This kit includes items they may need for situations that come up in their home (i.e., a lantern if the power goes out, a fake rock to hold a key if they get locked out, covers for their outside faucets in a freeze, bleach/funnel for keeping their AC line clear, a water sensor system to catch leaks, a fire blanket and fire extinguisher for stopping a fire, new batteries for their smoke alarms, a CO detector, tools needed to turn off gas and water in case of emergency and more). We have purchased all the materials for this kit and will provide instructions. (See the end of this document for the full list of items in kit).

### **What is expected for the small group?**

The first priority will be working with the friend to implement the Be Prepared kit. This will likely take an hour or two, depending on the size of your group. We have found that many of the friends have other items around their house that they need help with. We will provide a questionnaire to help you uncover these opportunities and there is an additional \$350 budget available to your group to cover the cost. We are asking that you meet with your friend a few weeks before the CHLB date to see what other issues you can help with. (See the end of this document for the list of questions).

### **What groups can sign up?**

If you are part of an existing small group, get your folks organized and sign up. If not, we are encouraging you to put together a small group just for CHLB.

### **How do we find a friend to help?**

Do you know someone in your neighborhood or social circle that could use this support? If not, ask your group as there is likely to be someone in your small group that knows of a friend that needs help. The Be Prepared kit contains many items that we all need but often don't have.

### **Can our group sign up even if we don't have a friend?**

Absolutely. If you want to participate but don't have anyone to adopt, you can volunteer, using the same form (see the link below), and then we will match you with a nominated candidate. We expect to have a number of friends that need to be adopted.

### **What if we have more than one friend that we would like to "Be Prepared"?**

Nominate one and adopt them with your small group and then fill in a second form and nominate the other friend. We will work to match them up with another small group. Or you can divide your group in two and cover both of them.

### **What is the location for the sign-up form (CHLB24 Be Prepared)?**

The link is <https://whatisgrace.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/2527/responses/new>

Or you can use the QR code below



### **How many small groups are you hoping sign up?**

We are shooting for 60 small group adoptions. Help us hit this target by signing up today!

### **What happens after I sign up?**

Once we have your registration we will be in touch with more details. If you are volunteering but don't have a friend, we will match you up and send you their name and contact information. We are planning on providing several options for a training session that will help you with detailed instructions on how to implement the Be Prepared kit. At least a couple weeks before CHLB you should plan on having two or three people from your group visit with your friend and go through the questionnaire (see end of this document). Then you should determine what additional work your group can take on and purchase the necessary supplies to complete this work. The final step before CHLB will be to have someone pick up the Be Prepared kit the week before CHLB.

### **Do we need to buy the Be Prepared kit?**

No. We will take care of buying the components and organizing the kits. We will make the kits available for pick up the week before CHLB at the church or at the Thomson's house.

### **What if our friend lives in an apartment?**

The kit and the questions work best for someone that has a house but if you think the project still makes sense for someone living in an apartment feel free to pursue this option.

**Does our friend have to be a member or regular attender at Grace?**

No, we are serving the community so they can be anyone that lives in the West Houston area.

**What is we can't complete the project on October 6<sup>th</sup>?**

These projects can be completed any time in October. If your group is not available on the 6<sup>th</sup> figure out another day that works for your group and your friend and complete the project then!

**Is there a role for children?**

Yes. They can help with installing some of the kit items. Also you can look for kid-friendly additional projects (like landscaping) when you meet with your friend.

**Is there a relational and spiritual component for these projects?**

Yes. We expect that you will get to know your friend and that you will pray with her/them. A key part of this project is relationally loving on the person you are serving.

**What if our friend doesn't need one or more of the components of the kit?**

If you know this in advance tell us and we will take out those components. We will have a drop off location at the church after CHLB for components that were not needed. We will combine those and use them for future Be Prepared kits.

**Can our small group do a different kind of project?**

Absolutely. We continue to support all types of projects for CHLB. However, we are encouraging small groups to sign up for their own project versus participating in a large group project. Here is the link for the form for other types of projects (name is CHLB24 Project Nominations):

<https://whatisgrace.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/2398/responses/new?respondentId=4529>

We also have a list of projects that our local ministry partners have nominated. Here is a link to that list: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dJXIXF3OYIjz3f8QfPvqMDvSCr8aoOT6-wvAFNirf3o/edit?gid=1946126554#gid=1946126554>

**Can I get a link to order some of these components for myself?**

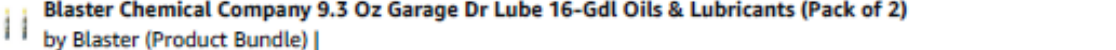
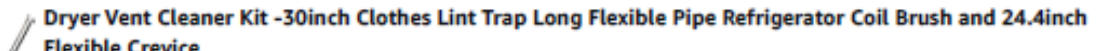
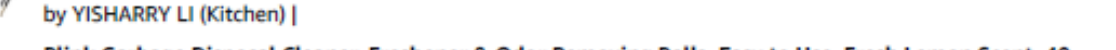
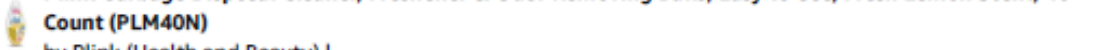
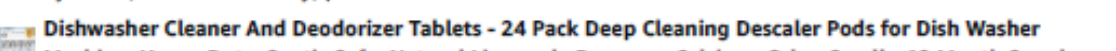
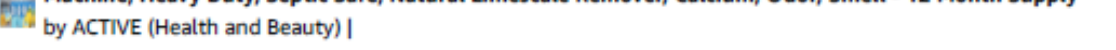
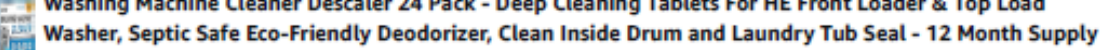


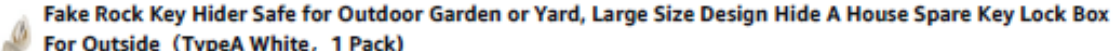
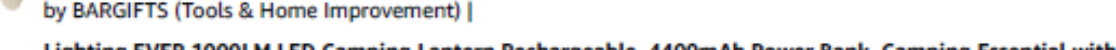
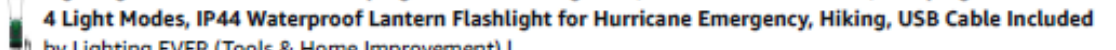
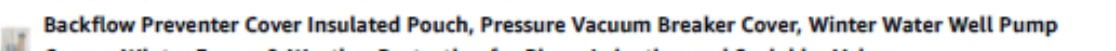
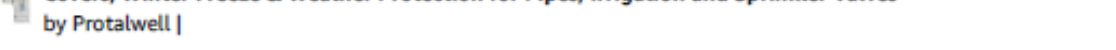
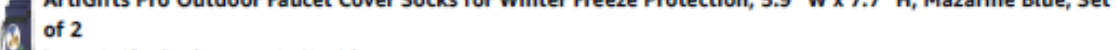
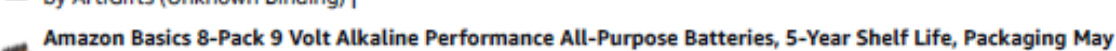

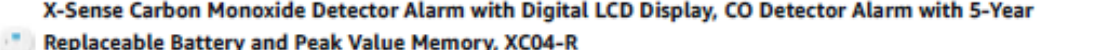
Sure. Sign up for a project. Our plan is to send out a link to the shopping list we created on Amazon that has all the components so you can prepare your own house!

**Who can I talk to if I have more questions?**

For more information and/or questions please contact the Thomson Small Group at [kipthomson@gmail.com](mailto:kipthomson@gmail.com) or by calling Kip at 713.416.7761.

## "Be Prepared" Supplies

"This is the list of items that will be included in the "be prepared" package"

Title



















## **Questions to uncover additional opportunities**

Note: There is an additional set of questions that go with the Be Prepared materials.

### **Help with other potential issues:**

When was the last time you changed your furnace/AC return air filters?

When was the last time you changed the bag on your vacuum?

Do you have a water softener? Does it need any salt or maintenance?

Do you have an air purifier? If so, when was the last time you cleaned the filter?

Do you have any light bulbs that need to be changed? Do you have spare bulbs?

Do you know how to turn off the water under sinks/by washer?

Do you know how to open your garage manually?

What options do you have to get help if you fall?

What options do you have if you get a flat tire or your battery dies or you run out of gas?

### **Items you can consider if your team is capable:**

Do you have any caulking that needs to be repaired

Do you have any wall repairs/ paint touch up needs?

Do you have any tile or flooring that needs fixed?

Do you have any issues with your tables / chair legs / fans/ interior doors?

Do you have any issues with blinds, curtains or opening windows?

Do you have any issues with lights, switches, plugs and other electrical issues?

Do you have any leaky faucets (inside and out)?

Do you have any toilet issues?

What is the condition of washing machine hoses?

When was the last time you drained the sediment in your hot water heater?

When was the last time that you changed the anode in your water heater?

What is the condition of water heater hoses?

Do you have any issues with your fence/ gutters/ drainage?

Are there any exterior doors / locks/ windows issues that we should look at?

Do you have any broken glass that needs fixed?

Do you have any garage door issues?

Do you have any problems with your sprinkler system?

Do you have any issues with your water softener?

What is the condition of outside AC unit-- does it need to be cleaned?

Do you need help with wasps or ants or other insects?

Do you need any help moving heavy objects?

Do you have any hazardous wastes/ old paint that we can recycle?

### **Other possible projects to discuss:**

Landscaping (Mulch, Sod, Tree trimming, Flowers, stump removal)

Cut Flowers (buy some from Trader Joe's or Costco) / other decorating

Clean out garage or attic or storage shed