

Touching Athens
and the World for Christ

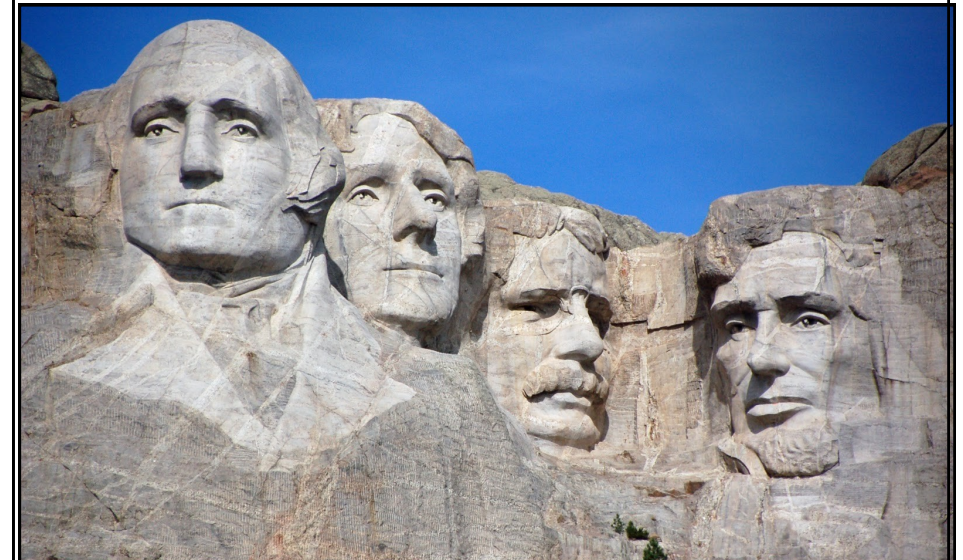
South Dakota Family Mission Trip

June 30 – July 8, 2023

Pine Ridge Lakota Sioux Reservation

Chankú Wasté Ranch

Children & Youth Camp
and Construction



*Chankú Wasté Ranch Christian Camp
"The Good Road in the Badlands"*

*Pine Ridge Lakota Sioux Indian Reservation
Near the site of the
Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890*

Just the Facts . . .

Date: Friday, 6:30 a.m., June 30, 2023, the church buses and several private vehicles will travel together to a host church in route for dinner and to spend the night. Saturday morning, drive on to the Pine Ridge Reservation, and arrive at the Chankú Wasté Ranch Christian Camp. Families traveling in private vehicles can choose their own route and time of departure but all are asked to arrive at the Chankú Wasté Ranch on Saturday afternoon, July 1st, by 4:00 p.m. Return travel night will be spent as guest of a Baptist Church to be determined. Church vehicles will arrive back in Athens on Saturday, July 8.

Cost: The church will pay for the majority of camp cost but each person is asked to contribute for camp food and other supplies:
\$65 for individuals not traveling with their family
\$130 group price for an entire family.

Requirements for Participation . . .

- 1st Step:** Tell Steve Akin, Juan Moreno or Spencer Hill that you are interested as soon as possible, even if you are uncertain.
- 2nd Step:** If you have never filled out a mission application form for a previous mission trip, please complete a Adult Family Version Mission Application Form & or Youth Version Mission Application Form at FBCA website or return a hardcopy version to the Mission Office. (Forms available from the mission office.)
- 3rd Step:** Attend cultural orientation and team meetings



Ministry Description . . .

It is said that next to Haiti, the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota is the most destitute region in our part of the world. Alcoholism and drug abuse affect many of the young men and women on the Reservation. Mystic and cult religions have intertwined with Christianity to create a confused and misleading message of salvation. Unemployment on the Rez is 80% and the high school drop-out rate is near 80% as well. Teen suicide is 150% greater than in the rest of the country! It is a place where hope is scarce and despair is the normal way of life. FBCA has been building relationships and helping in various ways on the Rez since 2015. God has opened an exciting door through which we can minister to the Lakota Sioux. Pastor Matt Hadden has established the Chankú Wasté Ranch, which translated means, "The Good Road in the Badlands." Each summer Matt and his staff sponsor 10 weeks of Christian Camp for boys, girls, and teens. FBCA has been invited to lead one of these weeks.



Our Ministry will include:

- Leading an incredible Children's Camp filled with games, crafts and exciting Bible teaching,
- Help with construction projects on private Rez homes,

Sightseeing opportunities include: Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Custer State Park, Minuteman Missile Historic Site and much more.

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