

Application Deadline : February 23, 2020

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### Dear Friend,

If you picked up this packet, you have an interest in missions, and we are glad! Throughout the years, Faith has had a history of commitment to God's work near and far. This year we are putting together a team to:

- Proclaim God's love in Christ in word and deed;
- Feel connected with others, and the church, worldwide;
- Become more aware of needs to which God calls us to minister;
- See God at work in the world.



A missionary is *"one sent"* by God and this

congregation. If that sounds exciting to you, read on! And if you think God is calling you to be a Faith missionary, fill out the enclosed application and bring it to the orientation meeting on January 26.

In service to the Risen Lord Jesus Christ Your Witness Committee Moderator — Lee Marsh

Questions? Contact: Doug Williams (goodfires@yahoo.com, 850-656-0053)

| Mission Trip Details                       |  |
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| Leaders                                    | Doug Williams  |
| Where                                      | Panama City, FL  |
| Who  | 25 Intergenerational Participants                            |
| Minimum Age                                | Middle school if<br>accompanied by parent or grandparent     |
| When                                       | June 20-26, 2020   |
| Nature<br>of the Work                      | Construction Project<br>Hurrican Relief                      |
| Hosts                                      | Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church<br>Panama City, FL            |
| Individual<br>Contribution<br>Target       | \$300  |
| APPLICATION &<br>\$100 DEPOSIT<br>DEADLINE | <i>February 23, 2020</i><br>(\$200 balance due by 6/14/2020) |

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## **Details About the Team**

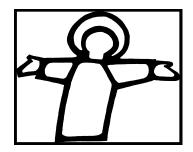
### Intergenerational

Our church has made a commitment to try to do as many things as possible as a whole family–youth and adults ministering together. We hope to have a good mix of all ages participating on the trip.



### Supported by the entire congregation

You may notice that the "individual contribution target" shown in the mission trip details section does not represent the full cost of our mission outreach. This is because we will be giving the entire church the opportunity to have substantial, practical partnership with the team; this includes seeking support from all of our church family, including prayers, supplies, and financial donations. After all, mission-aries are sent on behalf of the whole congregation! The figure shown is the amount that each team member is asked to raise independently. Team members can be creative to solicit their individual target contributions, and we will help team members to do so. Family members and friends of team members can make donations to Faith Presbyterian "Mission Contribution" fund. If someone does his or her best but cannot reach the target, we will work to bridge the gap.



DO NOT, NOT APPLY BECAUSE OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS – we want to help get you there!

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| APPLICATION FOR 2020 FAITH MISSION TEAM—Panama City<br>Name:   |
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| Address:   |
| Telephone: E-mail:   |
| Date of Birth:   |
| Church Membership:   |
| 1. Share about your motivation – how you hope God will use you and grow you in mission work?   |
| <ol> <li>Share about your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Please do not skip this question –<br/>we are sent as missionaries in Christ's name! – but neither be intimidated by this point. We<br/>are not looking for saints or preachers – just those open to being used by Christ and willing<br/>to acknowledge Him. We will all have the opportunity to learn about sharing our faith<br/>during orientation.</li> </ol> |

| 3. Have you been involved in mission trips, or local service projects, in the past? If so, what where they? What did you learn?   |
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| 4. What are some of the church activities that you are involved in now?   |
| 5. One of the goals of our trip is to communicate back to the congregation a vision and commitment to God's work in the world. Check those below that you will be willing to engage in after the trip to make this happen:  |
| Visit to assigned groups to share about your mission experience   |
| Serve on the Witness Committee  |
| Help lead a missions worship service  |
| Other, describe:  |
| 6. Please review the attached draft of our Orientation Schedule and indicate dates that you cannot attend.  |
| By signing below, you agree that if you are placed on the Faith Mission team, you will: Participate in the orientation program, unless ill or unavoidably out of town; Abide by the behavior policies on the field of service; leave in the Witness committee box the \$100.00 deposit with completed application by Sunday, February 23, 2020. |

## NOTES:



## Details About the Teams (Continued)

### **Flexible Disciples**

Some of the qualities that are needed in team members: Good humored, easy

going, able to laugh at themselves, willing to give up the comforts of home, cross-cultural sensitivity, willing to listen, an attitude of service, care and concern for team members, modest dress, respect for people among whom we are serving, patience, willing to share about their faith, flexible to change. It is very important that team members are also sensitive and submissive to host instructions when crossing cultures. Sometimes the norms of others will not make sense to us, but missionaries are the embodiment of Christ. Christ gave up his heavenly prerogatives and took on our form and life style to relate to and minister to us. In mission we, too, give up some of our own "prerogatives" and try to identify with others in reaching out to them. Both adults and youth will be asked to abide by the requirements of Faith church policy and the requests of our hosts.

### Did you know...

Faith Presbyterian has sponsored both international and domestic intergenerational mission trips for over 30 years with an average participant level of 40 people per year?



#### This means...

You as a congregation have sent approximately 1,200 people out to do work and witness in the name of Christ.

## *"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so walk, even as He walked" 1 John 2:6*

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## **Receive Orientation**

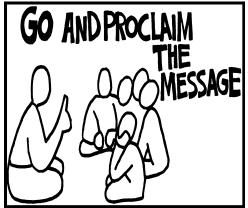
We are planning a meaningful and fun time of preparation that will help team members learn more about themselves, each other, mission and God. On their own, team members will:

- Learn background information about their mission field
- Participate in a Bible Study
- Keep a journey journal.

We will also have orientation as a group. During several short sessions we will:

- Get to know each other and discover who we are as a team;
- Discover why God sends us in mission;
- Learn how to share with others about our faith in Jesus Christ;
- Be of service in our own church and community.

## NOTE: PARTICIPATION IN THE ORIENTATION PROCESS IS NOT OPTIONAL. PLEASE REVIEW THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO THE RIGHT AND MARK ANY DATES WHICH WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTEND ON YOUR APPLICATION



### DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THIS PICTURE?

Then fill out the Application in the center of this brochure and return it to the church office in the **Witness Committee Box**, along with your good faith deposit, as soon as possible , **no later than Sunday-February 23**.

### Schedule of Events 2020

- Sunday-January 26, 11:45 a.m. Room \_\_\_\_
  - Organizational Meeting
- Sunday-February 23, 11:45 a.m. Room \_\_\_\_
  - Team Meeting
- Saturday-March 7
  - Ramp Build
- Thursday-March 26
  - Team Dinner



- Sunday-April 19, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
  - Mission Lunch (cooking, set-up & clean-up help needed)
- Tuesday-May 5
  - Team Dinner
- Sunday-June 14
  - Team Meeting

MISSION TRIP — JUNE 20-26, 2020

• Sunday-August 23: Post-Trip Meeting at Doug's house

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## **Domestic Trip**



## Panama City, Florida

Panama City is a city and county seat of Bay County, Florida. Located along U.S. Route 98, it is the largest city between Tallahassee and Pensacola.

Separated by the St. Andrews Bay along Florida's Gulf coast is a pair of **cities**, both with nearly identical names save for one



word ... while the resort town of Panama City Beach may be more well-known, Panama City is the larger and more historic of the two.

Panama City was catastrophically damaged when Hurricane Michael made landfall as a Category 5 hurricane on October 10, 2018.





# **PRESBYTERIAN** DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

## Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church



"Transforming Lives by the love of Jesus Christ through Witness, Mission, and Evangelism."

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church was established in May 1950. Since then it has provided service through Food Pantry, Boy Scouts, AA. and Youth outreach. It has hosted evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and provided a place for other congregations to hold services. It is proud to be a welcoming place of worship to "Snowbirds" every winter and many other parttime residents and guests throughout the year.

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