

OPPORTUNITIES TO "SERVE"

Each of us should be looking for ways to "serve." The list below is divided into two categories: (1) opportunities that are part of our congregational plan for service, (2) things you can do on your own outside of a congregational effort. This exercise gives each of you a chance to recognize opportunities to serve you might not have considered before, and then to select a thing or two that you want to do. Don't mark too much but do mark one or two or three things that you want to add to what you are already doing. As you read the list, mark with an X those you are now doing and mark the new items with a check. Then write at the bottom what you will do to get started. If you have, for example, decided to write more cards, write "Purchase cards and watch the bulletin and other sources to see who needs a card." If it is something congregational, write whom you will contact about getting started.

Congregational service opportunities:

- Teaching a Bible class. Pre-school ____; elementary ____; high school ____; adult ____
- Assisting in Bible class. Pre-school ____; elementary ____; high school ____; adult ____
- Assisting with your own class activities /fellowship ____
- Helping with a class of youth or college ____
- Being an sponsor for youth/college activities ____
- Helping in the nursery ____
- Being a greeter at the door before service ____; after service ____
- Serving the communion ____; leading a prayer ____
- Getting people to serve in worship ____
- Following up with those who have visited worship ____
- Serving on a committee for youth ____; missions ____; care of the building ____; worship ____; local evangelism ____; benevolence ____; involvement ____
- Being the contact person for a missionary so you can write, encourage, and keep people posted on his/her work ____
- Teaching in a jail or prison ____
- Participating in an inner-city work ____
- Serving at a medical clinic ____
- Assisting with serving older members/shut-ins ____
- Work on bulletin boards ____
- Work on the building ____
- Work to keep up the yard around the building ____
- Helping with a school to tutor or provide other services ____
- Helping with a school to provide back to school needs ____
- Grading Bible correspondence courses for jail/prison or WBS ____

Things to do on your own:

- Getting to know your neighbors so you can serve them ____
- Doing good deeds in your neighborhood like mowing the lawn for someone away on vacation, helping a neighbor who is working on an improvement project ____
- Inviting a neighbor to your house for coffee or a meal ____
- Inviting someone to your home for fellowship ____
- Taking food to someone who is sick or had a loss ____
- Taking someone who needs attention out for breakfast or lunch ____
- Visiting elderly persons or shut-ins ____
- Visiting members in the hospital ____
- Keeping people in your home who have a special need ____
- Writing cards to those who are ill or recovering from surgery, those recently baptized, and those who have lost loved ones ____
- Writing notes of thanks to teachers, preachers, elders, and others who serve well ____
- Improving the service I give my family in the normal ways I serve them in cooking, cleaning, driving, being with them at special events ____
- Making special efforts to share with my family those positive moments that can impact their lives for good ____
- Taking others in my family with me to do acts of service ____
- Making a phone call to those who might be lonely or discouraged ____
- Finding a place in the community to volunteer—a school, a park, a hospital—where you can let your light shine as people know that you are a Christian and where you go to church ____
- Working with a youth sports team or other organizations like the FFA or PTA to give you a chance to help young people and to let your light shine with them and their parents ____
- Being involved with a private group for quilting, knitting, or something similar with the product being used to help people in need ____
- Taking an interest in a missionary, emailing him/her, occasionally sending small gifts, and just keeping up ____
- Giving a ride to people needing to go to the doctor or shopping who can't drive ____
- Making positive contact with someone who is new to the congregation, has been recently baptized, or who seems on the fringes ____

To get started in this new opportunity for me to SERVE, I will do the following: