

Date: January 25, 2012
To: South Church Youth and their Parents
Subject: Alternative Spring Break 2012

The plans for our Spring Break Mission Trip to Rural Missions on John's Island, SC are well on under way. We will be building upon the successful model that has been established through the past trips to John's Island, but I can assure you that this trip will insure an original experience. We will have a new mix of adult chaperones, a new set of projects to complete and new friends with whom to build relationships and community. Each day will bring challenge and reward, and I am sure that we will be constantly reminded of just how blessed we are to be able to celebrate the goodness of life and the grace of God with one another.

We will be following the same basic itinerary that has been used on past trips. We are planning to leave from South Church on Friday, April 13th at 5:00am (morning). We will spend Friday night in Fredericksburg, Virginia. We will then continue on to Johns Island, South Carolina arriving sometime during the evening of Saturday, April 14th. We will sleep and eat at Stono Baptist Church until we leave on the morning of Saturday, April 21st. We will again stay over in Fredericksburg with the intention of returning back to South Church by 7:00pm on Sunday, April 22nd.

The cost of the trip has not been finalized. It is subject to Youth Board approval, and may be influenced by the number of participants that sign up. We estimate that the cost of attending the trip will be approximately \$450.00. It is important to us that every South Church youth has the chance to participate, and scholarships are available on a confidential basis to anyone that may otherwise be excluded due to the cost of the trip. Inquiries should be made to Rev. Jonathan Drury or Ted Harris.

Sign up for the trip will be handled on a first come first served basis (~ 45 youth slots available). To insure you a place on the trip, it is necessary to get a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit & all completed forms to Ted Harris on or before by March 1st (checks should be made out to South Church). Registration for South Church member is open to March 1st after that date we will access the remaining open slots and open up to non-SC members if possible. By Friday, April 1st, we will have established the trip roster, set the final total cost for the trip and communicate the balance due to all registered. If the trip is fully booked we will maintain a wait list of reservation requests that are secured with a deposit. Full payment of the fee balance is due by April 9th. We would appreciate early completion of this paperwork to minimize the last minute hassles. All reservation requests, payments and permission forms may be sent or delivered to either of the following addresses:

South Church in Andover
c/o 2010 Mission Trip
41 Central Street
Andover, MA 01810
Office #: 978-475-0321 ext.118
Cell: JD: 617-480-9812

Ted Harris
56 Summer Street
Andover, MA 01810
Attn: 2010 Mission Trip
Home: 978-475-1343
Cell: 978-376-8095

Adults who are interested in participating on the trip as chaperones should contact Ted Harris at 978-475-1343 as soon as possible. Please contact Ted again even if you have spoken to him earlier. A trip of this size and complexity requires quite a lot of organization and coordination. In this regard, your patience and support is definitely appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us any time.

Peace,

Rev. Jonathan Drury
Associate Pastor, Youth & Church Life

Ted Harris
Mission Trip Coordinator

Date Summary:

- Sunday, March 1st: \$200.00 Deposit & forms due to Ted Harris.
- Friday, April 1st: Tentative roster, final cost established.
- Monday, April 9th: Deadline for of all payment balances
- Monday & Wednesday, April 9th & 11th: Informational Meetings. Attendance mandatory!
- Friday, April 13th: Our journey begins...