



# FIRST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

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## 2012 Summer Missions

Want to impact the world and make a difference in the lives around you!? Do you desire to grow closer to Christ? That's what summer mission experiences are all about—being stretched, encouraged, and changed so we can come back to northeast Indiana and make an even greater difference! God has an incredible journey planned for you!

Our current **high school (9-12)** student ministry will be going to **Milwaukee, Wisconsin** to serve and partner with existing local ministries. Teaming with the mission organization, Next Step Ministries, our students will have incredible opportunities to be challenged, encouraged, and stretched in their spiritual walk with Christ. We will serve in a variety of ministry settings. Like other mission trips, we must be flexible with what the current needs of the community include. **We will leave the June 30<sup>th</sup> and return the evening of July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

The **middle school (6-8)** student ministry will be heading to **Cincinnati, Ohio** with the mission organization Group Week of Hope. Partnering with local ministries, we will serve in a variety of ministry settings, meeting the needs of those in the community. **We will leave June 17<sup>th</sup> and return the evening of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

If you are interested in joining us on this incredible opportunity, please read carefully over the Mission Team Covenant, sign it, answer the Missions Experience Questions page, and return all of these forms at our **first meeting on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** because our **Spaghetti Dinner** fundraiser will be **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:30pm.**

**The total cost of the trip for each person will be \$340.** That total includes everything our students will need on the trip. **Each student is responsible for \$100.** The remaining amount will be obtained through the church budget and the Spaghetti Dinner. Please read through the Mission Team Covenant for more details on fundraisers, important dates, available scholarships, and more.

Here at First Church of God, we set the bar very high for those committing to this trip. With that being said, you are committing to live a life "above reproach" (without blame, to be Christ's example) and to be an active participant in our Sunday morning and evening services. Aside from helping with the Spaghetti Dinner and being involved on Sundays, you will also be required to attend every Mission Trip team meeting. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions about these missions experiences, please contact me.

**Remember to turn in your information by the March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline!**

The BEST is yet to come!  
Luke Diehl

**2012 Mission Team Covenant**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**  
June 17—June 22



**Middle School Official Meeting Dates:**

- **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** (4:30-5:30pm)
  - Trip Questions Answered & Signed Covenant (this form) must be turned in at this meeting
- **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** (Spaghetti Dinner: 1-8:30pm)
  - Fundraiser for mission support
  - Bring list of 5-8 names of family/friends outside of First Church for missionary support letters
- **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** (3:30-5:30pm)
  - \$50 deposit due for trip
- **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** (7:00-8:30pm)
- **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** (6:00-8:00pm)
  - Remaining \$50 is due
- **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** (6:00-8:00pm)

**Finances**

The total cost per person is \$340. Please do not let that amount look daunting (the price is lower than last year!). That total includes everything our students will need on the trip. Each student is responsible for \$100. The remaining amount will be obtained through the church budget, missionary support letters, and the Spaghetti Dinner (huge support for student missions). Also, there are scholarship applications available (please see Luke).

**Expectations**

- **Attitude:** This is a short term missionary trip—an act of service in the name of Jesus Christ. My attitude is to reflect that at all times with those we travel with as well as those we meet along the way. That involves respecting, including, serving, and encouraging each other at all times. If we have any issues, decisions will be made based on what is best for the group.
- **Conduct:** My behavior will represent Jesus Christ. Inappropriate language, comments, or activities will not be tolerated. That includes at home, at church, and at school (anywhere). If I hear anything about negative behavior in any of these places (i.e. if you get in trouble at school or if you are not an example of Christ at school), we have the right (discretion from the leader), for the best of the group, to remove the individual from the trip (that student will still be responsible for their cost of the trip).
- **Preparation:** To prepare me spiritually, emotionally, and socially for this missionary opportunity, I will be involved in the following:
  - Regular attendance in Sunday morning worship
  - Regular attendance in Sunday PM
  - Attend ALL mission team meetings (dates & times stated above)

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Signature of Missionary

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Signature of Parent

***Turn in this signed covenant by March 11<sup>th</sup> to Luke Diehl or the church office.***

# Middle School Missions Experience

Cincinnati, OH  
June 17—June 22



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are to help us understand more about you and why you want to go on the student ministry mission trip. We want to know what you want to experience, learn, hope to do, and plan to contribute to this mission team. Don't fret over the questions; just answer as best you can. Later, with the adult coaches, we will discuss your thoughts. If you need more space than is provided for you below, use the back of this sheet. **Turn this sheet in with your signed covenant (on reverse) by March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

How did you come to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? (Give us your testimony. What are some significant milestones/events in your walk with Jesus?)

How have you grown spiritually in the past year?

Consider your closest group of friends. What would they say are the gifts you bring to their group?

What are some of the important things you have learned about helping others?

What are your expectations or hopes regarding this mission trip? Why do you want to go?