

The Tyler Garden Oasis – Texas

Hosts: Dr. Glenn and Kim Strauss



Vision: Our vision is to encourage fellow ministry workers in their spiritual development by supporting them during critical transitional and restorative seasons of life. We believe a safe, supportive, enriching home environment and mature fellowship in Christ are essential when faced with the challenges of change. *“For as we share abundantly in Christ sufferings, we share abundantly in comfort too” 2 Cor.1:5*

What we offer: We have served the Lord together in both church and international missions work since 1975, Glenn as an ophthalmologist, musician, and pastor-teacher and Kim as a homemaker, artist, and teacher with a love for children and cooking. We both know the challenges of the life of missionaries, pastors, and pastor’s wives and families. We offer our home and our hearts to those who are in a season of transition or who need respite care. We specialize in spiritual formation and restoration using coaching, counseling, our home environment, and various activities to promote openness to the Lord.

Accommodations: Located 1.5 hours east of the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex in the Piney Woods of East Texas, the Tyler Garden Oasis is located in a quiet residential area outside the city of Tyler. The living areas and bedrooms are spacious with private bath and living area. A central kitchen is well equipped for personal cooking or nutritious and flavorful meals will be provided if preferred. Simple exercise equipment is available, and the neighborhood roads provide a hilly 4.5-mile walking or running course.

Activities

- Prayer gardens and creek
- Birding
- Simple gardening tasks
- Walking trails
- Ping pong and children’s play area
- Arts and crafts
- Living suite for singles, couples, or families
- Full access to kitchen, garden decks, firepit, and outdoor cooking grill
- Live classical guitar music
- Wood shop



Local attractions (most within 30 minutes drive)

- Tyler Rose Gardens <https://www.tylertexasonline.com/tyler-texas-rose-garden.htm>
- Azalea trails <https://www.tylertexasonline.com/tyler-texas-azalea-trail.htm>
- Caldwell Zoo <https://caldwellzoo.org/>
- Lakes for kayaking, fishing, or swimming <https://www.east-texas.com/east-texas-lakes.htm>
- Dallas Arboretum <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/>

Contact us: tylergardenoasis@gmail.com or 903-245-5407 and leave a message.

Costs: No charge. Donations accepted. We do not cover any travel or personal expenses.