

Johns Island 2024



The trip we call “**Johns Island**” is actually to two islands – Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island. These are two of the five “Sea Islands of Charleston County”, known as the Low Country of South Carolina.

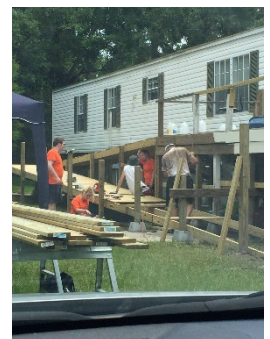
HB has been leading youth mission trips to Johns Island since 1991, not long after Hurricane Hugo blew the place away. Over the years, the islands have changed, becoming less agricultural and much more developed. And although the damage from Hugo is long gone, **the poverty that has always been a part of life on the islands is very much still there.**

That’s why we go. One of the main purposes of our Johns Island Mission Trip is to do home repairs. As we put it, we “build the kingdom” by building houses. Essentially, we work to give the residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands a decent place to live. **But that’s only one of the reasons we go.**

The other reason we go to Johns Island is to **provide the opportunity for teenagers to have a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ**, one that will deepen their faith and impact them for years to come. There is no better way to grow your faith and grow your relationship with Jesus than by participating in a mission trip, and **Johns Island is the perfect place!**

We’re excited that you’ve made the decision to be on the 2024 Johns Island Team!

I promise – it will change your life!!



The Johns Island Youth Mission Trip is a special, Spirit-filled week that has the very real possibility of changing your life forever. While you are on this mission trip, you will literally come face-to-face with Christ – you'll encounter Christ in the people we work for, the people we worship with, and especially in your fellow team members and counselors. Indeed, you will encounter Jesus Christ in many wonderful and exciting ways, and no one can come away from an encounter with Christ and not be changed! It is our prayer that Johns Island 2024 will be a trip that you will never forget!

For that to happen, it is important that you commit now to some very important guidelines and principles.

1. Be **open-minded** and **open-hearted!** Expect the unexpected! God will do amazing things in your life during this week, but **you have to let him!** Be willing to “step out of your comfort zone” and allow Christ to change you. For that to happen, you must **“be all in.”** In other words, you need to participate in all aspects of the trip – the construction work, the worship times, the meals, the free time, and more. Make sure you fully participate in the whole experience. If you do that, you will see Christ in some unexpected ways, you'll experience things you have never experienced before, and you will have the time of your life! Expect this trip to be an opportunity to **“step out of the boat”**, and be willing to do that, because that's the only way you'll get to walk on the water. A week a Johns Island has the potential to be the best week of your life!
2. Have respect for your teammates! You will be traveling, eating, sleeping, worshipping, and working in close proximity to approximately 50 other people. These teammates are your fellow travelers on this faith journey. Support them, help them, encourage them – for they will be supporting, helping and encouraging you! Your promptness, patience, gentleness, kindness and self-control in all situations is called for. Make sure others can see Christ in you! Be flexible and allow yourself to be led by the spirit.
3. This year we are staying at a very nice facility for the very first time. St. James Bethel AME Church has opened their doors to us and they're excited about partnering with us to impact their community. We are their guests and must treat their facility with dignity and respect.

The following rules of St. James Bethel AME Church must be followed at all times –

- No drugs, alcoholic beverages or illegal substances of any kind are to be used anywhere on the premises.
- Tobacco use of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, vapes, etc.) is prohibited inside the church's facilities or anywhere on the church's premises.
- Weapons of any kind (i.e. explosives, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, sparklers, etc.) are prohibited anywhere on the premises.
- Blocking exit doors is prohibited.
- Vulgar or suggestive language, videos or music are prohibited on the premises.
- Adjustments of the HVAC system are to be performed only by authorized persons (Dave, Bobby or Cory!)

4. While we are on this mission trip – from the time we leave our homes until the time we return – we are representing Jesus Christ. We do this everywhere we go and in everything we do.
 - On the job sites.
 - At our home for the week, St. James Bethel AME Church.
 - At the various churches who support our trip – Johns Island Presbyterian Church and Rockville Presbyterian Church.
 - When we are at the beach on Sunday afternoon and again on Friday evening.
 - When we are in Charleston on Wednesday afternoon / evening.
 - When we are riding in a bus, van, truck or car to or from Johns Island and anytime we're going somewhere.
 - During our free time.

5. While on the trip, I will follow the schedule. I will be on time for all activities, promptly arriving for all activities, including meals, worship services, announced departure times, and more. I will be in the rooms / sleeping quarters on time and ready for lights out as announced.

Important Dates

- **Sunday, June 2 – ALL MONEY AND FORMS ARE DUE BY TODAY**

- **Saturday, June 15 thru Saturday, June 22 – **JOHNS ISLAND!!!!****

Housing and Contact Information

We are working through

CHIP – Community Home Improvement Project
 chipministry@jipc.org
 (843) 203-6592

And

Johns Island Presbyterian Church
 2550 Bohicket Road
 Johns Island, SC 29455

Michael Orris – (843) 513-0743

We are staying at

St James Bethel AME Church
 5305 Maybank Highway
 Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

Additional housing at

Rockville Presbyterian Church
 2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Rd
 Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

Group leaders

Hunter Bradley, Pleasant View UMC
 Bobby Watlington, Harvest Community Church

(423) 292-9911
 (423) 502-2057

Packing List

What to bring to Johns Island

- A servant's heart - A selfless attitude – Flexibility
- An excited expectation that you WILL see and experience Christ!
- Money (card or cash)
 - Money for 4 meals, \$80-100 suggested (Saturday traveling down lunch, Wednesday supper; Saturday traveling home, breakfast and lunch)
 - Money for shopping / souvenirs. You will have Wednesday afternoon in Charleston to shop.
 - **Cash** for the offering in church on Sunday
- Your Bible, journal, etc.
- Clothes –
 - Church clothes for Sunday
 - Casual clothes (shorts, t-shirts, sweats, jeans, etc.) for evenings and for Wednesday afternoon in Charleston
 - Work clothes (you WILL get filthy!!). We'll be working 5 days.
 - Sturdy work shoes (tennis shoes are ok) and/or boots. Absolutely NO open-toed shoes or flip-flops on the work sites
 - Swimsuit and beach towel
 - Tennis shoes / flip flops / crocs for hanging out in the evenings, going to the beach, etc.
 - Hat or visor (something to keep the sun off your head!)
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, sunglasses
- Cot or air mattress – **TWIN SIZE ONLY**
- Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket, pillow
- Bathroom items, **towels**, personal toiletries, etc. (soap and **DEODORANT!!**)
- Tools – everyone will need...
 - Hammer
 - Work gloves – either leather or cloth



As a member of the 2024 Johns Island Mission Team, I pledge to follow the guidelines set forth in this document and to conduct myself as a representative of Jesus Christ for the entire trip.

Team Member signature

Date