

2011 Mission Trip

FT. Blackmore, VA

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This year’s trip will be to Fort Blackmore, VA, which is in the tri-state area near where Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia meet in southern Appalachia. Our trip will be for adults, middle school teens, couples, high school teens and seniors and will be from Saturday, June 12 through June 18 including travel time. Along with spreading the Gospel we will be repairing a leaky roof, fixing a broken porch, replacing rotting floors, painting a home or other similar tasks. The cost of the trip is \$320 per person plus a \$100 registration fee per person. Additional costs for car travel and one night’s hotel stay can be reduced by carpooling and room sharing. TPC’s Service and Mission Team will pay part of the costs for everyone who signs up.

Workdays will begin early with breakfast and individual quiet times beginning at 7:00 a.m. Teams depart for the worksite around 8:00 and will minister through children’s bible school and construction. After CBS, teams will break for lunch then head back to work until 3:30. Groups will return to the camp for free time and dinner at 5:30. Evening meetings with great music and teaching begin at 7:00, followed by small group debriefing at 8:30 and lights out at 10:30.

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into our hearts and the hearts of others while deepening the faith of both. We will spread the word of God and hear from people who live close to Him.

For more information about the trip and how you can go or support those who do, contact Pastor Chris at the church or Gail Davis at 407-671-1497 or gdavis213@aol.com.

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For those who are interested, who feel a call in their hearts, who feel curious or who just have questions, an informational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30, 12:30-1:20 p.m. in the McDonald Conference Room. If you feel a tug in your soul, sign up and come to this meeting for answers to your questions. Say "Yes" to Jesus' instruction to "Go."

Gail Davis