

SUMMER MISSIONS, Mark your calendars! The dates are set for three of our four mission trips for this summer. Last summer all of our trips were great and we look forward to great trips again this year. I encourage you to seriously consider taking advantage of one or more of these opportunities this year. The experience and perspective that you can gain through spending time in service this summer is invaluable. We try to keep our participant cost as low as possible however if you need financial assistance please ask as we do have scholarship money available and we will work it out!

West Virginia-McDowell Missions- The dates for this trip are set for **June 20-26th**. We will be doing home repair, etc on this trip for people in need in McDowell County. This is the same place that we have sent teams for several years and if you have questions ask some of the older youth and I am sure that they will share with you about their experiences!

Georgia-Sautee Nacoochee Valley-**July 4th-July 10th**. In this area of the northeast Georgia mountains, there are numerous communities and neighborhoods of Hispanic families working and trying to just get by. The families in these areas are struggling every day to acclimate to a new life in a new country. Our group will be able to reach out and minister to these children through summer camps and Children's Outreach Programs right in their own neighborhoods. We will also have the opportunity to work with these families through home improvement and repair projects such as home additions, roofing and painting. This trip is done through TEAM Effort ministries, the same organization that we did our Tennessee trip with last summer and the week will be very similar. The cost for this trip will be \$200 for the week. A deposit of \$100 will hold your spot for the trip and space will be limited so don't delay!

Nicaragua-This is our international trip and is reserved for our older youth, ages 16 and up. We will be traveling **July 11th-25th**. We are partnering with YWAM, Youth with a mission, base in Diriamba, a town about 45 min. outside of the capitol, Managua. <http://www.ywamnicaragua.org/eng/> This base provides a safe, and amazing place for us to serve for the two weeks we will be there. The base's primary mission in the community is an elementary school. We will be serving in the school, working with the kids in different classes and assisting the teachers, helping the base with daily upkeep, and working in the surrounding community by building homes and through visitation. There will be many great opportunities for us on this trip. The cost we hope to be around \$700 per person with a \$350 deposit up front and we have 16 youth spaces available. We will have a quick informational meeting Sunday Feb 28th from 10:30-11AM in the Sr. High Sunday school classroom, or you can contact Charlie for more info.

Estoy Loco-This trip is just for our rising 6th graders, those who are now in the 5th grade! We will spend a weekend working at the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem, NC. This is a great opportunity for our new youth and was a great trip last year. The weekend is **August 13-15th**.