

SERVE

We're so glad you're leading a Summer Small Group! One of our favorite things about the summer semester is that it ends with Serve Day, an exciting and impactful day of service. This year's Serve Day is Saturday, July 13th, so mark your calendar!

Together, your group will choose a serve project based on the talents and resources within your group, and you can use this guide to help you make plans for a successful Serve Day. We're grateful to be part of this semester and Serve Day with you.

Serve Day Vision

The vision of Serve Day is for us, the local church, to go into our communities and love our neighbors. Thousands of people will take on practical projects, and through these acts of service, we hope people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14 ESV

"For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

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TIMELINE

WEEK OF:

- June 9
 - Start discussing project ideas with your group
 - Project Registration opens cloverhill.church/serveday
- June 17
 - Secure project resources
 - Open projects are available online for **non-small group** members to sign up
- June 23
 - Review project plans and roles
 - If you are a “public” project, make sure to check your email daily to connect with those who would like to join you on Serve Day.
- June 30
 - Send us your Serve Day Rosters – even those who aren’t in your group
- July 7
 - Serve shirt distribution after each service at all campuses. Make sure your group has all information needed to serve with you
- July 13
 - Serve Day

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PROJECT STEPS

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Step One

Choose a Project

Discuss the following questions with your group to help decide on a Serve Day project.

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What are some areas you're passionate about?
- What serve opportunities best suit our group's skills and abilities? (Prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.)
- What resources do we have access to?

Once your group has discussed the options, decide together on the best project for your group.

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Step Two

Plan Your Project

- Familiarize you're your group with the individual or organization you're serving.
- Determine if your project has the capacity for others to serve with your group on Serve Day, and if so, make your group "public" when registering
- Register your project at cloverhill.church/serveday
- Make a list of preparations and assign responsibilities according to each group members skills and gifts.
- Make sure all group members have access to project details.

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Step Three

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- Meet your group at 7:30am at Cloverhill Church for the Prayer Rally.
- Love people.
- Have fun!
- Post photos on social media and tag them #ServeDay19

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PROJECT IDEAS

***please note: you are responsible for coordinating with the specific groups/organizations and all planning and supplies*

General Ideas

- Host a free garage sale
- Bring lunches to construction workers and servicemen in your area
- Hand out free gum, popsicles, sunscreen, or bottled water with Acts of Kindness cards at a local park
- Clean up a widow or single parent's yard
- Help with home clean up or repairs for those who are physically or financially unable to do it themselves
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children with food, games and a school supply giveaway
- Place American flags at a Veteran's cemetery
- Host a free car wash for the faculty of a local school
- Collect toys and games for kids in a local neighborhood

Nursing Homes

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a "Senior Prom" complete with live music, food, and decorations
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Let kids make crafts that can be given to residents
- Distribute snacks to residents and employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids (first find the actual need for kids before prepping)

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Special Needs

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the Mom and Dad a day out
- Host a party or field day for the residents of a special needs home
- Build a wheelchair ramp for a family

Outreach

- Serve hot breakfast to the homeless
- Do a community trash clean up
- Host a “Block Party” with food, games, and music for families
- 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, energy drinks, and snacks to staff and those waiting in the Emergency Room
- Pray with patients and people in the Emergency Room
- Deliver small gifts and care packages to patients and families in the children’s wing or NICU
- Provide healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy

Colleges

- Serve drinks or snacks at summer band practices
- Serve bottled water at summer sports practices
- Give away energy drinks and snacks to college students
- Host a free picnic or give out doughnuts and coffee in the outdoor campus common space

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Community

- Wash windows of locally owned businesses
- Pick up trash in a parking lot
- Corral shopping carts at a local supermarket
- Bring lunch to your local police or fire station (give them a heads up first)
- Give out free doughnuts and coffee at a bus stop or shopping center
- Take lunch or treats to your local librarians

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