MINISTRY IS SERVING OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME

Christians are to actively seek ways to do for others what Jesus would be given the same opportunity to serve. Participating in a service ministry at Memorial Baptist Church reflects the ministry of Jesus (Mark 10:45).

There are endless ways to volunteer to serve through Memorial Baptist Church. In this brochure, you will discover some ideas. God has uniquely equipped each Christian with gifts and natural abilities to serve through the Church. Each of us needs to examine our skills and interests, and find ways that we can grow through ministry.

Christian growth and joy are a result of service. As a church, we want everyone to know the joy of serving and to reap eternal rewards for their service. (Colossians 3:23-24).



EXAMINE BIBLICAL PASSAGES

Matthew 10:42 Luke 10:25-37
Matthew 20:25-28 Luke 17:7-10
Matthew 23:10-12 Luke 22:24-27
Matthew 25:31-46 John 13:1-17
Mark 10:42-45 Romans 12:10-13



IDENTIFY YOUR PASSION

Is it helping children? Orphans?
Those who are sick? In prison? God often births a passion in us for a reason—because He wants us to be involved in serving Him among a particular group of people. Those things that ignite your passion are often great places for you to serve.

LOOK AT YOUR LIFE SKILLS

What is your trade, craft, or profession? What type of training do you have? God can use the knowledge and abilities you already have to help others.

EXAMINE YOUR EXPERIENCES

What life experiences has God brought you through? Perhaps God has uniquely equipped you to become a "wounded healer" to encourage someone else in a similar circumstance. Your victory may be a way to reach them for Christ.

CONSIDER YOUR CALL

Beyond your experiences and preparation, God may invite you to participate with Him in a ministry that is totally a step of faith in a new direction for you. If God is clearly calling you to do something unexpected, trust Him. Just do it!

EXPLORE WAYS TO MINISTER

- Focus on your family. God has placed you in a unique family relationship. As you interact with your parents, siblings, spouse, etc., be intentional in finding ways to serve them.
- Get involved in ministry at Memorial Baptist Church. Participate as a church family member to do your part in the ministry of the church. There are dozens of ways you can serve others right here at Memorial Baptist. For a list of a few of these, visit memorialbaytown.com.

DAILY MINISTRY MINDSET

- Help the hurting. Hurting people are everywhere. The unfortunate truth is that we live in a fallen world, where pain, sickness, depression, and death are a part of life. As these realities intersect with your life, speak a word of encouragement, provide a meal, pray with, or just be there for those who are hurting.
- Be generous. Every act of service is an act of giving. Sometimes, that may mean giving your financial resources or your belongings to help others.
- Keep your eyes open! Many of Jesus' most memorable acts of ministry, such as feeding the thousands, cleansing ten lepers and healing the centurion's servant were events that just happened as Jesus was on His way somewhere or had other plans. When events in your life present the opportunity to serve someone else, take the opportunity.



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Commit to working with other Christian ministries in the area.

- San Jacinto Baptist Association: sanjacintobaptist.com
- Pregnancy Resource Center East: prcebaytown.org
- Star of Hope: sohmission.org
- Living Water International: water.cc
- Check out texansonmission.org
 where you will discover many areas of
 ministry that can use your abilities
 around Texas, the USA, and the world.

BOOKS TO EXPLORE

- Anointed to Be God's Servants: Lessons from the Life of Paul and His Companions by Henry and Tom Blackaby
- Full Service: Moving From Self-Serve Christianity to Total Servanthood by Siang-Yang Tan
- Practicing Hospitality: The Joy of Serving Others by Pat Ennis and Lisa Tatlock
- The Externally Focused Life by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." Romans 12:10-13



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