

# SERVE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> *at Faith Chapel*



## Purpose

## Serve Kit

We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion for our congregation – our First Serve Day! At Faith Chapel, we have always been committed to “Growing People Up Through God’s Word to Reflect Jesus.” Our First Serve Day event is a day dedicated to coming together as a church family (adults, children, and teens) through acts of service and to make a positive impact while we reflect Jesus in our local communities. We will do this by mobilizing Faith Chapel attendees from across all campuses to engage in multiple service projects that address homelessness, community revitalization, youth and so much more. Faith Chapel attendees will also have the opportunity to engage in free market projects of their choice. Faith Chapel Serve Day will take place Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 10 AM – 2 PM CST and 11 AM – 3 PM EST. Our impact will be colossal!

## Goal

To mobilize 1,000 Faith Chapel limitless believers across our Birmingham, Columbus, and online campuses to complete service projects in our communities. The inaugural Faith Chapel Serve Day will have very minimal capital outlays and will mainly consist of projects with man-power needs. Overall, Serve Day is a way for Faith Chapel attendees to live out their faith through acts of service, build stronger bonds, and contribute to the well-being of the broader community. It reflects the belief that faith should be expressed not only through words and beliefs but also through compassionate actions and service to others.

- Team leads will be assigned to each project and communicate project costs, team responsibilities, project details, and project assignments / instructions to the group.
- Pastor Michael K. Moore will lead us in prayer, virtually at 10 AM CST and 11 AM EST.
- The official social media tag is #faithchapelserveday. Please post your serve day pictures / videos using the hashtag above to your social media platforms.
- Serve Day t-shirts can be picked up Sunday, June 2nd, Sunday, June 9th, and Sunday, June 16th at the following locations:

- o The Word Dome - Birmingham Campus
  - o CSU: University Hall - Columbus Campus
- For our Birmingham Campus, shirts can also be picked up at the Bridge from 10am – 7pm on the following dates:
  - o Tuesday, June 4th
  - o Thursday, June 6th
  - o Tuesday, June 11th
  - o Thursday, June 13th

### **Faith Chapel Serve Day Projects**

We have over 40 project opportunities for you, your family, small group, or volunteer group to register and join. We encourage you to go through the full project list to review the project descriptions and check out the community organization associated with each project.

### **Church Sponsored Projects**

Church Sponsored Projects are service projects that align with Faith Chapel's initiatives related to homelessness, youth mentoring, and community revitalization. For example, if a large group decides to clean school buses in Wylam (Community Revitalization) any supplies donated by the school or community partners can go towards this project to support the project. If there are supplies that you need to bring, such as rakes, lawnmowers, etc., it will be indicated on the project description when you register.

### **Free Market Groups**

Free market service projects, also called passion projects, are initiatives or activities undertaken by groups driven by a strong personal interest or passion for a specific cause or activity. We have collaborated with our community partners to create free market projects for you and your groups to serve together! Once you select free market projects, you will be able to see a list of projects listed by each community partner (organization). When selecting a free market project, please take into consideration the costs for completing your free-market project, because the costs associated with these projects are borne by the groups.

### **Create Your Own Free Market Project**

We understand that we cannot capture or create projects around everyone's passion or interests. The "Create Your Own Free-Market" option allows you to create projects based off your passion, interests, and even location. For example, if your small group wants to clean a neighborhood park or wash cars for single mothers and senior women in your neighborhood, you will need to register your project on our platform. The "Create Your Own" projects will require an approval process to ensure that the projects align with Faith Chapel's mission and values.

## **Serve Day Project from Other Volunteer Platforms / Websites**

We did our best to identify projects to capture every demographic and every passion area. We understand that we cannot come up with projects for every passion area and every community. If you are having trouble selecting a project or creating a project, we encourage you to check out projects listed [HERE](#). If you choose to select a project from this website or any other website, we simply ask that you select the “Create Your Own Project” and list the project details there. We want to make sure that we capture your serve day participation.

## **Family Service Projects / Senior Member Projects**

On Serve Day, our Birmingham families and seniors will have an opportunity to serve together at The Bridge. We will package hygiene bags and care packages for those experiencing homelessness and residents in some of our senior nursing homes. Children will be able to create handwritten notes and letters to place inside the care packages. These supplies will be provided by the church. Families are not limited to serving at The Bridge however, parents will be required to remain with their children who are 16 years of age or younger on projects selected.

Our Columbus families and seniors will have an opportunity to serve together to assemble gift baskets for children living in group homes. The Project Leader will provide the location once registration closes. Children will be able to create handwritten notes and letters to place inside the care packages. These supplies will be provided by the church.

## **Free Market / Create Your Own Project Ideas:**

Begin by asking your small group members the following questions. Hopefully, the answers will help you develop a project that is a perfect fit for your group:

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence would you like to bless?
- What project types best suit your group’s ages and abilities? (prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.)

## **General Ideas**

- Host a free garage sale
- Bring free lunches to construction workers and servicemen in your area
- Hand out free gum at a local park
- Clean up a widow’s or single mom’s yard
- Plan a “Back to School Bash” for foster care children. Have free food, games, and a backpack / school supply giveaway
- Give out free donuts and coffee at the bus stop or shopping center
- Host a free car wash
- Kids host a free ‘kid toys and games’ garage sale
- Kids host a free lemonade stand

## **Nursing Homes**

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Have kids make crafts (necklaces, wooden crosses) that can be given to residents
- Distribute chips and sodas to residents & employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids
- Tea Party

## **Special Needs / Youth Home**

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the family a Mom & Dad's Day out
- Adopt a group home for the day and throw a party for the residents
- Build a wheelchair ramp for handicapped
- Organize a field day for a group youth home

## **Street Outreach**

- Serve a hot breakfast for the homeless in your community
- Do a community trash clean up
- Renovate a run-down playground or park in the area
- Do a door-to-door grocery giveaway
- Have a "Free Grass Cutting" day

## **Hospitals**

- Serve free coffee and snacks to staff and those waiting in the emergency room
- Give out healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy
- Deliver small gifts to patients and families in the children's ward (toys, care packages, etc.)
- Prayer visits with patients and those in emergency room
- Take care-packages with snacks, sweets and small gift items (lotions, magazines, puzzles etc.) to families of hospitalized children

## **Business / Service Organizations / Public Servicemen**

- Wash windows
- Trash pick-up in parking lot
- Collect and return shopping carts to designated spaces
- Provide lunch for your local police or fire station