

REFUGE

Compelled to be Christ's Love and Hope

June 28, 2023

Dear Youth and Parents:

Soon, we will depart for Washington DC, for our summer mission trip! I know God has an amazing week in store for us as we share God's love, serve with new and old friends, and learn from others in the Washington DC area. Our team is made up of 47 individuals – 12 adults and 35 youth.

This packet of information will provide you with everything you need to know in order to prepare for our week of ministry, service, and fun. ***Please read over everything carefully - especially the packing list!***

Your checklist: (All forms must be returned to the church office by **Wednesday, July 5. Everyone has completed the required medical/media release form. The two additional forms are enclosed. You may email copies of the signed forms to Alice@fbcjc.org. We will not accept payments or forms in the church parking lot the morning we leave!)**

- Paid in Full (Contact Alice Satterfield at 573.634.3603 or alice@fbcjc.org if you have questions on payment or what is owed.)
- 2023 Youth Covenant—all youth (blue paper)
- Preference & Photo Permission Form –all youth and adults (yellow paper)

The hotel rooming list and charter bus seat assignments are enclosed. These assignments are firm. No swapping seats or room assignments before or on the trip. If there is a concern with your assignment, contact Mark.





While on the trip, we will post pictures on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/refugestudents/>. We will also post pictures on or after the trip at <http://flickr.com/refugejc>. Please join us at First Baptist Church in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 16, at 4:30 pm for our Homecoming Celebration. We will share some stories from the trip along with a video.

I'm excited for our week of service and awesome memories with each of you! Join me in praying as we prepare in every way for an incredible trip to Washington DC! Questions? Contact Mark at mark@fbcjc.org or 417.894.8994 or Alice Satterfield at alice@fbcjc.org or 573.634.3603.

Mark Leesman, Interim Youth Minister

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We **WELCOME** warmly, **GROW** faithfully and **SERVE** generously, leading people into **LIFE-GIVING** relationships with Christ and each other.

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MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

This is a working schedule and is subject to changes. Remember to be flexible!

***Dress comfortable for the bus. Wear layers in case you get cold or hot. We will make two rest stops in addition to the meal stops. There is also a bathroom at the back of the charter bus.**

Sunday, July 9:

5:30 am Load bus in lower parking lot
6:00 am Depart
9:00 am Rest stop in Vandalia, IL
12:30 pm Lunch in Greenfield, IN
3:45 pm Rest stop in Springfield, OH
6:20 pm Dinner in Byesville, OH
8:00 pm Check in to hotel
8:30 pm Team Meeting

Monday, July 10

8:15 am Load bus
8:30 am Depart
12:10 pm Lunch in Hagerstown, MD
2:40 pm VBS Prep & Setup at Greenbrier Baptist Church, Arlington, VA
5:00 pm Supper at Greenbrier Baptist Church
6:00 pm VBS at Greenbrier Baptist Church
8:30 pm Team Devotion/Small Groups
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel

Tuesday, July 11

8:45 am Depart Hotel for Holocaust Museum (Bring water bottle)
10:30 am Holocaust Museum
1:00 pm Depart to Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, VA
1:20 pm Lunch at Church
2:00 pm Team Devotion/Small Groups
5:00 pm Depart for Greenbrier Baptist Church with sack lunches
6:00 pm VBS at Greenbrier Baptist Church
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel

Wednesday, July 12

7:45 am Depart Hotel for Union Square (Bring water bottle)
9:45 am Air & Space Museum
12:00 pm Museum of Choice & Lunch
3:30 pm Depart to Memorial Baptist Church
4:00 pm Team Devotion/Small Groups
5:00 pm Depart for Greenbrier Baptist Church with sack lunches
6:00 pm VBS at Greenbrier Baptist Church
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel

Thursday, July 13

9:15 am Depart Hotel for The Outreach Program
10:00 am Food Packing with The Outreach Program
12:15 pm Lunch at Memorial Baptist Church
12:45 pm Depart for Path Forward
1:00 pm Path Forward Tour and Food Bagging Project
4:00 pm Team Devotion/Small Groups
5:00 pm Depart for Greenbrier Baptist Church with sack lunches
6:00 pm VBS at Greenbrier Baptist Church
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel

Friday, July 14

8:45 am Depart Hotel for Arlington Cemetery
9:30 am Arlington Cemetery
11:45 am Lunch at Memorial Baptist Church
12:45 pm Depart for National Zoo
1:00 pm National Zoo
3:30 pm Depart for Greenbrier Baptist Church
5:00 pm Sack Lunch at Greenbrier Baptist Church
6:00 pm VBS (Family Night) at Greenbrier Baptist Church
8:30 pm Depart for Moonlight Monuments
TBD Depart for Hotel

Saturday, July 15

7:00 am Load Bus
7:15 am Depart Hotel for leg one of ride home
11:30 am Lunch in Sutton, WV
2:45 pm Rest stop in Grayson, KY
5:45 pm Check in to hotel
6:30 pm Dinner at the Hotel
7:00 pm Free time at Hotel

Sunday July 16

7:45 am Load Bus
8:00 am Depart Hotel for Home
11:00 am Lunch in Mount Vernon, IL
3:15 pm Arrive at FBC JC. Unload bags in the FBC Gym
4:30 pm Homecoming Celebration at FBCJC (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Get your luggage & goodbye!

*The daily schedules may vary slightly due to unforeseen issues or varying schedules. Return times may vary due to travel times. Be flexible!

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR WORK PROJECTS //

We will be serving with 3 primary mission opportunities throughout the week. Our team is leading a VBC for Greenbrier Baptist Church (<https://www.greenbrierbaptist.org>) in a diverse neighborhood. This is a piece of the puzzle for the development of a new mission center! Our team will be touring and learning about Path Forward (<https://pfva.org>) which is much more than a homeless shelter and offers people hope and a path forward. We will also be fighting hunger and packing 10,000 meal kits during a food packing event with The Outreach Program!

Throughout the week, we will be discussing different needs within our world and how we can be a part of addressing them. Come with open minds and hearts, and look forward to being on mission this week!

MEALS //

Breakfast—At the hotel. They serve cold/hot breakfast options each morning. You will be responsible for eating breakfast before you depart for your project.

Lunch—Our Kitchen Extreme team will make you a delicious and hearty lunch each day at Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, VA except for Wednesday and travel days. We will give you \$20 for your lunch on Wednesday and you will be responsible for finding your own meal around the DC monument area.

Supper—Most suppers this year will be chips and sandwiches prepared by the Kitchen Extreme team.

HOTELS //

Sunday, July 9

Sleep Inn & Suites
41371 Reco Drive
Belmont, Ohio 43718
(740) 421-4417

Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14

Holiday Inn Express
10327 Fairfax Blvd.
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 359-2888

Saturday, July 15:

Drury Inn & Suites
9501 Blairwood Rd.
Hurstbourne, KY 40222
(502) 326-4170

CHURCHES //

Host Church

If you would like to send mail to your youth, send it to the Holiday Inn Express hotel address. Send it c/o Mark Leesman and put your youth's name on the outside in the lower left corner. Send it early to make sure it gets there!

Memorial Baptist Church
3455 N Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22207

VBS Location

Greenbrier Baptist Church
5401 7th St
Arlington, VA 22204

TRIP EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Mark Leesman, Interim Pastor of Youth
417.894.8402

Lori Green, Trip Nurse
573.690.7938

PACKING LIST

You are limited to **1 suitcase** and a small carry on (backpack or small duffel) for the bus and a pillow/blanket.

CLOTHING/SHOES:

- **Daily attire:** Wear short-sleeve shirts and shorts. Shorts should not be too short or tight. If so, wear compression shorts underneath. We will not be doing any projects this year that will require work clothes.
- **Shoes:** Bring shoes that are comfortable to walk in, we will be doing LOTS of walking. Also bring closed-toe shoes we may have projects that require this. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- **Mission Trip Shirt:** We will give you a a heather grey t-shirt on Saturday night to wear on Sunday for our trip home and concert. Bring black, khaki or denim shorts/skirt to wear on Sunday with your shirt.

*How we dress reflects our church, and more importantly, God. Please follow the clothing guidelines. If you do not bring the required clothing for work projects, we will take you to a local store where you can buy the appropriate items with your money.

CASH:

- **You need money for 5 fast food meals.** We recommend \$60-\$70 for meals. Meals you are responsible for:
 - Sunday, July 9—Lunch & Dinner on the road
 - Monday, July 10—Lunch on the road
 - Saturday, July 15—Lunch on the road
 - Sunday, July 16—Lunch on the road
- We will give you \$20 cash for your Wed meal at the monuments.
- Optional Money:
 - Spending money for museums and sight seeing.
 - Hotel vending machines, if you desire.
 - There is not a place to purchase snacks outside of the hotel. Bring anything you would want with you on the trip.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS:

Cell phones and tablets are allowed on the mission trip, however, please keep your use to a minimum during the work week. If they become a distraction, interfere with work projects, or building community with the group, they may be taken by an adult and held until we return to Jefferson City. Phones will be left on the bus during work projects. You may check before, at lunch, and after. Gaming systems, etc. are not allowed.

CHECK LIST

- Clothes for each day (see left column)
- Closed-toed shoes
- Comfortable walking shoes/sandals
- Black, khaki or denim shorts/skirt for Sunday Celebration
- PJs
- Underwear
- Socks
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- Sun block
- Water bottle (make sure your name is on it)
- Medications you need
- Appropriate swimwear and swim towel if you want to swim at the hotel during the week
- Bible/journal/pen
- Charging cords for phones, cameras, etc.
- Extra phone battery for long bus rides
- Spending cash and/or debit/credit cards
- Optional:** (Up to you but not required)
 - Hat (keep sun off)
 - Sunglasses
 - Pillow/blanket for bus ride
 - Favorite snacks