

REFUGE

Compelled to be Christ's Love and Hope

June 26, 2025

Dear Youth and Parents:

Soon, we will depart for Cincinnati, Ohio, for our summer mission trip! We 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 Cincinnati, OH. Our team is made up of 49 individuals – 37 youth and 12 adults.

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 and schedule!***

Your checklist: (All forms must be returned to the church office by Tuesday, July 2. The four additional forms are enclosed. 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 owe.)
- Matthew 25 Ministries Waiver—all youth (yellow paper)
- Master Provisions Waiver—all youth (pink paper)
- 2024 YMT Permissions & Acknowledgement—all youth (green paper)
- 2024 Youth Covenant— youth who didn't attend Fall Retreat or DNow (blue paper)
- Medical Form—youth who didn't attend Fall Retreat or DNow (white 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 Leesman.





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>. On past trips we have returned on a Sunday in time for a Homecoming Concert. This year we have decided to drive home Saturday and return late Saturday night, early Sunday morning. We will plan to show our program and a video in an upcoming Sunday Service.

We are excited for our week of service and awesome memories with each of you! Join us in praying as we prepare in every way for an incredible trip to Cincinnati, Ohio! Questions? Contact Mark at mark@fbcjc.org or 417.894.8994, Kailey at kdleesman@gmail.com or 417.894.8994 or Alice Satterfield at alice@fbcjc.org or 573.634.3603.

Mark and Kailey Leesman

REFUGE IS THE YOUTH MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

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!

Sunday, July 7:

7:00a Load bus in lower parking lot
7:30a Depart
10:00a Rest stop in Highland, IL
1:45p Lunch in Terre Haute, IN
4:30p Rest stop in St. Paul, IN
6:10p Dinner in Blue Ash, OH
7:15p Orientation at Host Church
8:00p Check into Hotel

***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 each charter bus.**

Monday, July 8

8:35a Depart Hotel
Eat breakfast prior to departure
9:00a Serve at Matthew 25 Ministries
3:00p Cleanup at Hotel
4:00p Team Meeting/Small Groups/
Supper Groups at Kenwood Baptist
5:30p Sing at Cottingham Retirement
Community
7:45p Depart for Hotel for Small Groups

Tuesday, July 9

8:15a Depart Hotel
Eat breakfast prior to departure
9:00a Serve at The Healing Center
1:00p Lunch at Kenwood Baptist
2:00p Cleanup at Hotel
2:50p Depart for Senior Star facility
3:15p Sing at Senior Star at Kenwood
6:00p Supper at Kenwood Baptist
7:00p Small Groups/Debrief
7:45p Depart for Hotel

Wednesday, July 10

8:15a Depart Hotel
8:30a Team Meeting & Worship at
Kenwood Baptist
9:30a Depart for Christian Villages
12:00p Lunch at Kenwood Baptist
1:00p Serve at Matthew 25 Ministries
4:00p Cleanup at Hotel
5:00p Free time at Kenwood Town Center
Mall
8:15p Head to the Hotel

Thursday, July 11

8:35a Depart Hotel
9:00a Serve at Matthew 25 Ministries
2:00p Clean up at Hotel
3:00p Project, Team meeting at
Kenwood Baptist
5:00p Supper at Kenwood Baptist
5:30p Program at Christian Village
8:30p Depart for Hotel

Friday, July 12

8:00a Depart Hotel
8:30a Prayer Walk at The Healing Center
9:00a Serve at the Healing Center
12:30p Lunch Break at the Healing Center
2:00p Serve at Master Provisions
4:30p Free Time at Smale Riverfront Park
6:45p Supper, Team Meeting and Small
Groups at Kenwood Baptist
7:30p Return to Hotel

Saturday, July 13

9:00a Load Bus
9:30a Depart Hotel
10:00a Fun Day at Kings Island
4:30p Exit park to load bus, pick up your
sandwich dinner at the bus from
leaders for ride home.
8:30p Rest stop in Plainfield, IN
10:50p Rest stop in Greenville, IL
12:00a Arrive to FBC lower lot

*The daily schedules may vary slightly due to unforeseen issues or varying schedules. Return times may vary due to travel times. We will let you know the night before the next day's schedule. Be flexible!

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR WORK PROJECTS //

We will serve with 3 main ministries while we are in the Cincinnati area: Matthew 25 Ministries, The Healing Center Cincinnati, and Master Provisions.

We will be learning about how each shares the love of Christ and be packing, sorting, organizing, and interacting with clients and other volunteers. Plan on wearing comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes.

Matthew 25 Ministries offers humanitarian aid to people in crisis around the world. The Healing Center is a hub of resources, services, and relationships where people can experience the love of Christ while having practical and social needs met. Master Provisions connects resources to needs and partners with several partner agencies who then directly serve the community.

Throughout the week, we are sharing concerts with residents of three different retirement communities/nursing homes. We will sing, play games, and listen to stories of the residents.

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—Most lunches this year will be at our Host Church, Kenwood Baptist, and prepared by our kitchen team. However, there will be a couple of days that will include sack lunches at a work site.

Supper—Our kitchen team will make you a delicious and hearty supper each evening during the week except for our Sunday travel day and lunch on Saturday at Kings Island. You will be given \$20 when we arrive at the mall on Wednesday to pay for your dinner.

Kings Island—Saturday fun day will be at Kings Island. This is an amusement park AND water park both. This park is also CASHLESS.

- Types of payments accepted: debit, credit, Apple Pay, or Google Pay
- If none of these are options for your student, the park has Cash-to-Card Kiosks. These will allow students to load cash onto a Visa card to use throughout the park. There are NO fee to use the card and any leftover funds can be used anywhere VISA is accepted.
- To see more about these options go to <https://www.visitkingsisland.com/cashless>

HOTELS //

Springhill Suites Blue Ash
4650 Creek Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513)793-1000

CHURCHES //

Host Church
Kenwood Baptist Church
8341 Kenwood Road
Kenwood, OH

TRIP EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Mark Leesman (417.894.8402)
Kailey Leesman (417.894.8994)
Interim Pastor of Youth

Cara Harrington (660.281.6551)
Trip Coordinator

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PACKING LIST

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

CLOTHING/SHOES:

- **Performances:** We will give your mission trip shirt on the trip to wear for the week. The shirts are a honey yellow color this year. Wear khaki or denim shorts/skirt with your shirt.
- **Daily work projects:** Wear short-sleeve shirts and short. Shorts should not be too short or tight. If so, wear compression shorts underneath. Wear clothing and shoes you don't mind getting dirt or stains on, if necessary. This is a work trip!
- **Shoes:** Wear closed-toe shoes EVERY DAY for work assignments. NO EXCEPTIONS! They may get dirty, so don't wear your favorites. You can wear sandals/flip-flops for singing performances.
- For theme park, think Six Flags! This is an amusement and water park. If you plan to use the water park pack a pool bag with sunscreen and towel that you can carry in.

*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 3 meals.** We recommend \$40-\$60 for meals. Meals you are responsible for:
 - Sunday, July 7—Lunch & Dinner on the road
 - Saturday, July 13—Lunch at Kings Island
*See cashless venue information on page 3
- We will give you \$20 cash for your Wed meal at the mall.
- **Optional Money:**
 - Fun money for Kings Island. *See note on page 3 about cashless venue.
 - Shopping at Kenwood Town Centre Mall and downtown Cincinnati.
 - Hotel vending machines, if you desire.

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

- Work clothes and shoes (see left column)
- Another pair of shoes/sandals for evenings
- Nicer pair of shorts/skirt for evening performances
- PJs
- Underwear
- Socks
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- Sunscreen
- 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 as well as use the water park at Kings Island
- Bible/journal/pen
- Charging cords for phones, cameras, etc.
- Extra phone battery for long bus rides
- Spending cash and/or debit/credit cards
*See note about King Island Cashless Policy on page 3
- Optional:** (Up to you but not required)
 - Hat (keep sun off)
 - Sunglasses
 - Pillow/blanket for bus ride
 - Favorite snacks