

Senior High Youth Mission Trip to San Augustine County, Texas June 24-30

Located in far east Texas, the people of San Augustine County have united together with a vision of a community centered on Christ's love. A community that faces many economic and physical challenges such as broken down homes and rising poverty finds its hope in a strong base of church and community leaders committed to seeing their community thrive. San Augustine County, like many, suffers with separation and isolation from neighborhood to neighborhood, which leads to pockets of hardship and hopelessness. But beyond the isolation that leads to physical poverty, there is a struggle against relational segregation that San Augustine County still faces today. Among two rival cities, community leaders in both areas cannot necessarily pinpoint where the rivalry and segregation began -- they just know it lingers and exists today.

We will partner with the determined people of San Augustine County to unite their community through love and outreach based on the love of Christ -- the kind of reconciliation first found in Christ and then extended to one's neighbor. This happens through working together, talking together, and accomplishing goals together --something our students get to be a part of. Primarily working to build reconciliation through repairing homes, we will also have an incredible opportunity to engage with this community through outreach events, community picnics, and VBS. The following senior high youth and their adult sponsors are planning to participate in this important experience: Landon Ashley, Kyle Ashley, Sophie Bunn, Katherine Burlingame, Daniel Fourie, Wren Knapp, Samuel Metzler, Jacee Pinson, Lauren Stoddard, Nicolai Van Zyl, Jason Hubbard, Phyllis Leath, Otto Mendez, Josh Newsham, Bertu Van Zyl, and Raymond Wei.