

## SERVICE IDEAS

### Loving Neighbors

- Lawn mowing and/or edging for free – Great for single moms or the elderly but nice for busy couples too
- Rake Leaves for Neighbors
- Shovel Snow for Neighbors
- Make meal for a neighbor with newborn
- Clean house for a friend that just had surgery
- Give a gift card for an oil change to a single parent

### Students

- Plan a back to school party for foster kids – hand out school supplies
- Hand out Pop Tarts to local college students
- Donate school supplies to a local school
- Send baked goods to a college student
- After school snacks for Booker T. Washington kids ([www.btwp.fcps.net/](http://www.btwp.fcps.net/))

### Community Clean Up/Interaction

- Community Trash Pick Up in local park
- On a nice day – set up on the legacy trail and give away Gatorade
- Go to local laundry mat and pay for their laundry – while the laundry is going engage in conversations
- Go to a local store/gas station/restaurant and offer to clean toilets and bathroom
- Go to the dog park and hand out dog treats and water to the owners
- Hand out blankets downtown to the homeless

### Partner with Organizations

- Volunteer to build a home with Habitat for Humanity (<http://lexhabitat.org/> or 859.252.2224)
- Volunteer to help organize/clean the Habitat Restore (<http://lexhabitat.org/> or 859.252.2224)
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries (<http://kyrm.org/> or 859.226.5661) – adopt a family that is new to the area
- Make baby baskets that local pregnancy centers can give out – (<http://www.assurancecare.org/> or 859.278.8469)
- Contact the Lighthouse and help serve the homeless a meal (<http://thelighthouseministries.org/> or (859) 259-3434)
- Contact local food pantry and help organize their food or make food baskets for those in need throughout the year.
- The Refuge for Women sometimes needs help doing work on their property – contact them and see how you can help (<http://www.refugeforwomen.com/> or 859.254.0041)
- Do meal packing at God's Pantry (<http://www.godspantry.org/> or 859-255-6592)
- Volunteer with Lexington Rescue Mission (<http://www.lexingtonrescue.org/> or (859) 381-9600 ext. 243)

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- Volunteer at the Hope Center (<http://hopectr.org/volunteer/group-opportunities/> or [ccaairo@hopectr.org](mailto:ccaairo@hopectr.org))
- Collect used duffel bags, back packs, other types of luggage for children taken from their homes and put in foster care or group homes. Lots of times, all the children have is a bag for their clothes, etc. We can take these bags and/or luggage to the Dept. for Community Based Services (<http://chfs.ky.gov/dCBS>).
- Host a game night or a craft night with a local shelter or other community organization. ([www.salvationarmylex.org](http://www.salvationarmylex.org))
- Sponsor a child through Lifeline Christian Mission ([Lovelink@Lifeline.org](mailto:Lovelink@Lifeline.org))
- Donate items needed for the All God's Children Home in Nicholasville, KY ([www.kyallgodschildren.org](http://www.kyallgodschildren.org))
- River Foundation in Stanford, KY (606/365-3555). Affiliated with First Southern National Bank.
- International Justice Mission (<http://www.ijm.org>). Church-wide mission?

### Care for the Sick and Loved Ones

- Visit waiting room at UK Children's hospital – bring donuts or other snacks and pray with those there. Also, donate childrens books, toys etc. for the patients and waiting room.
- Cook a meal for the families at the [Ronald McDonald House](#) or donate items needed at the house (<http://www.rmhclexington.com/volunteer.html> or 859-368-8437)

### Elderly Care

- Adopt a grandma/grandpa – contact local nursing home or assisted living home and ask for individual who doesn't have a lot of visitors or family near by...get to know the individual and spend time with them
- Drive an elderly friend to the doctor, store, church, etc

### Holiday Activities

- Reverse Trick or Treat – Dress Up and go around handing out small bags filled with candy, mints, gum, packages of hot chocolate, nuts, etc.
- Pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>)
- Thanksgiving turkeys and fixings for families in need (church-wide event).