

Serve Board

Love our Neighbors, Serve our Community

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Ordinary Service

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LOCAL INITIATIVES

MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD

Yavapai Food Neighbors is a program where neighborhoods collect food every two months + donate it to those in need. Visit YavapaiFoodNeighbors.com to see where the program is located.

If you are interesting in bringing the program to your neighborhood, a training will be held next month at Park Collective:

- Saturday May 4th from 12:30-2:00p.m.

Email local@heightschurch.com for more information

HEIGHTS

ALPHA is a series at Park Collective on Sundays that is centered around exploring spirituality + faith in a safe environment. It is an amazing opportunity for people to encounter Jesus.

Alpha is looking people to help prepare parts of meals for its guests.

If you would like to sign up to bring food, here are the next two opportunities:

<https://tinyurl.com/mryz4mp3>
<https://tinyurl.com/jp7wrphx>

COMMUNITY

AGAPE HOUSE

Giving hope to those experiencing homelessness.

Agape House of Prescott exists to provide long term transitional housing for families who are without a residence. They actively seek to keep families together while helping facilitate additional support services in order to equip the families for an independent and self-sustained future.

To learn more about the wonderful work they do, please visit:

<https://agapehouseprescott.org>

Love Our Neighbors

By: Stephen Hernandez
Local Initiatives

When I first started serving in church, I received a piece of advice that always stayed with me.

"Do not let yourself be discouraged from serving others because you feel that you have nothing to offer. When you are faced with these kinds of thoughts, you simply need to remember two things... God made you just the way you are, and He's called you to love and serve others."

Trust that God will use you in the unique way that He created you for, and take comfort in the fact that that when you step out in faith to serve others, you are doing exactly what He planned for you.

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So, when another collection of crumbs from little toddlers are swept up from the floor, when another door is held for the person behind, when another dinner is prepared and cooked, when another load of laundry or another pile of dishes is cleaned and put away, or when the weeds are picked yet another time—when these ordinary things are done in the name of the Lord, they are offerings to our King, sacred and holy.

May we sacrificially embrace each act of service—even the most mundane—knowing that service done in His name carries eternal significance.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

- *In what ways do you serve those around you day in and day out that may feel mundane or worthless?*
 - *How can you see these acts of service in a different light because of this devotion?*
- *Is there a practical way you can ask the Holy Spirit to shift your heart's posture towards service that is labeled as "ordinary" or "mundane"?*