

The Holy Land Awaits Us!

Join Kyle Reese and Marilyn Borst this fall on a memorable trip to the Holy Land, November 2nd through 15th. Drawing upon their combined experience of 18 trips to this historic place that is Israel/Palestine, Marilyn and Kyle will guide our group in experiencing the sites of the Biblical narrative and the places where Christ's life and

ministry became incarnational, including the Jerusalem area, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Galilee, as well as Jericho and the Dead Sea. In addition to our touring, we will encourage the diminishing Christian presence in the place where the Church began with visits to

congregations and ministries to learn how they are seeking to be faithful under pressure and with *peace*, a seemingly elusive ideal in this controversial but compelling place. The land cost is set at \$3,100 per person, double occupancy, for this 12-day journey (airfare is not included).



O little town of Bethlehem

Questions?

Gina Shields: office@fbc-sav.org

Holy Land Mission-Vision Trip Itinerary for First Baptist Church, Savannah

2 – 15 November 2025

Led by Marilyn Borst and Rev Kyle Reese



Pre-trip participants depart Nov 1 with an extra night

		Overnite in:
Sun Nov 2	Depart Savannah	
Mon Nov 3	Arrive Tel Aviv	Jeru
Tue Nov 4	Jerusalem walking tour Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Wailing Wall/Temple Mount	Jeru
Wed Nov 5	Jerusalem driving tour Mt of Olives: Pater Noster Church (Lord's Prayer Church), Gethsemane/Church of All Nations, Dominus Flavit (where Jesus wept over Jerusalem) Mt Zion: St Peter in Gallicantu, Dormition Abbey	Jeru

Thu Nov 6	Dead Sea, Qumran, Jericho	Jeru
Fri Nov 7	Morning: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and Bible Society Free afternoon Rooftop dinner overlooking Jerusalem	Jeru
Sat Nov 8	Transfer to Bethlehem Bible College Afternoon of learning at BBC Visit to Separation Wall and Aida Refugee Camp	Beth
Sun Nov 9	Worship at Baraka Presbyterian Church and lunch with congregation. Late afternoon visit to Shepherd's Field	Beth
Mon Nov 10	Manger Square (Church of the Nativity and St Catherine's) and shopping	Beth
Tue Nov 11	Bethlehem Lutheran Christmas Church Dar al-Kalima University	Beth



Wed Nov 12 Transfer to the Galilee with Mt Tabor (Transfiguration site) on the way to Nazareth for tour of the city (Church of the Annunciation and environs) Tiberias

Thu Nov 13 Sea of Galilee sites: Tabgha (multiplication of loaves and fishes site), Primacy of St Peter, Capernaum, Mt of the Beatitudes Tiberias

Fri Nov 14 Communion on the Sea and final reflections Tiberias

Sat Nov 15 Depart Tel Aviv

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Voices:

Nora Kort---long time Christian resident of East Jerusalem

Nashat Filimon (Bible Society of **Palestine**)

Bethlehem Bible College faculty and staff

Rev Munther Isaac (Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church)

Rev Danny Awad (Baraka Presbyterian Church--- Bethlehem)

Rev Sally Azar (Lutheran Church of the Redeemer) ---first ordained Palestinian woman



Cost:

\$3100 per person/double occupancy (does not include airfare)

Includes rooms + breakfast, deluxe motor coach, guides, entrance fees at sites, private boat ride on Sea of Galilee, 9 dinners and 8 lunches, meet and assist at airport, portorage at hotels, audio system during touring

\$850 single supplement

\$250 pre-trip (hotel, dinner, visit to Israeli Museum)

Our Hotels

GLORIA, OLD CITY JERUSALEM



BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE GUEST HOUSE



PILGERHAUS, TIBERIAS/TABGHA





**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MISSION-VISION TRIP APPLICATION**

Trip for which you are applying: _____

Dates of trip: _____

For accommodations:

- Single occupancy
 Double occupancy

Requested roommate, if applicable: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Note: your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the return date of the trip.)

Name as it appears on passport: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Passport #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Date of expiration: _____

Please describe your current or recent employment and/or volunteer activities. _____

Have you gone on short-term mission trips before? If so, to where? When? With whom? _____

First Baptist Church mission/vision trips are designed to engage followers of Christ in His work in the world. With that in mind, how might your participation in this trip impact you, and how might you engage your congregation upon your return?

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Contact's name: _____

Contact's relationship to you: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR OUTREACH USE ONLY

Do you have physical/emotional health issues Outreach should know about if you travel with us?

In case of a health emergency, please list prescription medications you are taking. _____

Do you snore heavily or are you a light sleeper? (You are likely to have a roommate, and this info helps us to make appropriate pairings.)

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If so, what will you need to do to provide for your needs? _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

I am participating in First Baptist Church mission trip on _____(dates) of my own free will and understand that I should not participate unless I am physically and medically able. In consideration of First Baptist Church allowing me to participate, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury, accident or illness that may occur while I am traveling to or from _____ (departure city) and during my travel to _____ (destinations).

I give any licensed, practicing physician or hospital full authority to provide emergency medical treatment for me in the event such treatment is needed or necessary and I am not able to make such a decision. I also hereby give my permission for a licensed, practicing physician to administer whatever medical treatment he/she may deem necessary for me in the event of any medical emergency affecting me.

I understand that any expenses that are incurred by me due to accident or illness are my responsibility and not the responsibility of First Baptist Church. I also am aware of and assume all risks associated with participating in this mission trip. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, hereby waive, release and forever discharge First Baptist Church, its staff, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons associated with the mission trip, for any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and/or expenses that I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this mission trip. I understand that this waiver includes any claims, whether caused by negligence, the action or inaction of any of the above parties, or otherwise.

Signature _____

Name (printed) _____

Date _____

***Please return to:
Gina Shields
First Baptist Church
102 W. McDonough Street
Savannah, GA 31401***

MISSION TRIP POLICIES AND INFORMATION

First Baptist Church sponsors mission trips in our effort to engage followers of Christ in His work in the world. These trips foster global partnerships and help to raise resources needed by partners for their work. The trips are led by First Baptist Church staff or mission staff members. These trips have a development component as we invite church leaders and donors to commit to supporting our mission efforts around the world.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Application and Deposit

A deposit of \$200 and a completed Mission Trip Application and Waiver are required to hold a place on Mission Vision Trips. The refundable deposit will be credited toward the participant's trip cost. If a trip applicant is not accepted by First Baptist Church as a trip participant, the deposit will be returned.

Release and Waiver of Liability; Emergency Contact Form

Each trip participant on a First Baptist Church-led vision trip or Church-sponsored work trip is required to sign The First Baptist Church's release and waiver of liability form, which must be filed with the Church office before departure. An emergency contact form shall also be on file for each trip Participant.

Passports and Visas

Individuals participating in First Baptist Church trips are often required to have a visa for entry to any given country. Please note that First Baptist Church may need possession of your passport for visa processing, perhaps for as long as three weeks. If you are traveling abroad in close proximity to a First Baptist Church trip, you may need to apply for a second passport. Consult with First staff on this matter. Once visa processing is completed, each individual traveler is responsible for checking the passport to ensure that the travel dates on the visa accurately reflect the travel dates of the trip.

Expenses

Travelers with First Baptist Church are responsible for the full cost of their participation on the trip. A total cost for participants will be set which will cover direct and indirect expenses, including the travel expenses of the trip leaders. One-half payment of total trip costs is due 60 days prior to departure; full payment is due 30 days prior to departure.

Deductibility of Mission Trip Expenses

First Baptist Church issues receipts for payments made by individuals for the cost of that individual's participation in one of our mission trips; however, in so doing First Baptist Church does not give tax advice. Each individual should contact their personal tax advisor to evaluate their situation and determine the deductibility of trip expenses.

Participation in Full Itinerary and/or Personal Side Trips

It is expected that travelers will not deviate from the group's itinerary and program. Approving any changes to the itinerary is, finally, the responsibility of the trip leader. If a traveler wishes to go earlier or return later than the other group members, he/she will be responsible for themselves during that time and for any additional expenses, including higher transportation costs that may result from deviating from the group travel arrangements.

Individuals planning personal travel in conjunction with a First Baptist Church trip are responsible for coordination and payment regarding all travel plans (airfare and ground itinerary) for the personal portion of the

trip. In addition, any expenses, travel delays, or other unexpected occurrences that arise during a personal portion of a trip are not the responsibility of First Baptist Church.

Insurance

Individuals participating in First Baptist Church trips must have medical insurance that provides adequate coverage while they are traveling. Participants should review the provisions of their own policy and contact their insurer to determine whether or not they should obtain additional personal coverage for the duration of the trip. Uncovered expenses that are incurred by trip participants due to accident or illness – including medical costs, airline change fees, additional hotel stays, and medical evacuation – are the responsibility of the participant, not First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church does not provide trip cancellation or other travel insurance coverage, and travelers should decide for themselves if they wish to obtain such coverage.

Inoculations and Medications

Trip participants should review the travel health advisories on the Centers for Disease Control and World Health Organization websites and should consult with their own physicians or an international travel clinic to make informed decisions about inoculations and medications. Participants shall notify First Baptist of medical conditions and prescriptions that they are taking to ensure the availability of that information in case of a medical Emergency.

Cancellation by Participants or First Baptist Church

Should a person need to cancel participation in a trip, money that they have paid for the trip will be refunded to them, minus the deposit and any non-refundable payments that have been made by First Baptist Church for the traveler.

<u>Payment schedule:</u> ASAP	\$200 deposit to hold your place
60 days before departure	½ total cost
30 days before departure	balance due

To apply to travel with First Baptist Church, please return the following items to the address below:

- 1) completed application, including Waiver of Liability form
- 2) copy of the photo/information page from your passport
- 3) \$200 deposit

First Baptist Church, 102 W. McDonough Street, Savannah, GA 31401