

## First Fruits 2017 The Role of "CAPTAIN"



If you are reading this, it is most likely because you are considering taking on the role of "Captain" in the First Fruits Project this year. Thank you for prayerfully considering this critical component of First Fruits.

### The Vision

The Lord has made it clear that if we have received His love, we are to love Him back with every part of our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. God extends this thought in Jeremiah 29:7 by telling us that we are to seek Him on behalf of the needs of the people where we live. He explains that our welfare (provision and blessing) will be found as we first seek theirs! First Fruits is a day where RBC can come together to do just that!

### The Blessing

First Fruits has grown in size and scope over the past 30 years. On First Fruits "day" we have over 700 adults, teens, and children come together on 40 different teams that complete over 150 work projects and raising over \$40k dollars. Each team gets to personally deliver a month's worth of groceries and gift cards to families in our area who are in genuine need of practical encouragement. The project then extends beyond that to reach out to additional families and needs in our community over the rest of the year.

### The Need for Captains

You can imagine all the logistics involved with leading a volunteer army of that size throughout that day and have it actually work. It would be impossible for us to manage all the details and changes that occur in real time – unless we have Captains who are willing to take on a team and lead it to completion. Below is a breakout of the responsibilities that our Captains take on.

### What A Captains Does

- (1) The Captain is trained to understand all aspects of the project so that they can lead their team through the day and to completion. The mandatory training date is **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>** from **12:15pm to 2pm** at the Gap Room in the Youth Building.
- (2) The Captain is asked to help recruit and build a team from their different worlds (family, neighborhood, work, shepherd group, etc.) Ideally they should seek to find 5-10 adults and teens. They will also be given between 5-10 additional adults and teens to join them.
- (3) The Captain is responsible to confirm all the key aspects of the work day. This includes confirming details with the workers on the team, with the 3-4 jobs they are doing, and the family they are delivering to that night. They then coordinate with the First Fruits leadership on their teams' status and needs.
- (4) The Captain then leads their team through the day – starting at Park View High school, getting to each job, getting lunch, going to buy groceries, deliver them to the family, taking the team to get dinner and bringing the team back for the final celebration time.

### Final Details

- **Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>** we are having a "standing meeting" with our all our captains from 8:45am to 9:15am in the front classroom at the Youth Building. You will then be able to join the main service.
- **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>** – is our mandatory training time from 12:15 to 2pm in the Gap room – lunch is provided.
- **Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>** – the BIG DAY!! Captains arrive at 7:30 at PVHS, the evening is done at 9:45pm.

### Next Steps To Be A Captain

If you desire to be a First Fruits Captain this year – please contact Bob Shull at [bobshull@restonbible.org](mailto:bobshull@restonbible.org) and let him know (1) you would like to commit, (2) confirming you can attend the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> dates (3) give him your cell and email address and (4) include any questions that you have!