



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

(Flyer with General Information)

We are excited about our upcoming 3rd 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!

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Specific Service Project Options



The actual projects are key to our “LIVE OUT: Service Day” – the specific ways we are serving our community. This year, we did decide to provide the option of people creating their own project; we certainly are excited to see how God so led some in the SCC family to serve. Of course, we also have various opportunities that we have helped to organize for the day. Below, we have listed the details of these Southland-organized service projects.

For each project, we have listed a brief description and any other pertinent details. As a reminder, we will be having an abbreviated service before we leave to serve in our community – for the projects listed below, we will have teams meet together at SCC before departing.

You can sign-up for any of these specific projects at the “LIVE OUT: Service Day” display we have set-up (on Sunday, April 28, it will be located outside under the canopy).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Serving at Christian Campus House

SPECIFIC NOTES: There are various projects that CCH needs done around their facility (located near MSU’s campus). Some of these will be indoor projects (e.g. some painting, maintenance, etc.) while others will be more outdoor work in their yard.

ARE KIDS OKAY FOR THIS PROJECT? Only those able to do such work

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Serving at Crosslines

SPECIFIC NOTES: With our newest local partner, we have the opportunity to do some “behind-the-scenes” work. They have a large quantity of bags filled with supplies to give to those who are without a home. Unfortunately, these need to be re-formatted somewhat. This is a larger-scale project that will involve making sure these bags are packed with appropriate items. *NOTE: This will not entail distributing any of the bags, just working at the main Crosslines facility.*

ARE KIDS OKAY FOR THIS PROJECT? For sure

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Paying for people's groceries at the check-out line

SPECIFIC NOTES: As was done two years ago in our inaugural "LIVE OUT: Service Day," Terry Ochs is again leading a team to bless others by paying their grocery bill. This team will use funds collected through generous donations. If people serving on this team want to contribute, they certainly can; that's certainly not required, though. See Terry for more details.

NOTE: there is only room for 8 people with this project.

ARE KIDS OKAY FOR THIS PROJECT? No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Serving at Harmony House

SPECIFIC NOTES: There are some projects that Harmony House needs to have done at their facility, just for a limited number of people; this will include some internal cleaning as well as *the potential* for some outdoor work as well. *Please note that as Harmony House requires, whoever serves here has to have a background check.*

NOTE: there is only room for 4 people with this project.

ARE KIDS OKAY FOR THIS PROJECT? No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Going to the "Neighborhoods at Quail Creek"

SPECIFIC NOTES: This group will go across the street for a couple of purposes. First, they will hold a service (singing and communion) with any residents who want to come. Second, they will do some work like filling bird feeders. Whatever the specific project, though, it will be an opportunity to bring a sense of light and goodness to the residents there.

ARE KIDS OKAY FOR THIS PROJECT? YES – a great, kid-friendly opportunity