

FULL SERVICE SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Christmas is a celebration of God's greatest act of love—sending Jesus to serve, to save, and to shine His light in the darkest places. As followers of Christ, we have the beautiful opportunity to reflect that same love in tangible ways. This year, our **Full Service Sunday (Christmas Edition)** is dedicated to stepping outside our walls, being the hands and feet of Jesus, and bringing hope to our community.

Instead of gathering for an evening service, we will **be the service**. We will go *together*—families, friends, Small Groups, Sunday School Classes, and generations side-by-side—to love our neighbors in His name. Each outreach project partners with ministries and contacts already doing incredible work throughout Knoxville/Oak Ridge, and every heart can find a place to serve.

Here's where we're going together:

Riverwood

At Riverwood, we'll share Christmas love with individuals overcoming challenges and building new lives. Through simple presence, conversation, and encouragement, we will remind each resident that they are seen, valued, and loved by God. Participants will have the option to purchase Christmas gifts for two residents in need. On the service day, up to 25 people will wrap the donated Christmas gifts and head to Riverwood for an afternoon of cookie decorating, hot cocoa enjoying, game playing, Christmas carol singing, and making new best friends!

Restoration House

Families at Restoration House are courageously pursuing stability and a brighter future. Our donations will provide a family with a winter break kit to keep little hands busy and entertained during the long winter break. On the service day, up to 25 participants will organize and pack the kits, deliver the kits, pray over them and the complex, and meet a representative to learn more about Restoration House.

Isaiah 117 House

Isaiah 117 House cares for children entering foster care—children who desperately need comfort, dignity, and safety. By supporting their needs and blessing their staff, we will help share the tender love of Christ with some of the most vulnerable among us.

Donations will go to create a travel busy bag for kids being transferred to places that require a longer travel time. On the day of service, up to 20 participants will pack and pray over the bags. Then, this group will head to Isaiah 117 house for a tour and to pray over the spaces. If children are present, the group will just pray over the accessible parts of the home and for the staff.

Green Magnet School & Willow Brook Elementary

We would like to bless Green Magnet families and Willow Brook Elementary Teaching Assistants with a little encouragement. These schools serve many families experiencing hardship. Our useful donations with an encouraging note will brighten not just their homes, but their hearts.

Johnson University International Students

Many international students are far from home and family during the holidays. The gift card donations will allow these students to enjoy meal options outside of what they can microwave in the dorm. Let's send a message to these future missionaries and church leaders from around the world that we support them by meeting one need this season.

Caroling & Cookies

Finally, we'll spread Christmas joy the classic way—through song, smiles, and cookies! We'll visit familiar faces, neighborhoods, and senior communities, carrying with us the Good News of great joy for all people. And some goodies to share!

How to Get Involved

There is a place and opportunity for every person, every gift, every age, and every helping hand. Starting November 16th, donation trees and sign up sheets will be available in the main foyer. You can give and sign up to serve whatever best suits you and your family. A lunch will be served immediately following Worship on December 14th before we launch out into our Full Service Sunday ministries.

Pray. Sign up. Show up. Love God. Love Others. Serve All. And let's watch God move through His people as we share the true meaning of Christmas with our city.