

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

'There's a place for everyone to serve!

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Equipped To Serve

Within the pages of this booklet are dozens of ways we can serve others by using the unique gifts with which God has blessed each one of us. Please prayerfully consider how you will partner with us in ministry.

On the following pages you will find many opportunities detailed. Each one explains the ministry, gives the time commitment, and identifies the gifts, interests, and abilities that ministry needs.. We recommend that you join with a ministry and ministry team that matches your gifts and interests as that is where you will likely find the most enjoyment and value in serving.

Our Core Values

- We live like God owns everything.
- We mentor across generations.
- We think like everyday missionaries.
- We tell life-changing faith stories.
- We create fun, refreshing experiences.

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Serve Teams

Serve Teams are groups of people who have gifts and passion for a certain ministry and work together to accomplish ministry goals. Teams provide a wonderful mix of task, friendship and fellowship for their members.

The key to growth is to serve in areas that best match your giftedness. Don't wait for perfect conditions — start trying opportunities as soon as possible. When you find the right fit, you'll experience greater fulfillment and see greater fruitfulness for God. You were made by God to serve others!

We are better together.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

"God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

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What are Spiritual Gifts?

We all have special abilities, given by God, for the purpose of growing up the church. And we all have something unique to contribute to this dynamic body of believers. That's what makes life fruitful and fulfilling.

I Peter 4:10 reminds us that "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Take a Gifts Assessment

To find your spiritual gifts take the assessment that you will find at www.socc.org/volunteer/serve. After taking the assessment we'll help you find serving opportunities that match your gifts and interests.

Contact Brad Pontius bpontius@socc.org or Nancy at nbarron@socc.org to find out more.



"A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church."

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

Spiritual Gifts

As you read the following list of gifts, consider which ones you think you may have. Many people discover their gifts as they minister to others. The more you serve, the more clearly you will see God working through your gifts.

Administration: visionary understanding and goal setting for effective ministry

Discernment: recognizing what is *of God* and what is *not of God*—distinguishing between Truth and error

Encouragement: being present to inspire, strengthen, and affirm others

Evangelism: sharing the gospel with others in ways that encourage them to become Jesus' disciples

Faith: trusting God and acting on God's promises regardless of the circumstances

Giving: liberally and cheerfully giving material resources to God's work

Helping/serving: giving cheerful, practical assistance

Hospitality: creating an environment where others feel welcome and at ease

Intercession: consistently praying on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent specific results

Knowledge: understanding information and using God-given insight to promote the growth and well-being of the church

Leadership: clarifying and communicating the vision of a group ministry in a way that attracts others to get involved

Mercy: offering practical, compassionate love and comfort to those who suffer

Preaching/prophesy: proclaiming God's Word so others are encouraged, challenged, consoled, and convinced

Shepherding: guiding and nurturing others in their spiritual growth

Teaching: helping people learn and apply scripture

Wisdom: understanding and applying God's truth in complex circumstances

Adult Education & Life Group Ministries

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
LifeGroup Connection Team Member	Contact and Connect those who have questions about Life Groups	1 hour/week	Helping, Administration, Hospitality
Life Group Leader	Lead a small group	Training and group time	Leadership, shepherding, hospitality, Bible knowledge
Life Group Host/Hostess	Host a life group in home or at Sherwood Oaks	1-2 hours/gathering	Hospitality
Class Greeter	Greet people coming to class & take attendance.	10 minutes prior to each class	Hospitality, helping, friendliness
Adult Class Leader	Lead a Sunday morning or Wednesday night class for adults	6 hours/month	Teaching, shepherding, public speaking, Bible knowledge

Behind the Scenes

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Absentee Correspondent	Contact members who have been absent by phone, email, or note card	1 hour/week	Discernment, intercession, friendliness, communication skills
Encourager	Send notes of appreciation and encouragement to others.	1 hour/week	Encouragement, helping, friendliness

Behind the Scenes *(continued)*

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Church Bus Driver	Transport people to special events	As needed	Helping, safe driving record
Church Van Driver	Transport people to church	One Sunday/month and special events	Helping, safe driving record
Communion/Offering Server	Pass communion & offering trays during Sunday worship services	10 minutes prior to worship; one Sunday/month	Helping
Communion Preparer	Prepare & clean up communion trays	one month/year	Helping
Database Assistant	Help us maintain the accuracy and functionality of the church's relational database	Projects as needed	Helping, administration, relational database skills
Kitchen Crew Member	Prepare, serve & clean up after event meals.	Variable as you are able	Helping
Event Coordinator	Help plan and organize various events both large and small	Events as needed	Administration, helping
Event Décor	Design, prepare and set tables & décor for special events	Events as needed	Design, hospitality
Levite	Unlock doors, turn on/off lights, & record attendance	One Sunday/month	Helping
Prayer Warrior	Intercede for the church & our community	15 minutes prior to worship; Sunday mornings	Intercession
Usher	Offer greeting & seating assistance	15 minutes prior to worship; one Sunday/month	Helping

Care & Counseling

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

Romans 12:15

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Care Group Facilitator	Lead a care group for those experiencing divorce, grief, or other challenges	1½ hours/week each semester	Teaching, wisdom, shepherding, encouragement
Funeral Meal Team Member	Setting up and serving a dinner following funeral services	2-4 hours/funeral	Hospitality, giving, helping, cooking
Funeral meal food preparer	Prepare one dish for a funeral meal	As needed	Hospitality, giving, helping, cooking
Meal Preparer	Prepare a meal for a person just home from the hospital	As needed	Hospitality, giving, helping, cooking
Nursing Home & Homebound Visitor	Share God's love with those in nursing homes and homebound members of our community	2 hours/week or month	Mercy, companionship, concern for elderly
Parish Nurse	Minister to the physical needs of our community by providing blood pressure screening	One Sunday/month	Mercy, helping, nursing experience

Student Ministry

The Sherwood Oaks Student Ministry exists to lead students in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Core Group Leader	Lead a group of 8-12 youth	2 hours/week as available	Shepherding, leadership, encouragement, care for youth
Youth Coach	Develop relationships with students at a weekly event	1-2 hours/week	Hospitality, helping, encouragement, listening,
Chaperone	Chaperone special events and trips	As needed	Shepherding, encouragement, care for youth

College and Young Adult Ministry

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Class Host	Be a welcoming presence at the CYA 11am Sunday morning class and lead table discussions	1 hour/week	Hospitality, Helping, Encouragement, Listening, Wisdom
Life Coach	Come alongside a college age student as a mentor	1 hour/week	Leadership, Wisdom, Discernment, Knowledge, Encouragement, Shepherding, Listening
Adopt-a-Student Host Family	Invite a student into normal life events to be a home away from home	1-3 hours/week Varies	Giving, Hospitality, Shepherding, Encouragement

Children's Ministries

We partner with families in leading kids to develop a deep understanding of who God is and a love for others that reflects God's love for us.

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Area Manager	Welcome families to area; be the point person for volunteers in area	1 hour per week or every other week	Helping, Hospitality, Encouragement
Greeter	Welcome kids and help them get connected with small-group leaders	15 minutes per week or every other week	Hospitality
Teacher	Present Bible story in a creative and interactive way that captures the attention of the kids	1 hour per week or every other week	Preaching, Knowledge, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom
Worship Leader	Lead the kids in whole-hearted praise through fun music that is full of hand motions and movement	1 hour per week or every other week	Encouragement, Teaching, Shepherding, Preaching, Singing
Small Group Leader	Encourage spiritual growth through relationships, discussion, and other activities	1 hour per week	Encouragement, Faith, Knowledge, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom
Small Group Leader Assistant	Help small group leader facilitate activities that encourage spiritual growth	1 hour per week or every other week	Helping, Encouragement

Children's Ministries *(continued)*

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Host	Be emcee for large-group production; scripted role	2 hours one Sunday per month	Encouragement, Hospitality, Teaching
Storyteller	Present Bible story in a creative interactive way that captures the attention of kids; scripted role	2 hours one Sunday per month	Teaching, Preaching, Shepherding, Encouragement
Worship Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praise team Band 	Lead kids in whole-hearted praise through fun music that is full of hand motions and movement	2 hours one Sunday per month	Encouragement, music
Media Team	Provide audio, video, and computer graphics support	3 hours one Sunday per month	Knowledge, Helping, Encouragement
Special Needs Buddy	Accompany child with special needs to age-appropriate program	Depends on child's attendance	Encouragement, Helping, Hospitality, Shepherding
Welcome Center Team	Welcome new families by registering them into the church's database, guiding them through the check-in process, and connecting them with a small group leader or area manager	1 hour every other week	Encouragement, Hospitality, Helping, Mercy

Children's Ministries *(continued)*

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Craft Preparer	Prepare craft materials for on of the Children's Ministry areas	1 hour per week	Helping
Volunteer Lounge Manager	Prepare and oversee the continental breakfast for the volunteers on Sundays	2 hours one Sunday per month	Encouragement, Helping, Hospitality
Substitute	Be on-call back-up, ready to cover for absent volunteers	Varies; approximately 1 hour per month	Varies
VBX Leader	Small group shepherding, crafts, games, music, snacks, etc.; artists and set designers also needed	1 week each June 8:30am-noon;	Helping, Teaching, Shepherding, Creativity, Encouragement, Teaching
Upwards Sports Coach or Referee	Coach or referee youth basketball, soccer, or cheer	2 hours/week	Leadership, Encouragement, Teaching, Shepherding, Wisdom

Community Outreach

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
CareFest Team Member	Meet the needs of local agencies (e.g., painting, grounds-keeping projects)	Date TBA; 4 or more hours	Helping, mercy, compassion
CareFest Project Manager	Coordinate project, manage volunteers, interface with area agency	Date TBA; 4 or more hours plus prep time	Administration, leadership, helping
Community Service Volunteer	Assist with agency projects as needed.	Date TBA; 2-4 hours	Helping, giving
Community Response Team Member	Assist under-resourced neighbors with minor home repairs, etc.	2-4 hours/month as available	Helping, skilled labor, encouragement, mercy, compassion
Backpack Project Member	Sort donations and fill backpacks, assist children in choosing backpacks	Last week in July, times vary	Helping, organization
Pumpkin Patch Volunteer	Babysit pumpkins, provide customer service, & collect revenue from sales	October 2 hour shifts	Helping, hospitality

Global Outreach

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Ministry	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
International Connections Host	Introduce int'l students to American culture & language through book clubs, study groups, events, & home visits	1 or more hours/week as available	Hospitality, evangelism, foreign cultures/languages
International Student Events Team	Host students, be a liaison, serve in various relational and serving capacities	Varies	Hospitality, serving
Mission Trip Participant	Participate on a mission in the U.S. or abroad	1-2 weeks, varies	Helping, evangelism, travel, foreign languages/cultures
Missionary Care Team Member	Care for missionaries through prayer and correspondence	1-2 hours/month	Hospitality, foreign languages/cultures, communication skills

Facilities & Grounds

"There is a time for everything... a time to plant... a time to pluck-up... a time to build...time to mend... it is God's gift that all should... take pleasure in all their toil." Ecclesiastes 3

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Gardener	Care for a flower bed on the church property with Our Backyard ministry	Variable as you are able	Helping, giving, gardening
Snow Removal Team Member	Clear the parking lot and sidewalks of snow and ice	Arrive 1-2 hours before services on Sunday mornings & weekdays as needed	Helping, ability to shovel snow
Special Events Crew Member	Set up/tear down tables & chairs for events and classes	Variable as you are able	Helping, ability to lift heavy objects

Guest Services

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Coffee Corner Barista	Prepare & serve coffee in the foyer	2 hours on 1-2 Sunday mornings/month	Hospitality, helping, friendliness
Medical Responder	Serve on call during church events with a team of medical and emergency professionals	Sunday mornings; rotating schedule	Mercy, helping, professional medical or emergency training
Greeter	Extend a warm welcome and a bulletin to those who come to worship on Sunday mornings	Arrive 20 minutes before worship; rotating schedule	Hospitality, helping, friendliness
Security Team Member	Ensure the safety of our children and guests by patrolling the building and grounds.	Sunday mornings & special events, rotating schedule	Discernment, friendliness, military or law enforcement experience preferred
Parking lot greeter	Extend a warm first-welcome to people in the parking lot. Assist those needing help finding their way or getting into the building on Sunday mornings	Arrive 30 minutes before worship; rotating schedule	Hospitality, helping, friendliness
Welcome Center Volunteer	Supply information and respond to questions about SOCC for visitors and returning guests	1 hour Sunday mornings, minimum of 2 weeks per month	Hospitality, encouragement, friendliness, communication skills, general knowledge of SOCC programs

Men's Ministry

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Men's Leadership Team Member	Assist in planning Men's Ministry events	2 hours/month	Administration, leadership
Men's Small Group Table Leader	Facilitate a small group in discussion, friendship & prayer	4-6 hours/month	Encouragement, leadership, shepherding
Special Events Team	Set up tables, assist with event setup, grill or prepare foods, etc.	Varies	Hospitality, Communication, Service
Outdoor/Athletic Activities Coordinator	Organize your favorite athletic or outdoor activities for men	1-4 hours/month	Leadership, administration, interest in sports

Women's Ministry

"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Correspondence Assistant	Write sympathy cards, appreciation notes, prayer cards	1 hour/week	Encouragement, intercession, communication skills
Hostess	Provides desserts or snacks for Women's Ministry meetings	Varies	Hospitality, helping, cooking
Play Date Coordinator	Set up gym and assist moms & kids during play dates	2 hours/ play date	Hospitality, helping
Prayer Leader	Build a prayer chain via email for all women's studies and events	30 minutes/week	Faith, intercession, administration, computer skills
Single Mom's Ministry Social Coordinator	Coordinate social programming for Single Mom's Ministry	Varies	Administration
Art & Soul Craft Fair Team	Help with set-up, greeting, & tear-down	November, varies	Hospitality, Service
Christmas Breakfast Team	Varies	December, varies	Hospitality, Communication
Special Events Team	Varies	Varies	Hospitality, Communication, Service
Trinity Meal for Homeless Community	Cooking, serving meals, welcoming	Varies	Hospitality, Encouragement, Cooking
Additional serving opportunities are available once you start participating in a women's ministry class or small group.			

Worship & Media Ministries

"Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Adult Choir Member	Enjoy singing and getting to know other people who enjoy ministering through music.	1 1/2 hours/week	Music, friendliness, energy, teamwork
Orchestra Member	Join this group of talented musicians who support the Adult Choir during performances	1 hour/week	Music, friendliness, energy, teamwork, performance experience
Photographer	Be available to photograph various church events and functions	Varies	Photography, camera equipment
Camera Operator	Run a camera on Sunday mornings	1 Sunday/month	Helps, willingness to learn
Audio Assistant / Stage Manager	Work with the Audio Engineer and the Producer to cover all audio and stage needs	1 Thursday evening and 1 Sunday morning a month	Past experience with sound preferred, but not necessary
Audio Operator	Responsible for mixing sound at week-end services and rehearsal	Eastside: 1 Thursday and 1 Sunday morning a month	Past experience with sound preferred, but not necessary
		Westside: 1 Sunday morning a month	
		Bedford: 1 Saturday evening a month	

Worship & Media Ministries <i>(continued)</i>			
Position	Description of Service	Time Commitment	Gifts/Skills/Interests
Computer Graphics Operator	Runs worship lyrics, message, and announcement graphics utilizing ProPresenter for weekend services and rehearsal	Eastside: 1 Thursday evening and 1 Sunday morning a month Westside: 1 Sunday morning a month	Attention to detail, computer experience
Lighting Operator	Responsible for running all lighting cues at weekend services	1 Sunday morning a month	No experience needed
Stage Building Team	Work with the team leader on a periodic set design and construction for the main stage	As needed. 3-4 hour shifts over the course of a week depending on the project	Basic carpentry skills or interest in building things
Video Director	Operate as “team captain,” providing leadership to the overall video team while working with the technical director and producer	1 Sunday a month	Previous experience as a Camera Operator and Video Switcher
Video Switcher	Operate video switcher (changing video inputs between cameras, graphics, and videos called by the Video Director)	1 Sunday a month	Previous experience as a camera operator

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Bloomington East Building Map

Find up to date serving opportunities online at:

www.socc.org/serve-at-sherwood

www.socc.org/volunteer/serve-the-community

www.socc.org/volunteer/serve-the-world

