

August 6, 2019

Dear Students and Parents,

For over 30 years, First Baptist has partnered with missionary Bill Black and the **Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries (SMRM)**, a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Sevier County Baptist Association in Gatlinburg, TN. Through this partnership, our students and adults have *assisted in leading worship* at campgrounds in and around **Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN**, during the Labor Day weekend.

This trip is open to high school and college students. Students who apply and meet certain criteria in areas such as prior participation in mission/service opportunities, demonstration of leadership, and Christian maturity are selected for the mission trip. They will work in groups of to *plan and lead a 15-20 minute worship service* in 2 campgrounds as well as working as a combined group to lead worship and provide a Children's Church experience at a 3<sup>rd</sup> campground.

Other ministry opportunities will include canvassing all the campgrounds on Saturday to invite campers to Sunday's worship services, a unique worship experience in the mountains and help clean and close down the SMRM dorm for the fall and winter months.

**The cost of the trip** is very minimal, usually about **\$50** for fast food meals on the way up and back and one meal out in Gatlinburg. They may also want to bring some money for a time of shopping or fun activity. You need to bring this money with you on the trip.

We will leave at 5 AM on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and return Monday evening, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group is housed at the SMRM dorm which is used to house college-aged missionaries in the summer. We will be the only group there during the Labor Day weekend. The dorm has a living room, dining area and a kitchen downstairs and plenty of rooms with bunks upstairs for guys and girls, as well as bathrooms for the guys and girls.

If you have any questions about you or your student participating, please call the church office. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please have your application mailed or handed in to the church office by that day.

Grace and Peace,

Ben Tarver  
Youth & Family Pastor

First Baptist Church in Thomson, GA

Application for the 2019 Gatlinburg Mission Trip  
Labor Day Weekend, August 31-September 2

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been active in the FBC Thomson Student Ministry?

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Circle any of these positions of leadership you have held at FBC Thomson and in the Student Ministry?

*Praise Band*      *Student Choir*      *Mission: McDuffie*

*Upward Basketball Helper/Coach/Ref*      *Missionary in Baltimore, MD*

How would you describe your participation in the following ministries (on a scale from 0 to 5, with 0 being NEVER and 5 being ALWAYS)?

Youth Sunday School	0	1	2	3	4	5
Elevate	0	1	2	3	4	5
Youth Choir	0	1	2	3	4	5
Handbells	0	1	2	3	4	5
Mission: McDuffie	0	1	2	3	4	5
Honduras	0	1	2	3	4	5
VBS or Smack Camp Helper	0	1	2	3	4	5
Previous Gatlinburg Trip	0	1	2	3	4	5

Other Service & Missions Trips/Events:

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Briefly share how you became a Christian.

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Why is it important to share Jesus with someone else?

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(Turn Over)

Why do you want to be involved in the Gatlinburg Mission Trip? What are your hopes and expectations? \_\_\_\_\_

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*I understand that this trip is being limited to high school, college and adult participants, with preference being given to adults and college students and then youth beginning with 12<sup>th</sup> grade on down to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. **If space is available**, and I am able to attend, I promise to come with an attitude of service, worship, and fun. I will put all of my attention and energy into the tasks of ministry that I am charged with carrying out. I will seek to obey the adults in charge and to fellowship in a spirit of Christ-like love with my fellow teenagers.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_