

2025 Mission Trip to St. Louis

Dates: June 21-28, 2025

Where: New City Fellowship, St. Louis, MO

Who: Students who have finished at least one year of High School through graduated seniors.

Cost: \$700 per person. This cost includes:

- Lodging from Saturday evening through the next Saturday morning
- Food provided Sunday morning through Friday morning (Friday is a free day and meals will be on our own for lunch and dinner, on the return drive on Saturday students will be responsible for their own food)
- Work Project expenses
- T-shirts for each team member
- Transportation

The price of the mission trip can be paid in installments up until the date we leave. All \$700 can be paid at once as well. Please make checks out to Friedens Church with 'Youth Mission Trip 2025' in the memo line.

Money due dates:

February 23- \$175

March 30- \$175

April 27- \$175

May 21- \$175

Mission Trip Meetings

There will be 4 meetings that are required for those going on the mission trip. If for some reason a student would not be able to make it to a meeting, a make-up meeting with Matt would be required. During these meetings we will be going over what we will do, talk about cultural differences, and prepare for various programs we will be a part of and run.

Mission Trip Meeting Dates

All the Mission Trip meeting dates will be after 2nd service in the student center starting at noon.

February 23

March 30

April 27

June 1

What to Expect:

I am very excited to have the opportunity to take students on a mission trip to St. Louis. I have been on this exact mission trip 4 separate times and I am excited to see how the students of Friedens thrive and serve God during a week in St. Louis partnering with a very cool ministry.

The trip has a couple different facets to it. The three main sections are Firm Foundation (tutoring), Work Projects, and backyard Bible Clubs. Each day students will participate in each of these ministries.

Workday is the name of the summer mission trip. Workday partners with a few ministries on the trip, each of which put a high focus on building relationships. This mission trip cares about the people they are ministering to. Throughout the week students will hear those running the ministries say, “people over projects.” Those in charge will continually encourage students to care more for the people than for any project they are supposed to be working on.

Workday feels it is through these relationships that the reconciling love of Christ is truly able to be shown. I hope and pray that each student is equally blessed by the people they encounter, as they hear stories and are able to see how God is working in their lives as well.

Firm Foundation

This is a ministry Workday partners with throughout the summer. The name “Firm Foundation” emphasizes the good academic foundation that children in our society need to be able to function well in our culture. Many of the children they help are not able to

receive that foundation at school or home. The name also emphasizes the more important foundation we have in Jesus Christ who alone is the only sure foundation on which to build a life that is truly pleasing to God. During the week, students on our team will be assigned to a classroom with a teacher. The primary goal will be to build relationships with the students, work with them in various classes and activities throughout the day, and be of assistance to the teachers who will be leading the classes.

Work Projects

Work projects will be throughout the day and have a variety of possibilities! A majority of the projects are with widows and seniors in the St. Louis area who may not have access to having minor home repairs accomplished. The students will be helping assist in these work projects which may include painting, mowing, assisting in building a wheelchair ramp, or anything in between. However, the primary goal is for the students to build relationships with these homeowners. A saying we will be sure to hear is, "people over projects." Work Projects will stress that the main goal is to encourage those we are ministering to and to be encouraged by them and to hear how the Lord has worked in their life.

Bible Clubs

Bible Clubs will be held in the evenings in various backyards and parks throughout the neighborhood. The primary goal, again, is to build relationships! These parks and backyards bring a diverse group of children, often refugees and immigrants from all over the world, as well as local St. Louis children. This will be the most planning our group will have to do for the trip as we will oversee preparing for these clubs. We will need to bring any supplies we may want to use. In our meetings, we will talk more about what to plan and how to run a Bible Club.

Expectations

If a student wants to attend the mission trip, they need to be a regular attender of Friedens whether that is on Sunday mornings or at youth ministry programming.

There will be 4 meetings before the trip to prepare our hearts for the trip and to prepare for some of the programming we will be running for the backyard bible clubs.

Fundraising

Since this is a mission trip, students are encouraged to do some fundraising to ask for financial support for the trip. Students will be provided with a sample form they can use to send out a support raising letter to potential financial supporters.

Final Thoughts

Ultimately on this trip, we are coming alongside an existing ministry and helping them out. Throughout the entire year they are interacting with and ministering to the widows, refugees, children, and other in need people we will be coming in contact with.

There will be more information in regards to leaving time, packing list, and other relevant details closer to the mission trip date.

If you have any other questions or concerns about this trip please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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2025 Friedens Mission Trip to St. Louis

Permission Form

Participant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone Number: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email: _____

Consent & Liability Waiver

I (name of parent/guardian) _____, grant permission for my child (participant's name), _____ to participate in the 2025 Friedens Church Mission Trip to St. Louis. In signing this form, I certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

Youth Participant: In signing the line below, I agree to abide by the policies and rules established for the 2025 Friedens Church Mission Trip to St. Louis.

Signature (Youth Participant) _____ Date _____