

FSM 2025



SPRING BREAK

BENTONVILLE

Parent Meeting

01

Nashville

9th-12th Graders
45 Students, 10 Leaders
March 22-28, 2025
Cost: \$750
Staff: Dylan & Isa

02

Guatemala

10th-12th Graders
29 Students, 6 Leaders
March 22-28, 2025
Cost: \$2,350
Staff: Rashel

03

Belize

10th-12th Graders
29 Students, 6 Leaders
March 22-28, 2025
Cost: \$2,350
Staff: Allie & Kade

04

Panama

12th Graders only
16 Students, 4 Leaders
March 21-29, 2025
Cost: \$2,350
Staff: Kyle

How to Register

- Fill out the online **Trip Application**. These can be found as a featured highlight on the Fellowship App, or by navigating to the Spring Break button on our website: **fmbentonville.org**
- Applications open online, October 21st. Take this week to pray about where the Lord is leading you to serve.
- Applications need to be filled out by the student and “signed” online by a parent.
- **Applications are due online by 11:59pm on Sunday, November 3rd**
- During the week of November 4th, the FSM team will compile all of the signups and begin trip placements.
- Placements will not be based on how quickly you can press a button when signups open. Instead, placements will happen based on trip preferences as ranked by each student. Here are a few details to explain the process:
 - Seniors will be placed first, followed by juniors, then sophomores
 - Student applications will be put into trip piles based on their #1 preference
 - We will draw from these piles randomly until:
 - All applicants in that pile have been placed, or
 - The available spots fill up
 - If there are people in that round who did not get placed to their trip preference, they will be placed on the waiting list for that trip.
 - After this is done for each trip, we will do the same thing for the #2 preferences of any remaining applicants, then preference #3, and so on until everyone has been placed or all trip spots fill up.
 - Any applications received after November 3rd will be placed after all on-time applications have been placed.
 - Each applicant will be contacted by email by November 8th with their trip placement and details on paying the deposit.
- The hope behind this is to serve you well by simplifying the signup process and relieving families from the stress of having to be tied to your computer/phone at a certain day/time.

Policies of Fellowship Bible Church for Raising Support

Mission trip participants can solicit gifts to cover part or all of the expenses necessary for the particular trip if they so choose. When participants raise part or all of the funds required for a trip, Fellowship records the amounts raised in separate accounts for each participant as a way of monitoring whether sufficient funds have been raised to cover the expenses of the participant's trip. You can set up an account on Fellowship's website and then check support balances anytime you want.

Charges are then made against your account for expenses incurred for the trip. If the individual does not go on the trip for any reason, it will not be refunded to donors even if you send in money to your account yourself. The IRS stipulates that the leadership of Fellowship must be able to have adequate discretion and control over the gifts which is a condition for allowing them to be tax deductible for the donor. In addition, Fellowship pays significant money up front for transportation, lodging, etc. and incurs other expenses that have to be paid.

If more money comes in to the church for your account above the cost of the trip, that money is not refundable. This extra money goes into the overall team account to be used for other expenses on the trip. All money given to Fellowship with an expectation of receiving an IRS tax deduction cannot be refundable.

Your initial deposit of \$50 is intended to indicate your serious commitment to participate in an FSM mission trip. If you submit an application, along with the \$50 initial deposit and then decide at a later date not to participate in your mission trip, your deposit (and any other payments made) will not be refunded. You may also be required to pay up to the total cost of the trip.

Once signed up, the \$50 deposit plus any support raised will not be refunded to you or your donors due to tax/non-profit codes. If you have to drop out, and haven't raised enough support to cover these costs, you will be responsible for paying the amount listed below (minus what you've raised in support).

Drop Date Costs + Payment Deadlines

- Within 3 days of acceptance email | \$50 to cover deposit. If you do not pay the deposit, you will be dropped from the roster!
 - **Sunday, December 1st - Tuesday, January 14th | \$100 to cover the cost of canceling the airline ticket***
 - **Wednesday, January 15th - Trip Departure | \$950-\$1500 depending on the airline ticket price***
- Sunday, January 19th | *Half payment due (for all participants)*
- Saturday, March 1st | *Full payment due (for all participants)*
 - If you drop after this date, you may be responsible for the full trip cost

**The dates in red are for the international trips*