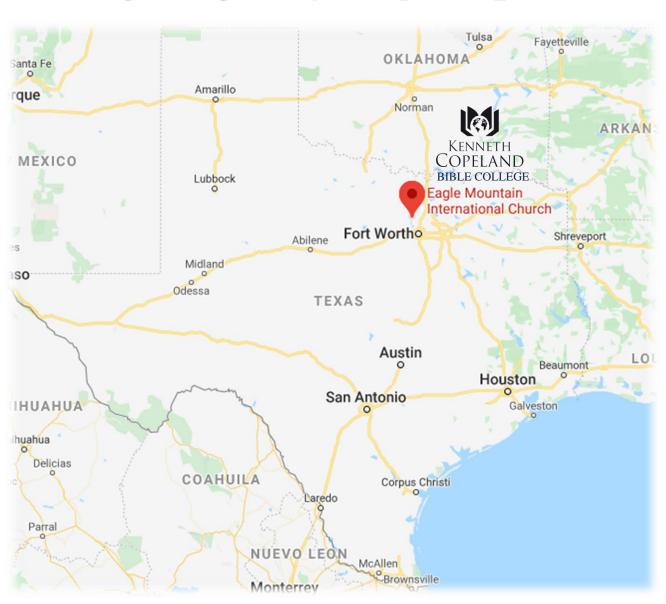


# RELOCATION G U D E



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For over 50 years Kenneth Copeland Ministries has been reaching and teaching others with an uncompromised message of faith in God's Word. We are so excited to count you among those who are called to KCBC and our mission.

It is our desire to see you be as successful as possible during your time at KCBC so that you are able to receive all that God has planned for you in this new season. We have put this Relocation Guide together with you in mind, to help you in the preparation process.

Please contact the Admissions Department with any questions at admissions@kcbiblecollege.org.

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**Fort Worth, TX** is ranked the 13th largest and one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. The winter is mild with cool overnight temperatures (December - February) and the summer is hot, peaking temperatures near 100 on the hottest days (June - September). Throughout the year, the temperature typically varies from 37 to 97 and is rarely below 25 or above 102.

**The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex** is a large geographical area. The shortest distance between Dallas and Fort Worth is 32 miles, however the travel time with traffic can be 45-90 minutes. Eagle Mountain International Church is located in Newark, TX which is about a 30-45 minute drive from downtown Fort Worth and 90 minutes or more from downtown Dallas.

## Planning for Your Relocation

#### **HOUSING**

Apartments - If you plan to rent an apartment in the Fort Worth area, do your research online to assess how much deposit and preliminary fees will cost.

Purchasing a House - If you plan to buy a house, be sure to research property tax and home owner's insurance rates in your target neighborhood. Also take into consideration a down payment.

#### **Temporary Housing**

Sometimes temporary housing may be needed while you are looking for a permanent residence. Here are some options to consider if your relocation will require a temporary residence.

- Hotel Extended stay hotels offer lower rates and fuller amenities than traditional hotels. In the Fort Worth area, extended stay options include Hawthorn Suites, Homewood Suites and Extended Stay.
- Corporate Housing Fully furnished apartments and condominiums exist. They usually offer short-term leases. See Resource List below for a list of options.
- RV Park At times, some people who are relocating plan on staying in RV parks or fifth-wheel trailer campers. There is a selection of RV Parks across the Metroplex.

See Housing Resource List below for a list of options.

#### HOUSING RESOURCE LIST

#### **Apartments**

- Legends at Eagle Mountain <u>www.legendsateaglemountain.com</u>
- Overlook Ranch Apartments www.overlookranchapartments.com
- Longhorn Crossing www.longhorncrossingapts.com
- Villa Lago Apartment Homes <a href="https://venterraliving.com/apartments/villa-lago/">https://venterraliving.com/apartments/villa-lago/</a>

#### Temporary Housing

- www.expresscorporatehousing.com
- www.premiercorporatehousing.com
- Northlake Village RV www.northlakevillagerv.com
- Lakeview Mobile Home Park www.lakeviewmhc.com

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#### **NEIGHBORHOODS**

Here are some key considerations when choosing your new neighborhood:

- Rural Areas west and north of EMIC are the most rural.
- Urban Downtown Fort Worth, Downtown Dallas and Uptown Dallas are the most urban.
- Suburban The areas east and south from EMIC are the most suburban.

You will find information here <u>www.destinationdfw.com</u> to help you learn more about the neighborhoods DFW.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Another high priority consideration when relocating is employment. There are many large Fortune 500 companies headquartered in DFW in addition to many small business, making the Metroplex one of the best areas to find employment in the United States. Consideration should be given to the proximity of your place of employment in relation to KCBC.

#### **WFBSITFS**

- CareerDFW www.careerdfw.org/J/
- Indeed <u>www.indeed.com</u>
- Monster Jobs www.monster.com
- Care.com <u>www.care.com</u>

#### SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR DEPENDENTS

Considering the geographical scope and population of the DFW Metroplex, there are plenty of options for dependents' education. Here are some school web-sites:

- Fort Worth ISD <u>www.fwisd.org</u>
- Keller ISD www.kellerisd.net
- Northwest ISD www.nisdtx.org
- Eagle Mountain/Saginaw ISD www.emsisd.com
- Connections Academy www.connectionsacademy.com/texas-virtual-school
- Homeschool Options www.homeschool.com
- Lake Country Christian School <u>www.lccs.org</u>
- Fort Worth Christian School www.fwc.org
- Liberty Christian School <u>www.libertychristian.com</u>

### HOBBIES/LEISURE

In choosing your neighborhood, hobbies and interests may be a consideration. The DFW Metroplex is a large area that offers a great variety of activities. There are many trails for running and cycling. There are a number of lakes for boating and water activities. There are also many malls and shopping centers to choose from. Additionally, Six Flags, Fort Worth Zoo, water parks and many museums provide ample opportunities for family fun.





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#### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

In Texas you will have to:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
- be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must be 18 to vote)

#### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

There are 4 steps to title and register your vehicle in Texas as a new Texas resident. The steps must be followed in the order listed:

- Step 1: Obtain Texas vehicle insurance
- Step 2: Obtain a Texas vehicle inspection at any state inspection station within your new county of residence
  - Proof of vehicle insurance will be required at the time of inspection
- Step 3: Apply for a Texas title and/or registration in person at your local county tax office. Take the following with you:
  - Title or out-of-state registration receipt
  - Completed Title and/or Registration Application (Check the "Registration Purposes Only" box if you are not surrendering the out-of-state title)
  - Your current driver license or government-issued photo identification
  - Proof of current vehicle insurance

The base registration fee in Texas is \$50.75 plus \$1 for TexasSure, the electronic insurance verification program and other Department of Public Safety initiatives. So, total state registration is \$51.75 but counties may add other fees to this cost. As a new resident, you also will pay sales tax-related fees required by the state's Comptroller of Public Accounts. Contact your local county tax office in Texas for the exact fee amount and acceptable payment methods.

While at the county tax assessor-collector's office be sure to ask your customer service representative to sign you up for eReminder. They will email you when it's time to renew, and you will have the opportunity to renew your registration online.

Be sure to register your vehicle within 30-days of moving to Texas; otherwise, penalty fees may apply.

Step 4: Apply for a Texas driver license through the Texas Department of Public Safety

: TxDMV does not issue Driver Licenses; but as a new resident you are required to obtain your Texas driver license from the Texas Department of Public Safety within 90 days of moving here.



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As a new resident you are required to obtain your Texas driver license from the Texas Department of Public Safety (<a href="www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/movingtotexas.htm">www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/movingtotexas.htm</a>). Before you can get a Texas driver license, you will first need to transfer your auto insurance to Texas and register your vehicles in Texas. New Texas residents can legally drive with a valid, unexpired drive license from another U.S. state, U.S. territory, Canadian province, or qualifying country for up to 90 days after moving to Texas.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Currently, a significant public transportation system does not exist. There are future plans to expand the Fort Worth public transit system to the northern suburbs.

Here are some links to help you learn more about the Public Transportation that is available in the Fort Worth area

- www.trinityrailwayexpress.org/index.html
- www.texrail.com
- www.dart.org/riding/tre.asp
- www.the-t.com/commuterrails/tre/tabid/208/default.aspx
- www.fwta.org

#### TOLL ROADS

In the Dallas Fort Worth area, there are a number of toll roads. The most cost effective method of paying for tolls is with a TXTag.

#### PREPARING TO MOVE

(\*\*See "Financial Considerations" for more helpful hints)

Whether you choose to use a professional moving service or to move yourself, there are a number of things to keep in mind. If you choose a professional mover to assist in your relocation they will handle many of these concerns, but not all of them.

#### TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- 1. Research Start researching moving companies. Do not rely on a quote over the phone. Request an on-site estimate. Get an estimate in writing from each company and make sure it has a USDOT (U.S. Department of Transportation) number on it if you're moving to a different state.
- 2. Organize School Records Go to your children's school and arrange for their records to be transferred to their new school district.
- 3. Insurance Check into switching your vehicle and home or renter's insurance.

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Gather supplies - Obtain boxes and other supplies such as tape, bubble wrap, packing paper and permanent markers.



#### ONE MONTH BEFORE

Begin Packing - If you are not using a professional moving service that would pack your house for you, it's time to begin packing.

Label - Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it's destined for. If you will number each box, this will help you to keep an inventory of your belongings. Pack and label "essential" boxes of items you'll need to unpack first.

Valuables - Add items such as jewelry and important files to a safe box that you'll personally transport to your new home. Make sure to put the mover's estimate in this box. You'll need to reference it on moving day.

Notify Important Parties - Alert the following of your move: banks, brokerage firms, insurance, utility companies, credit card company and magazine subscriptions.

Forward Medical Records - Arrange for medical records to be sent to any new health care providers or obtain copies of them for yourself. Ask for referrals.

Wireless Service - Check with your current wireless provider to ensure they have adequate coverage at your new address.

Utility Providers at New Home - Look for the utility you are going to use. In Texas, electricity is deregulated. This means there are many different electric providers to choose from. Keep in mind that some utility providers may require a deposit depending on a credit check. If you live in an apartment complex, you will likely have to use the electricity provider with whom it contracts.

Change of Address Form/Forwarding Address - Go to your local post office to fill out a change of address form or complete one online at www.usps.gov.

#### TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Automobile Tune Up - Take your car in and ask what services might be needed if you're moving to a new climate. Oil change, tires, belts, hoses, etc. In Texas, you have 30 days to pass inspection in order to register your vehicle. Make sure your vehicle is ready for the trip. Legal Documents - Make sure you have your original birth certificate and social security card. Clean out your Safe Deposit Box - If you'll be changing banks, remove the contents of your safe-deposit box and put them in the safe box that you'll take with you on moving day.

#### ONE WEEK BEFORE

Refill Prescriptions - Stock up on prescriptions you'll need during the next couple of weeks. Confirm Lease - If you are leasing an apartment or home, be sure to confirm the move-in date to avoid any misunderstandings.

#### IT'S MOVING DAY!

Here are some considerations to help your moving day go well.

- 1. Turn the thermostat down
- 2. If you've hired movers, be a blessing and consider providing light snacks and bottled water.
- 3. If using a professional moving service, compare the movers' inventory with yours to ensure nothing has been left out. Plan to be present while the movers are loading to make sure they take everything and that there are not problems. Be sure the movers have your phone number so they can contact you should any issues arise.



#### **TRAVEL**

Now that everything is packed and loaded it's time for your travel to DFW.

- Plan your route to DFW
- 2. Be sure you have the addresses to your first stops handy. (i.e.hotel, new home, etc.)

#### \*\*FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS - SUMMARY

Here is a handy checklist to consider as you plan for your move.

#### **Housing Expenses**

Temporary Housing Expense

#### **New Apartment Expenses**

- Application Fee
  - Administrative Fee
  - Deposit
  - Pet Deposit

#### **Current Home Expenses**

- Cost of breaking lease
- Cost of selling house

#### **Moving Expenses**

#### Storage Unit

#### Self-move Expenses

- Moving supplies: boxes, packing paper, bubble wrap, tape & markers
- Moving truck rental
- Moving truck fuel
- Furniture pads
- Two wheel dolly Professional Mover Expenses

#### **Travel Expenses**

- Gas
- Meals/Snacks
- Lodging
- Tolls

#### Vehicle Expenses

- Vehicle Inspection
- Vehicle Registration
- Driver's License



"The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]." <a href="Psalm 37:23">Psalm 37:23</a> (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

As you pray and believe for the wisdom of God, remember that the Lord has promised that He would guide your steps. He also promised in James 1:5, "If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, Who gives to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

Luke 14:28 says, For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? God will provide you with the wisdom to make every decision a good one. I believe, as you pray, you will receive God's guidance and wisdom for your future.

God has a plan for you, and it's a good one!

Jesus Is Lord!

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