

## Budget, Lodging and Other Planning Helps

### Resources available through the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence while on a Sabbath Leave

#### Housing prices

*When considering local hotel accommodations for long-term housing, please keep in mind taxes are 18% in addition to the room rate and are not usually quoted in the price. All rates are subject to change. The following are a few of the hotels which offer discounted rates for guests of Samford University.*

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott** (3 miles from Samford's campus) provides furnished studio suites with queen beds, full kitchens, and a living area.

- 1-5 consecutive nights will be \$99 to \$159 + tax per night
- 6-11 consecutive nights will be \$89 to \$119 + tax per night
- 12-29 consecutive nights will be \$80 to \$100 + tax per night
- 30+ consecutive nights will be \$64 to \$89 + tax per night

TownePlace Suites by Marriott accepts pets for a non-refundable \$75 fee (well-mannered dogs, cats, birds, and fish). They have an onsite laundry room, exercise room, barbeque area, and same day valet dry cleaning. A free grab-n-go breakfast consisting of coffee, muffins, breakfast/cereal bars, fruit, and juice is provided daily.

Please visit the Marriott Rewards web site to join for free to take advantage of member-exclusive specials, including rate discounts, sweepstakes, and offers from Marriott's travel partners. Share in the privileges of membership like express check-in and guaranteed rooms.

**Residence Inn by Marriott** (3 miles from Samford's campus) provides fully furnished suites with fully equipped kitchen and separate living area.

- 1-5 consecutive nights will be \$119 to \$179 + tax per night
- 6-11 consecutive nights will be \$109 to \$129 + tax per night
- 12-29 consecutive nights will be \$89 to \$119 + tax per night
- 30+ consecutive nights will be \$79 to \$105 + tax per night

Residence Inn by Marriott has daily housekeeping service, complimentary full weekly dinners, complimentary full hot breakfast, on-site health club facilities, same day valet dry cleaning service, and a 24/7 self-serve food and beverage kiosk.

**Drury Inn & Suites Southwest** (3 miles from Samford's campus) standard hotel rooms with microwaves and refrigerators in each room and a free hot breakfast.

- Nightly rate is \$88 plus tax

Drury Inn & Suites Southwest has a guest laundry room, exercise room, and free wireless internet. A free hot QUIKSTART breakfast is provided daily.

**Other local hotels** which offer discounted rates for Samford guests are listed on the Samford University website at [http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel\\_and\\_lodging.html](http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel_and_lodging.html)

**Premier Living Suites** offers short-term fully-furnished apartments which include all of your furnishings, utilities, phone service, cable television, and fully-equipped kitchen.

- \$1350 to \$1650 per month (includes tax)

Each apartment has a full size washer and dryer, swimming pools, workout facilities. Pets are allowed with fee. 30 day minimum stay. Deposit required 14 days prior to check in.

## Meal prices on campus

The University cafeteria offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Prices are \$6.00 for breakfast, \$8.00 for lunch, and \$9.50 for dinner. There is also a food court on campus with fast-food options.

## Meetings with faculty

Meetings with faculty resource persons at Samford University can be arranged for an appropriate honorarium. A resource list of selected faculty members, their credentials and experience is available upon request.

## Schedule of classes

The schedule of classes for Samford University and Beeson Divinity School are available online at [http://www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/current\\_academic\\_calendar.htm](http://www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/current_academic_calendar.htm). There is a charge of \$100 to "sit in" on a Beeson School of Divinity class.

## Samford Wellness Program

Sabbath Leave Participants will receive access to the fitness facilities; gyms, fitness classes (as available) and the campus pool. The Homewood/Lakeshore Walking Trail is located directly across from campus. For more information and details, please contact [resource@samford.edu](mailto:resource@samford.edu).

## Pastoral counseling

Individual pastoral counseling is available through the Samaritan Counseling Center at \$110 per one hour session.

## Planning and advice from an alumnus

"Remember the Sabbatical" by Gary Furr, pastor, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

## City of Birmingham

For local weather, area attractions, tourist guide, calendar of events, golf packages, maps, etc. please visit the [Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) website.