



# **“LIVE OUT: Service Day” Sunday, May 5, 2019**

We are excited about our upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “LIVE OUT: Service Day” here at Southland. As the name suggests, it’s a day to focus intentionally church-wide on SERVICE – living out an active love. We meet for a briefer ENCOUNTER service at 9am (please note the time change for this Sunday only!!). Then, we leave to spread out and serve in our community.

Obviously, a key aspect of this day deals with the projects themselves; what exactly are we doing? As in the past, we are developing a list of specific projects. One of the main ways we wanted to tackle this effort in 2019 is by finding out how we can bless those who are already regularly serving in some capacity. Primarily, these projects are in conjunction with our local ministry partners – or similar organizations – here in Springfield. *So far*, we have specifically organized such projects in connection with Crosslines, Christian Campus House and Harmony House. We still have other such avenues we are pursuing including a local nursing home. In addition to such efforts, we are also bringing back one of the great projects from a couple of years ago as a team will be helping to buy groceries at a local store. (You can see specifics about any projects we have organized – as well as sign-up to serve as part of one – at the display table in the auditorium.)

Overall, those projects should provide several opportunities for people to serve. But, there are not enough slots for everybody; actually, that’s on purpose.

***This year, we have also decided that we wanted to leave room for YOU to have some creativity in determining how you will use your “LIVE OUT: Service Day” to serve!***

Maybe it is helpful for you to have a project that is already put together. That’s why we have done some of that. However, instead of fully organizing and managing this effort, we thought it would also be good to simply free-up this time for the Southland family to decide how to engage in serving. Maybe there’s something in your neighborhood that your family can do. Maybe there’s an area you’ve noticed that could use some TLC and you can provide that. Maybe there’s a group of people you think it would be a great time to go “love on” in the Name of Jesus. So, if you would prefer this option, we are simply going to provide you with the opportunity as part of normal Sunday morning to find a way to go represent Southland and, even more importantly, Christ, by living out an active love! (Of course, still wear your t-shirts.) You can do this by yourself or with a group of people from the SCC family. For that matter, maybe you can even recruit others from outside Southland. The point of creativity is to suggest some basic ideas, but then let the Holy Spirit spark the right idea for how YOU can serve.

Now, might some slough off this opportunity? Perhaps. In the end, though, this day is not about our compelling service of the Southland family. It’s simply about saying “we want to set aside a day where we allow serving to be the priority.” So, whether by participating in one of the projects we’ve put together or by creating one on your own, we just want to give you the opportunity to do just that: LIVE OUT service!