

INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS

2018 Mississippi Mission Project – Lanesville Congregational Church

Dates/Times:

Depart: O'Maley Middle School parking lot early Friday morning, July 6, 2018 (around 4:30am)

Host Organization:

In His Steps Ministry, Jasper Bacon Director (601-859-5708)

Cost:

\$450.00 (includes transportation, motels, room and board while in Canton, construction costs, van cleanings, breakfast and lunch in transit, and miscellaneous expenses). Team members will need some personal spending money (\$100.00 estimated) for some meals on the road, etc.

Projects:

Vacation Bible School in the Sawmill Quarter, construction project(s) and visitation in the Saw Mill Quarter

Expectations and Requirements – In order to participate, the applicant must:

1. Have confessed faith in Jesus Christ
 2. Be currently living in a way that gives evidence of Christ's lordship
 3. Have completed the eighth grade
 4. Commit to participating in all activities without grumbling and commit to being a blessing to teammates
 5. Recognize and respect the authority of team leaders
 6. Be able to work in intense heat and humidity (sometimes it can reach 100 degrees)
 7. Have had a tetanus shot within the last 10 years
 8. Adhere to dress code guidelines, as explained in planning meetings (we follow a specific dress code: modest shorts, not sleeveless or scoop-necked shirts for girls, below the knee length skirt for church, etc.)
 9. Faithfully attend mandatory meetings (**Note:** The meetings are considered a PART of the trip, necessary for team building and preparation for the work God has prepared for us in MS. Each participant is expected to make every effort to attend **all** meetings. Recognizing there may be unavoidable conflicts, participants may miss no more than TWO (2) meetings in such cases. A participant who misses more than two meetings may be removed from the team).
- MANDATORY MEETINGS** (all meetings will be on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:30pm: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17 (Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast) 7:00am, July 1, and July 5 (van packing day and BBQ at the Smiths).
10. Communicate with team leaders **in advance** in the event of an unavoidable meeting absence.
 11. Please note that members of the VBS Team will also be expected to attend additional VBS planning meetings beginning sometime in May.

Deadlines – in order to participate, the following deadlines must be met:

1. Submit **all** of the following paperwork by **Sunday May 6** – (mandatory meeting)
 - \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit (check made out to the Lanesville Congregational Church)
 - Application form (first-time participants only), signed by applicant & parent (minors only)
 - Application for Returning Attendees form (returning participants only)
 - Consent and Release form (if submitted in 2016 for other youth event, form is still valid)
 - 3-page paper on MS (first time participants)
2. Submit a 2nd check for \$150.00 (toward final balance) at meeting on **Sunday May 20**
3. Submit a 3rd check for \$100.00 (toward final balance) at meeting on **Sunday June 3**
4. Submit a final check for \$100.00 (the remainder of \$450 cost (at meeting on **Sunday July 1**