

SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU INTO EXILE, AND PRAY TO THE LORD ON ITS BEHALF, FOR IN ITS WELFARE YOU WILL FIND YOUR WELFARE.

JEREMIAH 29:7 ESV



SERVE is an annual community outreach. The purpose is to SHOW the gospel by loving and serving our city and to SHARE the gospel through gospel conversations. At NewBranch, we are FOR our community, and we desire to demonstrate this to our friends and neighbors who live, work and play around us.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

PRAY: Pray that God would provide opportunities to have gospel conversations with those we meet and that God would open hearts to draw them to Him.

Several mornings during the week there will be a group gathering to pray in various locations. If you work during the day and are unable to serve, please consider joining an early morning prayer gathering close to your home.

Prayer guides will be sent out by email daily to our church family with specific things to pray for so that even those who aren't able to serve physically, can join in prayer.

Even young children can join you in prayer with the kids prayer guides that will also be sent by email.

DONATE: Follow the link in the Bulletin to sign up to donate various items for public servant gift baskets, The Haven welcome baskets, and other donations.

SERVE: Sign up to join the teams for daily serving events. Refer to the schedule of activities on the back page of this packet.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To sign up, go to the Church Center app or scan the QR code on the back page of this packet. Here's what you need to know about signing up...

- Refer to the tentative calendar of events for the week and sign up for the events that you and your family **will plan** to attend.
- **T-shirt size:** please make sure you sign up each family member separately so you have a shirt for everyone to wear when you serve. Wear your shirt at each serving opportunity.
- Please try to sign up as soon as you can so that we can plan accordingly and make adjustments to the schedule if needed. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, May 12th**.

WHY?

Our goal is to show the love of Christ to those in our community. That's why we have chosen to SERVE! As we serve together, there are a number of other benefits.

- Cultivate deeper relationships and unity within the body.
- Different parts of the body get to use their gifts to serve.
- Engage in activities that are out of our comfort zone, stretching and growing us in new ways.
- Develop a culture of serving our community throughout the year.
- Model a servant's heart and sacrifice of self to the children in our church, even if there are no young children in your home.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Weekday prayer gatherings will be at 6:00am on the days and locations listed on the calendar.
- Morning SERVE events begin at 9:00am and end around 12:00, unless otherwise noted.
- Evening SERVE events begin at 6:30pm and end around 8:30pm, unless otherwise noted.
- Locations will change each day, depending on the event, so be sure to check the location of the gathering for each day.
- Most days before we begin the service project, we will have a brief time of gathering together to worship through singing and teaching. As we worship together, we prepare our hearts to serve and declare our dependence on the Holy Spirit to work through us as we show and share the gospel to our neighbors.

WEEKDAY SERVICE PROJECTS

PUBLIC SERVANT GIFT BASKETS

When we take a gift basket to our local public servants, we have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus and pray for the first responders, local schools and city officials. Volunteers will put together baskets one evening, and later in the week we will divide into teams to drive to several different locations to deliver the baskets. This is a great event for both kids and adults, as the fire stations love to give the kids a tour and maybe even a fire hat!



LINKED IN: MATS FOR UNHOUSED

Start saving your plastic grocery bags! We will be collecting these bags, which will be donated to this organization who makes thick sleeping mats to be distributed to those who are currently unhoused.

PARK GIVEAWAYS

Throughout the week, we will be dividing into teams and heading to the local parks to pass out water bottles and freeze pops, as well as to invite our neighbors to the Community Fun Night. We will also have cornhole boards set up to provide more opportunities to have gospel conversations with those we meet at the park.



CRAFTS & GAMES AT THE PARK

For those joining us in the mornings at the park, we will set up crafts and activities at Duncan Creek Park for our neighbors who come to the park that day. Volunteers will assist kids with a craft, bubbles, chalk, and temporary tattoos and hopefully have opportunities to engage in gospel conversations with parents and invite families to the Community Fun Night.



WEEKDAY SERVICE PROJECTS

BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS

This a great opportunity to join one of our church members in their backyard and reach their neighborhood kids. Volunteers will assist with the planned activities, such as helping kids listen as a Bible story is told, helping with yard games, serving snacks, and assisting with a craft. The same lesson will be repeated at each location, so if you have kids, feel free to just pick one location to serve and attend. If you'd like to be on the planning team, please contact Christi Reichert.



NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

For this event, we will be handwriting notes of encouragement to give local teachers and staff at the beginning of the school year. They will be so encouraged by these personalized notes to let them know that we are praying for them as the new school year begins. Sample letters will be available.



ARBOR TERRACE



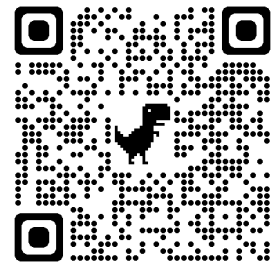
Arbor Terrace is located just down the street from NewBranch and we currently serve them weekly with a short worship service on Sunday afternoons. During SERVE week, we will be serving ice cream and lemonade to the residents as they enjoy an afternoon of corn-hole! This is a great opportunity to meet, serve and love on our neighbors at Arbor Terrace. We're planning to hold this event outdoors, weather permitting. All ages are welcome.



The Sandwich Project consists of creating homemade peanut butter and jelly sand-

wiches for individuals and families that are facing food insecurity. Instructions will be provided by one of the project's representatives on how to make, wrap, and store the sandwiches. All participants must wear gloves (provided) and hair ties.

The Haven at Hebron is a home for single, pregnant women under 21 in Georgia, coming in the summer of 2024! We will be collecting donations of specific items to put in a welcome basket for the women who will be living in this home, as well as taking a tour and learning about how you can serve and pray for this ministry as they prepare to welcome women to this home in June. Scan the QR code here to donate items for the welcome baskets or donate Amazon gift cards of any amount.



BRASELTON HWY. CONSTRUCTION CREW



During the hot summer days, we'd love to serve the construction crew who are working in front of our church building. We'll be packing up brown bags of snacks and treats and giving them a cold bottle of water.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

DONATIONS DROP OFF

May 26th - June 2nd

If you signed up to donate any items for the week, please plan to bring all donations to the church building and drop off downstairs.



KICK OFF LUNCH

We will start off the week of SERVE on Sunday, June 2nd after the morning service with a kick off lunch where we will gather to pray for the week, as well as give instructions for specific activities. Please be sure to sign up your family so that we can plan accordingly for food.

T-shirts will also be distributed at the kick off lunch, so be sure to pick up your family's shirts so you'll have them for the week.

MORNING PRAYER GATHERINGS

For those who are not available to serve during the week due to work schedules, please consider joining us for a time of focused prayer for the events planned for that day! Refer to the schedule to find out the day and location close to you!

BASE GROUPS are gospel communities on mission together. Together we grow in the Gospel, grow in our love for one another, and grow in mission as we serve and take the Gospel to others.

**If you are not currently in a BASE group, feel free to join one for the week!*

BASE GROUP DOORHANGER BLITZ

All BASE groups are asked to deliver door hangers to local neighborhoods on Sunday, June 2nd in place of a normal group gathering, inviting them to the Community Fun Night. Even if you're not able to walk, it's helpful to have a driver to get around the neighborhoods. More instructions will be given at the Kick Off Lunch on Sunday.



BASE GROUP OUTREACH NIGHTS

We want to provide an opportunity for your BASE group to join together and serve those around you! Maybe your group could serve a neighbor who could use help with yardwork or serve sno-cones in your neighborhood. Please take time to discuss this in your BASE groups and decide on a way to serve that works for you! Thursday and Friday evenings are intentionally left unplanned for this reason.

Community FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 | DUNCAN CREEK PARK

The week of SERVE culminates with an **ALL HANDS ON DECK** community event at the park where we have many opportunities to engage and talk with our neighbors while kids play games, jump on inflatables, and eat hot dogs, chips, and snow cones. The event runs from 5-8 pm for the community, but volunteers will need to be there early, according to how you have signed up to help.

Throughout the week, we will be handing out door hangers which invite our community to this FREE event. We encourage all NewBranch families to sign up to serve during the event as well as invite their friends and neighbors!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Set up/tear down
- prepare and serve snacks
- monitor games and inflatables
- welcome guests and assist with door prizes
- Outreach/evangelism team



DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS: As part of the Community Fun Night, we want to give away LOTS of door prizes and we could use your help in soliciting donations. If you have connections with a local business who would be willing to donate a gift card for a door prize (hair /nail salons, gyms, restaurants, etc.), please email Jonathan Mitchell at jmitchell@newbranch.com

SERVE '24 Tentative Schedule of Events

**** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

<u>Sunday, June 2</u>	<u>Monday, June 3</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 4</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 5</u>	<u>Thursday, June 6</u>	<u>Friday, June 7</u>	<u>Saturday, June 8</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop off donations - downstairs • Kick off lunch after church • BASE GROUP Door hanger BLITZ 	<p>6:00 AM Prayer - McDonalds - Flowery Branch</p> <p>9 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafts & Games at Park (Duncan Creek Park) • Notes of Encouragement <p>1:00 - 3:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbor Terrace <p>6:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift Basket Assembly • Park Giveaways 	<p>9 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backyard Bible Club - Reichert • Crafts & Games at Park (Duncan Creek Park) <p>6:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Giveaways • Notes of Encouragement 	<p>6:00 AM Prayer - Chick-Fil-A Hamilton Mill</p> <p>9 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backyard Bible Club - Allen • The Haven <p>6:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Giveaways • The Sandwich Project 	<p>6:00 AM Prayer - Chick-Fil-A Braselton</p> <p>9 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Worker Outreach • Backyard Bible Club - Beckler <p>PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASE GROUP night (option 1) 	<p>6:00 AM Prayer - Chick-Fil-A Dacula</p> <p>9 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Servant/ Schools Gift Basket Delivery <p>PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASE GROUP night (option 2) • Community Fun Night Prep 	<p>6:00 AM Prayer - NewBranch</p> <p>3 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Fun Night Set Up <p>4 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Fun Night @ Duncan Creek Park (event from 5:00 - 8:00) • 8:00 - 9:00 Clean up

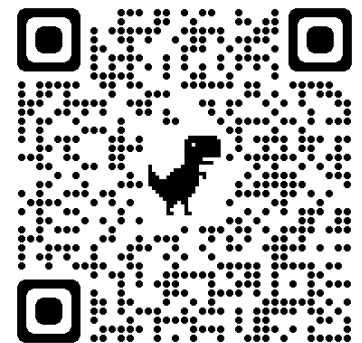
SERVE '24 Leadership Team

Bobbie Hammonds, Ben Kurikesu, Suzie Pingle, Christi Reichert, Jacob Shiflett, and Jonathan Mitchell

If you have questions about the week or would like more information, please reach out to our leadership team at

serve@newbranch.com

To sign up for events, go to the Church Center app or scan here:



THANK YOU in advance for partnering with NewBranch to reach out to our community! As you can see, this is an intense week of serving, and not something that is done by just a handful of folks! We pray that your family prays about which service opportunity is a good fit for your family and that you sign up for as many events as your family can handle throughout the week. We desire that each volunteer experience is a positive one for you and your family, especially for your children.

We appreciate your commitment to attending the events you have signed up for, but at any point during the week you need to change your sign up, please contact Christi Reichert at the email listed above.

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