

CTCYM 2012

Senior High Trip
June 10-16, 2012
Northwest Arkansas and
Southern Missouri

Junior High Trip
July 15-20, 2012
North Texas

Junior/Senior High Combo
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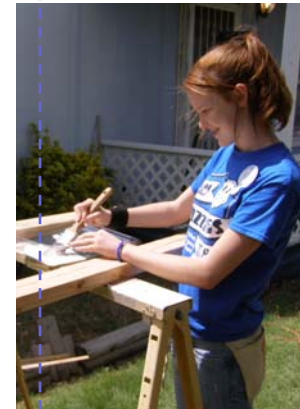
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Our Foundations



Building up God's World

Who is CTCYM?

CTCYM answers Christ's call to become his hands and feet to a world in need. In 1993, the Bishop and his Cabinet had a dream that youth and adults from the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church would respond to rebuilding and repair needs from severe flooding in Missouri. In the summer of 1994, 300 youth and adults traveled to Missouri as the first Conference sponsored youth mission trip. From those first 300 in 1994 to more than 2,500 in 2007, CTCYM continues to use its time, energy and resources to help rebuild communities in need.



CTCYM's History

- 1995 Oklahoma and Arkansas
- 1996 Louisiana
- 1997 Central Texas and Colorado
- 1998 Mississippi and Rio Grande Valley
- 1999 Central Texas and Rio Grande Valley
- 2000 Alabama and South Texas
- 2001 Oklahoma and Central Texas
- 2002 Kansas and Houston area
- 2003 Missouri and Central Texas
- 2004 Louisiana and North West Texas
- 2005 Arkansas, Houston and Central Texas
- 2006 Oklahoma, Colorado and South Texas
- 2007 Mississippi, Louisiana and Central Texas
- 2008 Missouri, Arkansas and Texas
- 2009 Mississippi River Valley and Central Texas
- 2010 Oklahoma and Southwest Texas
- 2011 Louisiana Coastal Region and Central Texas

The Living Center

Central Texas Conference youth groups join one another to form living centers for a week of service. Each living center involves about 75 to 125 volunteers plus a well-trained leadership team who manage all aspects of the week. We work with local churches, government offices and social service agencies to find families and organizations in need of help.

Participants stay at local churches, schools or community centers where they help prepare their own meals and maintain the facility daily. Each day, teams of five youth and two adults work in the community all day, have an evening program, reflect on the day's work and close with an evening worship.

Our purpose is to extend a helping hand up to our fellow human beings in the spirit of love and acceptance. We make a contract with God to put our own needs and desires aside share our talents, love and concern with our sisters and brothers. We strive to be good stewards of all our resources - the funds we raise, the places we stay, the building materials we use, the people we help and each other.



First, CTCYM strives to promote mission work among youth and adults. Our work will typically be of a home-repair and reconstruction nature. However, we are also in ministry of a relational nature that is listening to, caring for and being in fellowship with other people. We seek to serve with the utmost of our capabilities, in whatever way we are able. We unconditionally give our loving hearts, our open minds, and our working hands as we strive to be servants of and for Jesus Christ. There are no strings attached to our work. We expect nothing in return.

Second, CTCYM aspires to build community among its participants. We work with people we know as well as those we do not. We work hand-in-hand, developing and nurturing relationships where possible. We work with brothers and sisters from our own Conference to build a stronger foundation from which to reach out to others in need. Each of us, with different talents, skills, ideas, and gifts, is a valuable asset to the whole of the program. We support one another and build each other up, rather than tear down. We work as a team and a family, recognizing our connectedness, our dependency on each other and our combined strength. We also seek to enjoy each other in fellowship and creativity.

Third, CTCYM promotes balance in our daily lives. We study, pray, and worship together in preparation for the trip and while we are involved in our mission work. We will open our hearts and minds to God as we experience God throughout this journey. We realize that balance is achieved, not only through proper mental and spiritual nourishment, but also through physical well being. We endeavor to take care of our bodies through good nutrition, appropriate exercise and adequate sleep. We recognize that our behaviors affect those persons and the environment around us. We will practice safety, sensitivity, and good stewardship in all our activities. We are caretakers of God's creation and thus, we will not waste materials, supplies, or time, and we will re-use and recycle goods whenever possible.

CTCYM Mission Statement