

# HEBRON HOUSE

Student Guesthouse

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THE HEBRON HOUSE  
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Guests have the opportunity to attend one of four community house churches each Sunday

## Guesthouse Information

### HOUSE GUIDELINES

Each guest will be given a key to the house. Rent is \$10 a day or \$200 per month. Guests are also expected to provide their own lunch and dinner. You may want to consider bringing a laundry basket/bag and other laundry items if you plan on doing laundry.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Linens and cold breakfast items are provided. There is dresser and closet space in each room. The house has a washer/dryer and full kitchen available to guests. There is also an iMac available for guest use along with wireless internet.

### MEDICAL STUDENT SCHEDULE

- 8:30-1:30 - shadowing at a CCHS clinic
- 1:30-2:30 - lunch
- 2:30-5:00 - community outreach and discipleship

### RESIDENT SCHEDULE

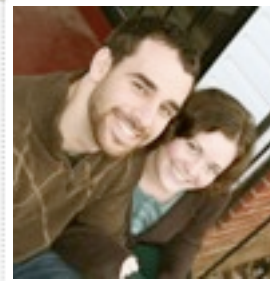
- 8:30-5:00 - Seeing patients at CCHS clinic
- 1-2 afternoons of HIV outreach testing



*The Hebron Guesthouse*



*Living room*



*Jon and Stacy Hall (your hosts)*

The Hebron guesthouse is located in the inner-city neighborhood of Binghampton

# Hebron in the Bible

The city of Hebron (which means a community or alliance) is located on a hill about 19 miles south-southwest of Jerusalem. The city is holy to all three Abrahamic faiths because it is the site of the Cave of the Patriarchs. Abraham moved to this region, “near the great trees of Mamre” after separating from Lot. While living here he was visited by two angels who repeated God’s promise of a son. He later bought the cave and surrounding field from the Hittites to bury Sarah. Subsequently, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Leah were buried there, giving rise to it’s name, “city of the patriarchs.”

When the Israelites were preparing to enter the Promised Land, Moses sent spies from each of the twelve tribes of Israel into the region of Canaan surrounding the city of Hebron. The spies returned with huge clusters of grapes, pomegranates, and figs as evidence of the land’s fruitfulness. When they returned they reported that while the land was indeed “flowing with milk and honey” as the Lord had promised, there were also giants in the land who would devour them and take their women and children as plunder. The people of Israel were afraid of the giants and rebelled against God and against his servant Moses,

demanding that a new leader take them back to Egypt to live as slaves.

Two men, Joshua and Caleb, spoke up in opposition to the rebellion. Caleb reminded the people of Israel that God promised to give them this land as an inheritance. God would fulfill his promise by giving the Israelites victory in battle. The Israelites did not listen. They persisted in their rebellion, and were subsequently banished to the wilderness where they were forced to wander aimlessly for the rest of their lives. When the generation that had rebelled against God had finally died out, the people of Israel did enter the land of Canaan, and Joshua awarded the city of Hebron to Caleb for his bravery and faithfulness to God.

We have named our guest house, The Hebron House, for the symbolic representation it offers as a staging ground for spiritual battle. There are still spiritual giants in our land. Jesus commanded his disciples to care for the poor (Matt 25) and to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28). Many of the nations that are still in need of the gospel are ravaged by oppression and violence. They are not safe places. War, rogue governments, and harsh living conditions stand as giants defying disciples

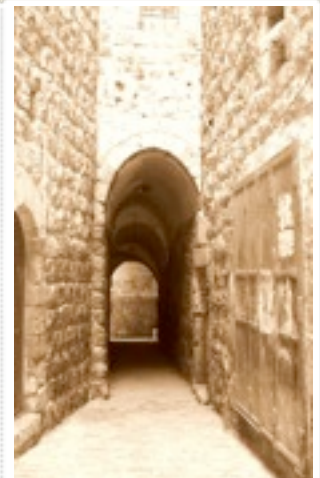
of Jesus Christ to enter the land with the life saving message of the gospel.

In our inner cities, gangs, drugs, and poverty induce fear into the hearts of Christian men and women, tempting them to retreat to the comforts and complacency of their lives rather than engaging these problems through sacrificial service to the poor. Just as the Israelites refused to engage the inherent dangers of taking the promised land, many Christians today allow their fears and their self-interests to distract them from obeying God’s command to love the poor and to take the gospel to the nations.

The “Hebron House” offers an alternative. While living and working in the inner city of Memphis, you will have an opportunity to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, using the gifts that God has given to you to love and serve the poor. You will also have the opportunity to gain a vision for making disciples of all nations while being empowered to do so. Our hope is that the Hebron House will serve as a staging area in your own personal spiritual journey, preparing you to face the spiritual giants of our world through faithful obedience to Jesus.



*The Cave of the Patriarchs*



*Entrance to the Cave*