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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

More People. More Like Christ

spring 2018

# WE SERVE BECAUSE IT IS A MARK OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

In Luke 10, we find Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. The context for this story was a discussion between Jesus and a lawyer about the law. Here, as elsewhere in Scripture, the law is summarized as follows, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

In seeking to justify himself, the lawyer asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responds with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans were enemies. The point of Jesus' parable was to say that even our enemy is our neighbor and we should love and serve them as well as those to whom we are close.

In John 13, Jesus washes his disciples' feet, showing by his own example that, as Christians, we should also serve each other. Jesus gave his life in the love and service of others and calls us, his followers, to do the same.

At First Presbyterian there are various ways that you can get involved in serving others. You can serve as an individual e.g. welcoming people to church on Sunday morning; as a group e.g. a small group service project at a local elementary school or you can get involved in one of the whole church service days e.g. "First Presence", scheduled for October 6-7, 2017.

## LIVE YOUR FAITH, BE A SERVANT.

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## SERVE WITHIN THE CHURCH

Serving in the church provides the opportunity to grow and learn while also showing love to others.

- thePoint Serve Team
- Hospitality: Greeting / Welcome Desk / Ushering
- Choir
- Nursery, Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Adult Education
- Stephen Ministry
- Small Group Leadership
- Interns and the Volunteer Desk in the Church Office

For more information on matching your gifts to the needs of the church family, contact Pastor Andrew Dickinson: 770-942-0710; [andrew@fpcdouglassville.org](mailto:andrew@fpcdouglassville.org)

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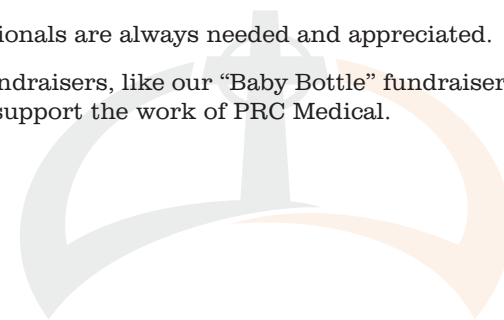
## SERVE WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

### PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

**CONTACT:** Sally Buckner, 770-920-1000

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- Throw a baby shower for the facility to help them stock their "Mommy Store" for women who are learning how to be loving and supportive parents through the Center's "Earn While You Learn" program.
- Become an educator in the "Earn While You Learn" program by filling out an application and undergoing an interview process. The commitment time is one year, four hours per week with several weeks of training.
- Be an advocate and aid the clinic with medical needs. Fill out an application and undergo an interview process. The commitment time is also one year. This volunteer opportunity requires training.
- Nurses and medical professionals are always needed and appreciated.
- Join in one of our annual fundraisers, like our "Baby Bottle" fundraiser, or host one of your own to support the work of PRC Medical.



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### GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

**CONTACT:** Tammy Kone, 770-949-7335

**EMAIL:** goodsamdc@gmail.com

- **Client service:** This involves dealing directly with clients to fulfill their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs by assessing their situation and getting them the aid they need.
- **Pantry:** Volunteer in the pantry by sorting food that will go to feed families in need.
- **Computer Input Skills:** Aid the center by inputting information into their computer system. Must be proficient with Microsoft Excel.
- Start a food drive for their pantry.
- Volunteer in the basement, filling and transporting grocery buggies for households in need of foods.

### A GIFT OF LOVE

**CONTACT:** Brenda Kirk, Director

**TELEPHONE:** 770-947-8200

- Donate food to feed the needy children of our community. Consider food drive fundraisers; for example, pre-leaflet your local area advising that you will come and collect “trick or treat” style at a later date, stating what you will be collecting e.g. canned goods. A good activity to do with kids/youth.
- Visit and share the Gospel with the families during evening meals.

### CROSSROADS FOR LIFE—MEN’S ASSESSMENT CENTER

**CONTACT:** Faye Lattimore, 770-873-8274

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- **Donate men’s necessities:** deodorant, soap, shampoo, shaving supplies, etc.
- Volunteer as an educator to equip men for the work force. Attend an orientation to commit to being an instructor. This volunteer opportunity is not restricted to men only. Commitment time varies and is dependent on the course being taught.

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### THE PANTRY

**CONTACT:** Pastor Frank Smith, 770-217-0729

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- Volunteer on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. to sort, pack, and hand out food. Take the opportunity to volunteer as a runner and take clients food to their cars and pray for them. It’s extremely rewarding!
- Volunteer on Thursday mornings from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. to unload food from suppliers and stock the building for Saturday morning ministry.
- Hold a food drive to help stock their pantry and provide food for the families in need.

### THE SHARE HOUSE BATTERED WOMEN’S SHELTER

**CONTACT:** Marie Washington, 404-421-9781

**EMAIL:** info@sharehousedouglas.org

- Donate food or living supplies for the families living at the shelter, i.e. paper towels, toilet paper, etc.
- Contact Marie, the volunteer coordinator, to see what opportunities exist to help the work of the Shelter.

### DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)

**CONTACT:** Andrew Dickinson, 770-942-0710

**EMAIL:** andrew@fpcdouglasville.org

- Become a foster parent
- Adopt a child in need



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### EASTSIDE & BURNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**CONTACT:** Andrew Dickinson, 770-942-0710

**EMAIL:** andrew@fpcdouglasville.org

- Mentor a child during the school semester for about an hour each week. Many more kids need mentoring than there are mentors to provide support. Make a difference and be a positive role model in the life of child.
- Host a teacher appreciation event e.g. a donut day. Teaching can be hard work and showing our support and appreciation is always very well received.
- Help our knitting group knit 200 winter hats each year for kindergarteners and new kids at the schools.
- The schools normally have a career day or reading day for the kids. Volunteer to come and read or come along in your work attire and tell the kids about your work.
- Collect “Box Top\$ for Education” labels found on common food products like soup, cereal & zip-lock bags. Give them to Pastor Andrew to take to Eastside.
- Ask Pastor Andrew about the latest small group projects that could be conducted at the schools. Recent projects include painting a map of the United States on the ground outside the main entrance of Eastside and various landscaping jobs during the summer recess.

### THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHELTER

**CONTACT:** NaTasha Bailey, 770-949-4911

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- Prepare and share a meal with residents at the Douglas County Homeless Shelter. The Shelter accommodates single women or women with their children. The residents are often seeking employment, so providing a meal is a way of building relationships and reaching out to people with the love of Christ in practical ways during a difficult time in their lives.
- The shelter is an old building in need of regular maintenance. Join one of our construction teams on a Serve Saturday which we have from time to time.

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## SERVE WITHIN THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY

### SON SERVANT MINISTRIES: CHATTANOOGA, TN

**CONTACT:** Tommy-Lee Sexton, 770-942-0710

**EMAIL:** tommylee@fpcdouglasville.org

During Spring Break of 2018 we are taking a group from First Presbyterian, Age 11+, to serve in partnership with a Christian charity based in Chattanooga, called “Widows Harvest Ministries”. The trip, as in previous years, will be coordinated by Son Servants and can involve doing yard work, scraping & painting walls and some basic construction projects e.g. putting up drywall.

The accommodations for the trip are basic, but comfortable and will be at Fort Oglethorpe United Methodist Church. In past years we have left on Sunday, but as this year the first Sunday of Spring Break is Easter Sunday, we will be leaving on Monday, April 2nd and returning on Friday, April 6th.

If you would like to participate in this trip, contact Tommy-Lee Sexton for details.



# SERVE WITHIN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

## HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**CONTACT:** Pastor Andrew Dickinson, 770-942-0710

**EMAIL:** [andrew@fpcdouglasville.org](mailto:andrew@fpcdouglasville.org)

- Haiti Outreach Ministries is one of our global mission partners who have three schools at different locations in Port au Prince, Haiti. They provide an education to almost 1400 children. No child's education is free. Haitian education is comparatively inexpensive. It costs about \$30 per month for a child to receive a school uniform, books and tuition. Sponsorship of a child's secondary education is \$50 per month, and vocational school sponsorship is \$10 per month. You can sponsor a child through their website and go and visit your child on one of our mission trips!
- Join us on one of our week-long summer construction trips. In 2018 we'll be going to Haiti June 10-16. You will need to contribute financially toward your ticket, food and accommodations. The church takes care of building materials. **Contact Pastor Andrew for more information: [andrew@fpcdouglasville.org](mailto:andrew@fpcdouglasville.org)/770 942 0710.**
- We are planning a medical trip in September of 2018. If you are interested in participating in a medical mission trip to Haiti, please **contact Melissa Cordle: [mcordle3@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcordle3@bellsouth.net)**

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Melissa Cordle: 404-918-5908; [mcordle3@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcordle3@bellsouth.net) or Pastor Andrew Dickinson: 770-942-0710; [Andrew@fpcdouglasville.org](mailto:Andrew@fpcdouglasville.org)

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