

# Serve Board

Love our Neighbors, Serve our Community

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## Where to Serve?

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Sometimes I struggle knowing where to serve. There are so many needs in our community, so many requests and opportunities to serve locally and globally, and so many good ways to give of myself and my family, that sometimes I get overwhelmed and feel stuck. I freeze, not knowing what to do next. I want to give my "best yes," understanding that my time and resources are limited. Can you relate? Since the beginning of the year, I've been meditating on a verse that has become so familiar to many of us: Proverbs 3:5 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight."

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### LOCAL INITIATIVES

#### Heights Handymen WorkDay Saturday, April 13th.

Heights Handymen serves our community by organizing workdays where serve team members help those in need complete projects they are unable to do or afford (home repairs, yard clean ups).

If you are interested in serving or know of anyone who needs Handymen's services, click here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4dmfdyet>

### HEIGHTS

#### ALPHA

ALPHA is a series at Park Collective that is centered around exploring spirituality and faith in a non-judgmental environment. It is an amazing opportunity for people to encounter Jesus.

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

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

Week 4: [tinyurl.com/3hkj6ktb](http://tinyurl.com/3hkj6ktb)

Week 5: [tinyurl.com/bddwur8b](http://tinyurl.com/bddwur8b)

### COMMUNITY

#### Prescott Area Shelter Services

PASS is an amazing local organization that provides temporary, emergency shelter to women and women with children.

They also offer a number of different programs, including transitional housing and education and job skills training.

If you would like more information on PASS and the impactful work they do in our community please visit:  
<https://prescottshelters.org/>

## Love Your Neighbors

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This small section of the Serve Board lays out practical ways to love our literal + actual neighbors. Here is #1 intentional way to *love your neighbors* this month: **BE AVAILABLE THROUGH PROXIMITY**  
Answer this—*Where do you normally "hang out" when you are home?* Is it in the living room, on the back porch, in the Lazy-boy, in the home office? The *American Way* is busy, which means we default to our check-lists. We drive home, open the garage, park, close the garage, go inside, + get to our to-do's. This routine leaves no time for paths to cross; it leaves us to our private ways of living. Our houses are in proximity with neighbors, but *we* are not. **Let's flip the script.** Let's put ourselves in **proximity** with neighbors. When we get home, let's move our hang outs + to-do's to the front of the house. The weather is warming up + inviting us outside. So, park the car, leave the garage open, check the mail, do some yard work, grab an outdoor chair and read—hang out in front of your house. *Be available for paths crossing by putting yourself in proximity to your neighbors.*

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I wish I could see the big picture so I might choose my next steps in life (including where and whom to serve) based on the most strategic move, the one that will make the most impact for Christ. But God, so kindly and patiently, has been reminding me to just take a next step of faithfulness. I don't need to see the whole direction; I don't need to see the big picture. God is only requiring of me to take a faithful next step as He guides. He is asking me for my trust as I follow Him to serve and love people, and I'm learning to trust that He will make my path straight.

My hope for you, as you read through these monthly lists of ways to serve and love our neighbors, that it will not become overwhelming to you. My prayer is that you will join me as we seek the Lord for his guidance in our next right step of faithful service.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

- What is your response when you begin to feel overwhelmed by the needs of those around you?
- Answer the questions from the devotional above—
  - What do you feel are the expectations that God has for you?
    - After reading Proverbs 3:5, did those those expectations change in anyway?
  - What is a small step that you can take to be faithful to what God has called you?