

Crossings Class Retreat 2 - Jesus' Family Tree February 19-20, 2010

Bible basis: Matthew 1:1-17

Key question: How is Jesus' family tree like mine?
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

5:00pm – Meet at the church;

Ride church bus to *The Son Set Refuge* in Greene County near Ayden, NC

5:30pm – Dinner on the way at Bojangles; bring money for this!

6:30pm – Arrive at *The Son Set Refuge* Farm House where we will be staying;

Greetings and Overview by Sammy Hudson, Executive Director of *Son Set Refuge*

7:30pm – Worship and Scripture Engagement;

Night walk

9:00pm – Quiet time, free time, bed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

7:00am – Worship and check-in

7:30am – Breakfast; provided by our church

8:00am – Scripture Engagement

9:00am – Work Group: cleaning up and clearing trails

12:00pm – Lunch at the Farm House for all work groups attending; sandwiches and soup
provided by *The Refuge*

1:00pm – Back to work group

2:30pm – Check-in and worship

3:00pm – Load up and go to the church

4:00pm - Arrive at church

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

Bible

Youth Journal

Pencil

Warm clothes

Warm coat, gloves, hat

Old clothes to work in or paint in

Extra pair of shoes and socks (in case they get wet on the trails) OR

Rubber shoes or hiking boots (if you have them)

Sleeping bag (if you don't have one, let us know and we will find you one)

Personal items: toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, toiletry items

Work gloves (if you have them - for dealing with briars along the trail)

Hand clippers (if you have them - for cutting back brush)

Rake (if you have one – for raking up debris along the trail)

Snacks to share with the group

\$10 (or less) for Friday night dinner at Bojangles

flashlight (for walking at night)

Emergency Contact at the Refuge: Sammy Hudson – (252) 531-3214

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Dear Crossings Class Parents and Confirmands:

The second retreat for the Crossings Class will include a mission component at *A Son Set Ministry: The Refuge*. This ministry is located in Greene County near Ayden, North Carolina. Bill Neely and Dick and I went to visit the campus last week on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We were all very impressed with the work that has been done so far. We believe that this is a wonderful mission project for the class.

“A primary effort of *Son Set Ministries* is to get those youth to camp who could not normally afford the fees. Children from low income families, especially those from the inner-city are of great concern and providing them the opportunity to attend camp is a top priority of *Son Set Ministries*. Their goal is to provide 600 youth from low-income families a camping experience each year at no cost to them. Through their youth-at-risk program, many of these teenage youth, will be afforded the opportunity to work as seasonal employees at the Refuge, thereby providing them a reasonable income, stable environment, and a nurturing community.” (quote from Son Set Ministries' website)

This ministry is still in the development phase and is in need of hands-on assistance to create a camp environment for youth and children as well as adults and families. At our first retreat, The Crossings Class expressed an interest in assisting building trails for this camp. It looks like we will get to do exactly that! We have arranged for the class to do this at Retreat 2 as part of their mission project.

The schedule for the retreat is attached. We will go together in the church van. On Friday night we will sleep in the Farm House at *The Refuge*. Each class member will need to bring his or her own sleeping bag. The Farm House is heated with bathroom and kitchen. It has bunk beds and mattresses but not enough for everyone. You may have to sleep on the floor. We will eat dinner on the way to *The Refuge*. We will have breakfast in the Farm House. Lunch will be provided for all of the work groups, including ours, at the Farm House. Because the class will be working on this project, there will be no fee for staying at *The Refuge*. A list of items each person needs to bring along with the schedule is attached.

In addition to working to help with this ministry, we will be able to participate in worship, engage in scripture study, and have fun on the grounds as a class. We believe this is an exciting way to build our class as a faith community. We hope for 100% attendance at this retreat!

For more information about *The Refuge* please go to their website at <http://www.thesonsetrefuge.org/>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 756-9471 or lgmarks@suddenlink.net.

Sincerely,

Lynne Marks, Coordinator, Crossing Class 2010

PS: We will **need to know by February 14 whether or not you are attending**. We will send to you a registration and release form to return by that date.

CHECK THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE! Dick took pictures of us at *The Refuge* and put them on the website <http://www.fpcgreenville.org/>. Click on "Crossings Class" in the middle of the page.