

Arms Around Jax

This document is to hopefully answer some of the questions that you might have about Arms Around Jacksonville. There is no way that we could conclusively answer every question in one document but we wanted to try and help lay ground work for where we are headed on Nov. 12, 2011. If you should have any further questions please email us at AAJ@fbcjax.com and we will do our best to get an answer back to you as quickly as possible

I. What is Arms Around Jax?

Arms Around Jax was a vision that our Pastor had to see our members be the “*City of God in the City of Jacksonville.*” He preached 3 sermons in 2010/2011 about how God has called us to be a light in our city to bring glory to God. We are going to do that by mobilizing the members of our church to take a “missions trip to Jacksonville”. Every Sunday School class will pick a “*Ministry Coordinator*” to select, plan, and oversee a ministry project for their class. On Saturday Nov. 12, 2011 we will all work together to put our arms around Jacksonville by ministering throughout the city to the city.

II. How will we do this?

We know that a project of this size can seem daunting but we know that with God all things are possible. We felt like the best way to take on a vision of being a light in Jacksonville was to work through the Sunday School. We know that most of our members are in a Sunday School class and we know that in those classes you are organized and already serving together. Your class leadership will select someone from your class to act as a “Ministry Coordinator” for the rest of the class. This person will help to think through, pray for, plan, and oversee your class ministry on November 12. They will make sure that the ball is constantly rolling and that everyone has a place to serve.

III. Who is our Ministry Coordinator?

Each class will select this person from their class and turn their name in by June 19th. They should be someone who can oversee a project and think through the details it will take to accomplish a project like this. It may be that, because of schedules and class size, you need to have 2 ministry coordinators. These coordinators will meet once a month on Sunday nights to make sure that they are continuing to develop their ministry project and to be sure that their questions are being answered.

IV. How will we pay for this?

Every Ministry Coordinator will turn in a project worksheet that will be given out on June 26th at their meeting. They will have one month to pray, think, and plan about the project that their class will take serve together to accomplish. This packet will be turned back in on or before August 7th. We will review the projects, help refine them, and then determine how much money we will put towards this project. We encourage you to think through the scope of your project and be sure that you have the necessary equipment and that you are not taking on more than you can handle.

V. What will our project be?

Your class Ministry Coordinator will work with your class leadership to develop what you will do on Nov. 12th. We will help to guide the idea and the development of the project but we want it to be something that your class believes in and wants to do. We have asked that the projects fit into one of the following areas:

- A. **Local Communities** (Specifically Desert Winds/Silver Creek, Springfield, Washington Heights, & St. Augustine)
- B. **Local Community Ministries** (Baptist Children's Home, First Coast Women's Services, Trinity Rescue Mission)

In these 2 areas we ask your class to think about ministering in one of the following ways:

- A. **Physical**- this will focus on helping by manual labor and could be cleaning up trash, painting, construction, landscaping, etc...
- B. **Relational**- this is centered on spending time with people getting to know them whether it's a block party, a park day, a nursing home celebration, etc...
- C. **Educational**- this is about helping someone where they are to get where they need to be and could be classes for the homeless, VBS at an orphanage, etc...

We will have a handout further detailing these two areas as well as offering suggestions for projects that will be handed out on June 26th to the Ministry Coordinators.