

**First Baptist Church  
Flora, Mississippi**

**POLICES AND PROCEDURES FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS**

**Purpose of Short-Term Missions**

To assist members of FBC Flora in their efforts to:

- Fulfill Acts 1:8 which says "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- Touch the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ motivated by a passion for Jesus Christ and a compassion for people
- Lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

**Policy and Procedures**

**Qualifications for Participants**

- All adult participants must be an active member of a local church
- All youth participants must have completed their Sophomore year of high school and be a member of First Baptist Church of Flora.
- Exemplify Christ-like behavior
- Be active in the life of FBC Flora or their local church including regular attendance in Sunday school and worship services.
- Be willing to adjust to other cultures and not exhibit any form of racial prejudice
- Team members must attend all orientation and training meetings and carry out all assignments as determined by the team leader in preparation for the trip.
- Specific trip qualifications may be determined based on needs and the nature of the project.

**Requirements**

- All those desiring to participate in a short-term mission trip, must submit a written testimony of (1) how he/she came to know Jesus as Savior, (2) how He is presently working in his/her life, and (3) why they desire to participate in the mission trip.
- All those desiring to participate who are members of another church must submit a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor.

**Procedures for Enlistment**

- Trips, team leaders and project informational meetings will be announced to the church as soon as they are planned.

- Individuals may sign up to go on a mission trip by submitting his/her written testimony and putting down a deposit during the designated sign-up dates.
- Deposit and completed written testimonies, medical release forms, mission trip code of conduct forms should be turned into either the team leader or ministerial staff in charge of trip.
- Anyone failing to meet the deadline for sign-up or planning to travel on dates different than those of the team will be responsible for purchasing his or her own airline ticket.
- The final team make up will be determined by team leaders and minister in charge of trip. The team leaders and/or minister in charge will appoint a housing coordinator, food coordinator and a coordinator for each site and/or project.
- Team leader must receive full amount of cost of trip by scheduled deadline or spot cannot be guaranteed.
- Total number of youth participants (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will not exceed 25% of total mission team participants (this percent is subject to change based on the discretion of the Missions Ministry Team); unless it is a mission trip for youth

### **Field Behavior**

- Team members must submit to the team leader's authority.
- Team members must refrain from using abusive language, and consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Team members are asked not to smoke or consume any tobacco product inside a building or within 10 feet of that building. Tobacco products should not be used at anytime on the mission site, especially in front of children.
- Team members are mindful that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ. Team members first and foremost represent Jesus Christ, as well as, FBC Flora.
- If at any time a participant's behavior poses a serious problem, the team leader will address the issue with the team member and work toward a resolution. If a resolution cannot be met the team leader has the authority to ask that person to return home. Any additional cost incurred as a result of this action will be at the participant's expense.