

Johns Island 2018

The Johns Island Youth Mission Trip is a special, Spirit-filled week that has the very real possibility of changing your life forever. While you are on this mission trip, you will literally come face-to-face with Christ – you'll encounter Christ in the people we meet and work for, the people we worship with, and especially in your fellow team members and counselors. Indeed, you will encounter Jesus Christ in many wonderful and exciting ways, and no one can come away from an encounter with Christ and not be changed! It is our prayer that Johns Island 2018 will be a trip that you will never forget!

In order for that to happen, it is important that you commit now to a couple of very important guidelines and principles.

First, be open minded and open hearted! Expect the unexpected! God **will** do amazing things in and through your life during this week, but you have to let him! Be willing to “step out of your comfort zone” and allow Christ to change you. You will see Christ in some unexpected ways, you'll experience things you have never experienced before, and you will have the time of your life! Come to Johns Island knowing that this trip will be an opportunity to “step out of the boat” ... and come with a willingness to do just that, because unless you actually step out of the boat, you'll never get to walk on the water! A week at Johns Island has the potential to be the best week of your life!

Second, have respect for your teammates! You will be traveling, eating, sleeping, worshipping, and working in close proximity to approximately 90 other people. These teammates are your fellow travelers on this faith journey. Support them, help them, encourage them – for they will be supporting, helping and encouraging you! Your promptness, patience, gentleness, kindness and self-control in all situations is called for. Make sure others can see Christ in you! Be flexible and allow yourself to be led by the spirit.

Don't forget – the goal of this mission trip is to spread the Good News and love of Jesus Christ to the residents of Johns Island SC – and to everyone we will encounter on the trip. We do this by providing the people of Johns Island with a decent place to live. Building is just the means to the end. Remember...

“We're not here just to build houses – we're here to build the Kingdom of God!”

Important Dates

- **Sunday, March 18** – **Johns Island “general interest” meeting** – if you’re planning on going, or thinking about going, or just want more information, plan on attending this meeting. 7 PM in the Youth Room (downstairs) at church
- **Sunday, April 8** – Initial deposit of \$75 is due
- **Sunday, May 27** – **Johns Island Participants Meeting** – 6 PM at church. All money and forms are due by today

Individual fee totals, based upon each person’s participation in fundraisers, will be given to each trip participant.

- **Saturday, June 16 thru Saturday, June 23** – **JOHNS ISLAND!!!!**
- **Sunday, August 5** – **“Mission Sunday” at PVUMC** – we’ll have dinner, a slide show, and speakers celebrating the 2018 Johns Island and Nicaragua mission trips!

Housing and Contact Information

We are working through

Rural Mission Inc.
3429 Camp Care Road
Johns Island, SC 29455
www.ruralmission.org

(843) 768-1720

Anderson Mack, job coordinator (call only in case of emergency!!) (843) 670-0431

And

Johns Island Presbyterian Church
2550 Bohicket Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Linda Fasig – (843) 860-8478

We are staying at

Stono Baptist Church
953 Main Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

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Group leaders

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What to bring to Johns Island

- A servant's heart - A selfless attitude – Flexibility
- An excited expectation that you WILL see and experience Christ!
- **Money for 4 meals**, \$60 - \$75 suggested (Saturday traveling down, lunch and supper; Wednesday supper; Saturday traveling home, lunch)
- Money for shopping / souvenirs. You will have Wednesday afternoon in Charleston to shop.
- Money for the offering in church on Sunday
- **Everyone is asked to make the following donations** – some snacks (individual bags of chips, Little Debbie's or cookies, Fruit Roll Ups, etc. to be used for jobsite lunches) **AND** a box of breakfast cereal or Pop-tarts of your choice. ***Bring your snacks and breakfast items to church by or before Sunday, June 10.***
- Your Bible, journal, etc.
- Clothes –
 - Church clothes for Sunday
 - Casual clothes (shorts, t-shirts, sweats, jeans, etc.) for evenings and for Wednesday afternoon in Charleston
 - Work clothes (you WILL get filthy!!). We'll be working 5 days.
 - Sturdy work shoes (tennis shoes are ok) and/or boots. Absolutely NO open-toed shoes or flip-flops on the work sites
 - Swim suit and beach towel
 - Tennis shoes / flip flops / crocs for hanging out in the evenings, going to the beach, etc.
 - Hat or visor (something to keep the sun off your head!)
- Sun screen, bug repellent, sunglasses
- Camera – take lots of pictures, and **be sure to get them to HB for the slide show!**
- Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket, pillow
- An air mattress or cot. There are a limited number of bunk beds, but most people will need a mattress or cot. PLEASE – SPACE IS LIMITED – single (twin-sized) mattresses only!!
- Bathroom items, towels, personal toiletries, etc. (soap and deodorant!!!)
- Tools – everyone will need...
 - Hammer
 - Nail apron or tool belt (get these at Lowes or Home Depot)
 - Safety glasses (get these at Wal-Mart or Lowes)
 - Work gloves – either leather or cloth
- Tools – *the group will need several of these. If you have these, let HB know...*
 - Square-pointed shovels
 - Round-pointed shovels
 - Circular power saws
 - Power miter saws
 - Reciprocating saws
 - Drills – corded and cordless
 - Extension cords (heavy duty)
 - Step ladders, extension ladders
 - Post hole diggers
 - Paint brushes, paint rollers (roller frames and sleeves), paint trays
 - Crow bars, nail puller bars
 - Staple guns
 - 5-gallon water coolers
 - Coolers

General Schedule –

This covers the main times. Other times will be announced throughout the week. This schedule, of course, is subject to change!

Saturday, June 16

8:00 AM	Meet at PVUMC, load luggage, etc.
8:45 AM	Depart PVUMC for Johns Island!!

Lunch and supper are on your own today. Lunch will be along I-26, supper will be in a restaurant on Johns Island

7:00 PM	Arrive on Johns Island, Stono Baptist Church
8:45 PM	Welcome – Orientation Briefing – Devotion
11:00 PM	“Where Have You Seen God?”
11:30 PM	Lights Out

Sunday, June 17

7:15 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Depart Stono for church service, St. James UMC
9:00 AM	Church
12:00 Noon	Lunch, SBC
1:00 PM	Depart SBC for Beachwalker Park, Kiawah!!

This afternoon we have free time for volleyball, basketball, the beach, hanging out, etc. There will also be a Crew Leader Briefing and tour of the jobs this afternoon.

7:00 PM	Supper
7:45 PM	Job descriptions, team assignments, safety overview
8:15 PM	Devotions
10:30 PM	“Where Have You Seen God?”
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Monday, June 18

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for jobs
12:00 Noon	Lunch on the jobsite
4:30 PM	Return to SBC
6:00 PM	Supper
8:00 PM	Devotions
10:30 PM	“Where Have You Seen God?”
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Tuesday, June 19

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for jobs
12:00 Noon	Lunch on the jobsite
4:30 PM	Return to SBC
5:30 PM	Depart SBC for Cherry Point Seafood
6:00 PM	Supper – at Cherry Point Seafood
8:00 PM	Devotions
9:00 PM	Depart Cherry Point for SBC
10:30 PM	“Where Have You Seen God?”
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Wednesday, June 20

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for jobs
12:00 Noon	Return to SBC
12:30 PM	Lunch, SBC
1:45 PM	Depart for Charleston

We will visit the 1,400 year old "Angel Oak" on the way into Charleston today.

This afternoon we will be in downtown Charleston. The area we'll be in is known as the Market area, which includes the open-air Market itself as well as several blocks of just about any store you can think of! There are also tons of restaurants to choose from, and we'll have dinner while we're here.

8:00 PM	Devotions, Waterfront "Pineapple" Park
10:30 PM	"Where Have You Seen God?"
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Thursday, June 21

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for jobs
12:00 Noon	Lunch on the jobsite
4:30 PM	Return to SBC
5:30 PM	Depart SBC for Johns Island Presbyterian Church
6:00 PM	Supper – Johns Island Presbyterian Church
7:40 PM	Depart JI Presbyterian for Rural Mission
8:00 PM	Devotions on the pier at Rural Mission
9:00 PM	Depart Rural Mission for SBC
10:30 PM	"Where Have You Seen God?"
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Friday, June 22

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for jobs
12:00 Noon	Lunch on the jobsite
3:00 PM	Return to SBC
5:00 PM	Supper
6:00 PM	Depart SBC for Closing Ceremony, Beachwalker Park
7:00 PM	Communion service, Closing Ceremony, Beachwalker Park
12:00 Midnight	Lights Out

Saturday, June 23

7:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Depart Johns Island
4:00 PM	Arrive, PVUMC

Johns Island Cost and Payment Schedule

During the Johns Island mission trip, our group will be performing some substantial home repairs and renovations on approximately five jobsites. **Each year, we spend approximately \$15,000 just on building materials alone.** In addition to these costs, we also have food and lodging expenses, fees to Rural Mission, bus use and other transportation costs, and many other costs as well.

It is our goal to raise as much of the money we need for the trip as possible. We have had and will continue to have many fundraisers. ***You can help by doing your part!*** Spread the word about our fundraisers, show up and participate in the fundraisers, ask for donations. Only by working together can we raise enough money to do the work that God calls us to do at Johns Island.

In addition to the funds we raise, which primarily go toward building materials, there is a **participant fee of \$200.00.** This fee covers most of your expenses for the week (only 4 meals are not covered – see “What to Bring” page) – transportation, lodging, and meals.

You have the opportunity to reduce the amount of your participant fee by participating in certain fundraisers – your individual fee amount will be given to you by HB. Additionally, this fee is very easy to cover by asking for donations – HB has the forms. Don't pass up the opportunity to raise your fee by seeking donations. Many people who cannot attend the trip themselves are more than willing to help out, but they have to be asked!

You may pay your participant fee at anytime, or you may pay using the following payment schedule...

Initial deposit of \$75
Second payment, \$50
Final payment, \$75

On or before Sunday, April 8
On or before Sunday, May 6
On or before Sunday, June 3

IMPORTANT!!!! No one will be turned away from the Johns Island Mission Trip because of financial difficulty. Fundraising opportunities and scholarships are available. If you need to discuss other arrangements with HB, please do not hesitate to do so!!

Remember – if you don't let HB know, he can't help you!

Johns Island is open to rising 8th graders and up (those students who have completed the 7th grade). Exceptions are made for those who may have an older sibling going on the trip and for those whose parent(s) are going on the trip.

Parents – are you interested in going too? That's awesome! There's always a need for adults on the trip! If you'd like to help in one of the following ways, see HB!!

- Skilled help – carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing
- Runners – picking up supplies from Lowes, Walmart, the hardware store, and more
- Hydration engineers – bringing water and ice (and maybe popsicles!) to the jobs
- Cooks – it takes a lot of food to feed this army!
- Photographer – gotta document the trip!

Sign up today for Johns Island 2018!

