

# OFFERING HOPE

Appalachia's poorest families need your help to make their homes warmer, safer and drier. In the process, you'll not only help fix their homes, which is so desperately needed, but remind them that compassion knows no boundaries. You'll show them that not even the highest mountains and deepest hollows can separate them from the love of God.

These families will change your life, too. Through their eyes you'll see yourself as the person you've always wanted to be: Compassionate. Committed. With the understanding that you can make a difference.

Each year, more than 16,000 high school teens from youth groups across the country converge on the Appalachian Mountains through A.S.P. (Appalachia Service Project). These teens bring boundless energy and spread tons of hope to the people of Appalachia, and they return home with new perspectives and bigger hearts.

Two years ago PF Youth Group went to West Virginia with A.S.P. Ask anyone who participated in that trip, if you volunteer for this trip, you'll find fun, inspiration, and ultimately, you'll find your most authentic self. You'll come home closer to your friends, closer to God, and more excited about how God calls us to make a difference.



# HOW DOES A.S.P. HELP? WILL I REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Appalachia Service Project shines a ray of hope. Over the past 40 years, A.S.P. Volunteers have repaired homes for more than 15,000 families throughout Central Appalachia.

A.S.P. is on average only able to serve one in ten families who apply for help. It makes sense then that the more people who volunteer, the more families A.S.P. can reach. This is why, in the effort to serve as many families as possible, A.S.P. can really use PF Youth Group and PF Youth Group can really use you!



## PLEASE NOTE:

Participants must attend the entire trip as well as all pre and post trip meetings and events. Exceptions are made for those away at college.

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## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Choose a payment option below.
- Fill in your information. Cut out and mail to the church office (689 Hopmeadow St.).
- Include your non-refundable deposit (make checks payable to "First Church" with "PF Mission to Tennessee" in the memo).

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

STANDARD RATE: \$575

(Includes transportation, lodging, all meals with the exception of five travel meals, all materials and supplies for worksitest).

MINISTRY ENABLING RATE:  
\$575 + CONTRIBUTION = \_\_\_\_\_

(Consider giving extra to assist those who require a full or partial scholarship).

SUBSIDIZED RATE:

(If finances would prevent you from attending this trip, please check this box. We will be happy to contact you and have a confidential discussion about full or partial scholarships).

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## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$150 non-refundable deposit due April 1
- Balance due June 1<sup>st</sup>

3.

## YOUR INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOW CAN A REGION SO RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES BE SO POOR?

You can't plant crops or build factories on mountainsides. And for more than a hundred years, large corporations have extracted Appalachia's natural resources while giving little back in the form of community support. The result is that jobs are few and far between. For many of these families, their modest houses - handed down from generation to generation - are the only real possession they have. But houses need maintenance and maintenance costs money. When you have to choose between buying food or medicine for your family and fixing a hole in the roof, your house becomes a low priority. As a result, the homes are crumbling. Walls buckle, roofs leak, and sagging floors pose hazards to the elderly and the very young.

Our work with A.S.P. will give additional families some financial breathing room to feed their kids, look for work, and make plans for the future. Best of all, our presence will touch their lives, showing them God's Love through our actions.

## WHERE WILL WE STAY?

We will stay in ASP's year-round lodging in Johnson City. We will sleep in air-conditioned bunks, eat our meals in their cafeteria, and work five days in their local community. On our way home, we will overnight on "Josh's Hill" in Bloomsburg, PA, where we will play volleyball, whiffle ball, and enjoy a campfire deep into the night.

## OUR SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 11th

7-8pm in Palmer Hall: Information Meeting for interested participants

### Sunday, June 7th

7-9pm in Palmer Hall: Pre-Meeting for Participants and Parents

### Sunday, June 14th

7-9pm in Palmer Hall: Pre-Meeting for Participants

### Friday, July 24th

6pm outside Palmer Hall: Drop off luggage/Pack the vans

### Saturday, July 25th

Morning: Depart First Church (specific time TBD)  
Overnight: Park View Mennonite Church Harrisonburg, Virginia

### Sunday, July 26th

Morning: Depart Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg  
Afternoon: Arrive at ASP Johnson City, Tennessee

### Monday through Friday, July 27-31st

Morning & Afternoon: Work projects  
Evening: Evening devotions and free time

### Friday, July 31st

Evening: Depart ASP Johnson City  
Overnight: Park view Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia

### Saturday, August 1st

Morning: Depart Park View Mennonite Church.  
Overnight: "Josh's Hill," Bloomsburg, PA

### Sunday, August 2nd

Morning: Depart Bloomsburg, PA  
Mid Afternoon: Arrive at First Church.

### Sunday, September 20, 10am

Mission Pilgrimage Sharing Worship Service



first church, simsburry

youth & young adults  
mission pilgrimage:

johnson city, tennessee

july 25-august 2, 2015

raise roofs, fix floors, and build a whole new you!