

## **Sardis Presbyterian Church High School Mission Trip**

- Who:** 9-12 Graders (Currently enrolled in these grades)
- Where:** Mandeville, Jamaica (Central mountains)
- When:** June 18-27, 2012
- Cost:** \$800 per youth (Actual cost is \$1525 per youth)
- \$200 deposit holds your spot (\$100 non-refundable)
  - Check must accompany your registration
  - Pay with credit/debit card on Sardis website
  - Make check payable to Sardis Presbyterian Church
  - Mail to 6100 Sardis Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270 Attn: Jason Robbins
- Requirements:** Youth must be currently active in Sardis activities and continue active participation throughout the year. (Ex. - Fellowship, Sunday School, bell choir, worship, Full House)
- Participate in fundraisers
- Sign Ups:** Deadline to sign up is December 18.
- Son Servants:** Since its beginning in 1982, Son Servants has provided opportunities for youth and adults to experience brief mission trips, both in and out of the United States. These experiences are often the catalyst for positive change in the lives of participants. They often stimulate them to consider their relationship with Christ, as well as their responsibility to others as a follower of Christ. The high calling to which Jesus directed us cannot be experienced more vividly than in the hands-on setting of a mission project.

## **Mission Trip Information**

### **Objectives**

Mission trip participants will hopefully:

1. Deepen his or her walk with Christ;
2. Experience Christian community with others from the United States;
3. See, worship and live with believers in our own and other countries;
4. Support and join in the work of local ministries and Christian agencies by providing such services as building churches, home repairs, evangelical outreach, and children's programs;
5. Return to his or her church more committed to the church and helping the church become more involved in missions.

### **What's the schedule for the week?**

The experience officially begins with dinner on the first night of the trip. The trip officially ends with breakfast on the last day. Monday through Saturday are generally work days, with Sunday set aside for worship, fellowship and rest.

### **What does the cost include?**

- Air and ground transportation
- Lodging and food (all meals covered once we arrive in Jamaica)
- Mission trip T-shirt (must wear to and from Jamaica)
- Construction materials
- Free day activity
- Country exit fee
- Medical supplies for group

### **What does my payment NOT cover?**

- All snacks at airport, snacks and incidentals in Jamaica.
- Souvenirs
- Calling cards
- Passport
- Shots
- Trip and medical evacuation insurance (optional)

### **What will we do?**

- Concrete / block home or church construction.
- Visiting residents in Manchester Infirmary
- Participating in a children's program
- There will be a fun day at Dunn's River Falls and the craft market in Ocho Rios.

### **Where will we stay?**

Accommodations are bunk-style camp facilities. Each person will have a twin mattress to sleep on. Showers will be cold and you may wait in line to have one. Take short showers.

### **Dates To Remember**

November 27, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Informational meeting and sign-ups
December 18, 2011		Deadline to sign up
February 12, 2012		Silent Auction
February 19, 2012	7:30 p.m.	Team Building and Planning
March 18, 2012	7:30 p.m.	Team Building and Planning
June 17, 2012	5:30 p.m.	Parents & Youth Final Planning

### **Payment Schedule**

November 27 - December 18	Deposit of \$200 for sign up (\$100 non-refundable)
February 12	\$200
April 22	\$200 (No refunds after this date)
June 3	\$200

**Shots Needed for Jamaica  
as of 10/23/2011**

**Passport Health**

<b>Office Visit</b>	\$45
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	\$95 per shot (series of 2 shots; lifetime)
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	\$80 per shot (series of 3 shots; lifetime)
<b>Tetanus</b>	\$50
<b>Typhoid</b>	\$95 (shot or pills)

The CDC also recommends you are up to date with routine shots such as measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, and poliovirus vaccine.

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**Passport Information**

16 & Older	First Time Applicant	\$135
16 & Older	Renewal	\$110
16 & Younger	First Time & Renewal	\$105

As of October 23, the processing routine for passport applications takes approximately 4-6 weeks from the time of application. You may pay an expedited fee of \$60, which will take 2-3 weeks.

You may apply on line and download any forms at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What about Safety?**

Son Servants is committed to providing a good, safe mission experience for all who participate. However, in any such experience there are some risks. These include, but are not limited to, transportation related accidents, work site accidents, and sickness. We do our best to prevent hazardous situations and train the participants, as well as our staff, to be safety conscious. It is also the responsibility of the participants to act responsibly in all situations.

### **What happens in an emergency?**

You will be provided with emergency phone numbers closer to the time of the trip. These numbers will be for emergencies only. Please do not expect or require your child to call home, as this may not be possible.

If you are unable to reach anyone at the number, you can call the YCM Office at (423) 624-2495 and ask for Del. Leave a message in the Son Servant voice mail if no one is there.

### **Are there medical facilities?**

In addition to having our own doctor on the trip, Son Servants has their own doctor or nurse and a well-equipped medical chest for use in case of injury or illness. For emergencies, there is a hospital near where we are staying.

### **Are scholarships available?**

We at Sardis never want money to be a reason a youth does not participate in an event. Scholarships are available to those who need financial assistance, which is provided confidentially.

### **How many spaces are available?**

While there is plenty of space at the Son Servants camp, we are limited by the number of seats on our flight. There are 34 initial spots available for Sardis high school youth. We will create a waiting list once those spots are filled. We may have to divide flights in order to accommodate any youth on the waiting list.

### **How do I register?**

Please fill out a registration form, which can be located in Jason's office, download from [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) or contact Jason ([jason.robbsins@sardis.org](mailto:jason.robbsins@sardis.org)) to have one emailed. Your \$200 deposit must accompany your registration in order to hold the spot.

**If you have any further questions, please contact Jason Robbins at the church office. (704-366-1854 or [jason.robbsins@sardis.org](mailto:jason.robbsins@sardis.org))**

## Flight Information

### **June 18**

Charlotte to Atlanta      Depart: 6:00 AM      Arrive: 7:18 AM  
Flight - DL 823 (Delta)

Atlanta to Montego Bay      Depart: 9:40 AM      Arrive: 11:41 AM  
Flight - DL 317 (Delta)

### **June 27**

Montego Bay to Atlanta      Depart: 1:59 PM      Arrive: 6:05 PM  
Flight - DL 442 (Delta)

Atlanta to Charlotte      Depart: 10:50 PM      Arrive: 11:59 PM  
Flight - DL 1441 (Delta)