

Johns Island 2020

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 residents we meet and work for, the congregations 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 2020 will be a trip that you will never forget!*

This year, for several reasons, our Johns Island experience will be unlike any other from previous years! First, of course, we have all just come through – in fact, are still going through – a most challenging and unsettling time, something that none of us has ever experienced and likely will never experience again. Truthfully, we were not sure we would even be able to have JI2020 at all. But God has opened doors for us to be able to go to the Islands, and *I have NO DOUBT that the experience and blessing that awaits us there will be even more life-changing than previous trips, and more life shaping than the experience we have just come through.*

Because of the global pandemic that we've all experienced, special precautions will have to be taken to ensure the safety of our team, and the safety of the homeowners for whom we will work. We'll talk more about that once we're on the Island. But because of the global pandemic that we've all experienced, **I believe God is opening doors and providing opportunities for some very special ministry outreach.** In other words, people are hungry for human interaction, and there will be many opportunities for us to bless our homeowners this year, reassuring them that God loves them and cares for them, even in the midst of a pandemic.

One other reason that JI2020 will be different from the past several years is that we will be staying at a new location. Stono Baptist Church has sold their building – it's now a daycare center – and thus it is no longer available for us to stay there.

We will be staying at Camp Hope. That's the name we've given the facility that we have worked on for several years. We are excited about the possibilities and potential that Camp Hope offers. With the exception of not being on the water, it is very similar to Rural Mission, which was our "home base" for many years before moving to Stono. Will things be different at Camp Hope? Of course. And as in all things new, some adjustments will be necessary. But again, we believe strongly that God is opening doors and providing opportunities – not only for us to be a blessing to the residents of the Islands, but also for us to receive a blessing. We are confident that our new "home away from home" is part of that blessing.

In order for JI 2020 to be a true blessing and a life-changing experience, 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 – especially this year – 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 a 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 60 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...



Important Dates

- ❖ **Monday, June 8** – All fees and forms due
- ❖ **Saturday, June 13 – Saturday, June 20** – **Johns Island!**

Housing and Contact Information

We are working through

CHIP – Community Home Improvement Project
chipministry@jipc.org

Johns Island Presbyterian Church
2550 Bohicket Road
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 559-9380

Michael Orris – (843) 513-0743

And

Rockville Presbyterian Church
2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487
(843) 559-1056

Micah Laroche – (843) 834-5175

We are staying at

Camp Hope
953 Main Road
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 559-9743

Additional housing at

Rockville Presbyterian Church
2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487
(843) 559-1056

Group leaders

Hunter Bradley	(423) 292-9911
Bobby Watlington	(423) 502-2057
Barbara Farmer	(276) 608-9645

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, granola bars or Pop-tarts of your choice.
Bring your snacks and breakfast items with you on June 13
- 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 some bunk beds, but some people will need a mattress or cot. Bring one just in case. 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

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 eight 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, 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 – meals (only 4 meals are not covered – see “What to Bring” page), transportation, and lodging.

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...

Final payment, \$200

On or before Monday, June 8

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!
- **Photographers** – gotta document the trip!
- **Van and Bus Drivers** – CDL and non-CDL drivers always appreciated!

Sign up today for Johns Island 2020!

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