

VBS 2024



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Monday
June 24

Tuesday
June 25

Wednesday
June 26

SERVANT
EVANGELISM

Servant evangelism is a form of outreach in which individuals or groups engage in acts of kindness and service to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways. The goal is to meet people's physical and emotional needs while creating opportunities to share the gospel. This year's Vacation Bible School will feature practical servant evangelism projects, engaging groups of all ages in acts of kindness and service to our community. Explore the key characteristics and benefits of servant evangelism.

Key Characteristics of Servant Evangelism:

1. Practical Acts of Service
2. Unconditional Love and Generosity
3. Building Relationships
4. Community Engagement
5. Visible Demonstration of Faith
6. Accessible to All

Benefits of Servant Evangelism:

1. Creates Positive Impressions: People are often more receptive to the gospel when they see it lived out through genuine acts of kindness.
2. Breaks Down Barriers: Serving others can break down preconceived notions or resistance towards Christianity.
3. Provides Immediate Help: Meets the immediate needs of individuals, which can open doors for deeper conversations about faith.
4. Encourages Church Involvement: Engages church members in meaningful and impactful service, fostering a spirit of giving and community.

At its core, servant evangelism is about living out the message of Jesus Christ through actions, demonstrating love and kindness to others, and sharing the gospel in a practical and approachable manner. Take advantage of the multiple servant evangelism projects available and join us in serving our community. The service project descriptions are detailed in the pages following the Bible study lesson.

Schedule of Events

1. On Monday, we'll kick off the week with an engaging Bible Study session to set the spiritual foundation for our activities.
2. On Tuesday, we'll dive into our various servant evangelism projects, where participants of all ages can engage in hands-on acts of kindness and service within the community. These projects are designed to embody the love of Christ in practical ways, from helping with local clean-up efforts to distributing care packages.
3. Finally, on Wednesday, we'll come together for a joyful celebration, reflecting on the impact of our service and sharing stories of how we've seen God's love at work throughout the week. This closing event will include testimonies and fellowship as we celebrate the difference we've made together.

Monday, June 24

Day One

Lesson Aim:

Having participated in the lesson, participants should understand the importance of evangelism in general and the uniqueness of servant evangelism.

1. **Read Matthew 28:16-20.** What is the Great Commission? Why is obedience to the Great Commission important? Practically, how are you obedient to the Great Commission?

2. **Read Acts 1:8 and Romans 1:16.** _____ is sharing God's message of salvation with unbelievers. What does it mean to be a witness? What are some different types of evangelism and ways to witness to unbelievers? Why is witnessing to unbelievers important?

3. **Read Galatians 6:10.** _____ is sharing the love of God by serving people in practical ways without asking for or expecting anything in return. List three to five reasons why servant evangelism is a great way to witness to unbelievers.

4. **Read Matthew 5:13-16.** Christians are called to be _____ and _____. What does it mean to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world? How is servant evangelism consistent with the call to be salt and light?

5. **Read Acts 9:36-42.** Why do people consider Dorcas, the best biblical example of a servant evangelist? What are four to six qualities needed to be a servant evangelist?

6. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:6.** Why is servant evangelism a great way to water the seed already sown in the lives of unbelievers?

7. **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** How does the parable of the sheep and goats speak to the need for servant evangelism among Christians? What are the differences between the sheep and the goats? Who are the righteous in this parable? Why?

Discussion Questions:

- What is it like to share your faith in Jesus with others?
- Create a list of five to seven practical servant evangelism initiatives you can do to share the love of God with unbelievers.
- How would you describe yourself as a witness in general and a servant evangelist in particular? Why?
- What must you do to grow as a witness in general and a servant evangelist in particular?

VBS Servant Evangelism

Project Descriptions

Our Vacation Bible School features diverse activities tailored for all ages, ensuring an enriching and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Labels on Water Bottles

This group of Servant Evangelists will place Watts Chapel labels on the front and back of water bottles. The bottles will then be distributed at various places to bless others and introduce people to Jesus Christ, the Living Water. This project will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Teens are welcome.

Bag the Blessings Group 1

This group of Servant Evangelists will work together to place items into bags that will be distributed to participants on Wednesday to bless someone else. These bags will consist of water (from the labels on water bottles group), hand sanitizer, a Watts postcard track, Life Books, mints, and other items. A total of 350 bags will be made. This project will take place in the Multipurpose Room of the Church. Teens are welcome.

Bag the Blessings Group 2

This group of Servant Evangelists will work together to pack items into bags that will be distributed to participants on Wednesday to bless someone else. The bags will consist of water (from the labels on water bottles group), hand sanitizer, a Watts postcard track, Life Books, mints, and other items. A total of 150 bags will be made. This project will take place in Rooms 8 and 10 of the Church. Teens are welcome.

Bless Firefighters

This group of Servant Evangelists will demonstrate God's love by meeting a natural need: providing gift cards to local firefighters in the area (Fire Station 20-Trailwood Road & Swift Creek Fire Department). Also, a Watts Chapel Church greeting card track will be given. Watts Chapel's church information and the ABCs of Salvation will be included. This should be 20-25 minutes at each site. A photo of the group of Watts members and the firefighters should be taken at each site, if possible. When given an opportunity, servants are to share the Gospel and pray with persons they encounter if requested. This group will travel together on the Church Bus, leaving from the Watts Parking Lot.

Gas Station Gift Card Giveaway

This group of Servant Evangelists will share the love of God by blessing others and passing out gas gift cards. All group members are asked to hand out greeting cards, including a \$10 gas gift card and Salvation and Watts Chapel information. The location is the Circle K Gas Station next to the Church. The group will be in the grassy area leading into the gas station. When given an opportunity, servants are to share the Gospel and pray with persons they encounter if requested.

Pruitt Health & Cary Health

This group of Servant Evangelists will share the love of God by giving stuffed animals to the residents at 2 Nursing Homes (Pruitt Health and Cary Health). A short “service” of one song and a word of encouragement may occur before the stuffed animals are distributed. This should be 20-25 minutes at each site. A photo of the group of Watts members and the residents that allow photos should be taken at each site, if possible. This group will travel together on the Church Bus, leaving from the Watts Parking Lot.

Highway Cleanup in Honor of Donesha “ DeDe” Scott

This group of Servant Evangelists will share the love of God by taking care of the planet in the local area and picking up litter. This location will be on Tryon Road, which runs from Dover Farm to Piney Plains (a 2-mile stretch of roadway). Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old, and children 12-17 must be supervised by an adult who is at least 21 years old. Youth volunteers must have written permission from a parent or guardian. A training video is provided to participants:

<https://youtu.be/I2BVeSg4lpc>.

Highway Cleanup of Tryon Road

This group of Servant Evangelists will share the love of God by taking care of the planet in the local area and picking up litter. This location will be on Tryon Road, running from the corner of Gorman Street down to Trailwood Road (a 1.25-mile stretch of roadway). Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old, and children 12-17 must be supervised by an adult who is at least 21 years old. Youth volunteers must have written permission from a parent or guardian. A training video is provided to participants:

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Prayer Group at Watts Chapel

This group of Servant Evangelists will be on-site intercessors praying and covering all of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, inside and outside. A set of servants will walk and pray outside on the church property. A set of members will also pray in the Sanctuary. Members are to pray individually and pray with each other. Servants in this group are to share the love of God through prayer, fellowship with each other, and words of encouragement/affirmation. Prayers should be for the entirety of Watts and the local community. Members of this group will be responsible for lifting the other project groups in prayer and assisting latecomers.

Restaurant Tippers Servant Group

This group of Servant Evangelists will share God's love by providing joy, peace, and kindness in their interactions with each other, the restaurant staff (primarily the server), and other patrons. Groups within this servant project should get together for lunch on Tuesday, June 25th, and/or Wednesday, June 26th. In addition, each member is asked to leave a tip of 25% of the bill or more. One of 5 designated restaurants should be patronized: TrySeafood, Yoho Asian Bistro, Craft Public House, BJs Brewhouse, and Burger Fi. When given an opportunity, servants are to share the Gospel and pray with persons they encounter if requested.

Compassion Corner

This group of Servant Evangelists will share God's love by creating colorful artwork and cards to be distributed to cancer patients, Nursing Home residents, and others for encouragement. This group is appropriate for children, youth, adults, and seniors. This project will take place in the church's Multipurpose Room.



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

2024

SCHEDULE



MONDAY, JUNE 24

Head
Biblical Lesson



TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Hands
Servant Evangelism Projects



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Heart
Celebration and Challenge



VBS Schedule

Monday, June 24

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Kickoff All classes begin in the sanctuary
6:50 pm – 8:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Breakout Classes Adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Ages 18-24· Ages 25-39· Ages 40+ Children and Youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Ages 2-3· Pre-K to 2nd Grade· 3rd Grade to 5th Grade· Middle School· High School
8:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Closing

VBS Schedule

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 pm	Meet under the overhang for prayer
6:45 pm	Teams disperse into service projects <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Labels on Water Bottles2. Bag the Blessings Group 13. Bag the Blessings Group 24. Bless Firefighters5. Gas Station Gift Card Giveaway6. Pruitt Health & Cary Health7. Highway Clean-up in Honor of Donesha Scott8. Highway Clean-up of Tryon Road9. Prayer Group at Watts Chapel10. Restaurant Tippers Servant Group11. Compassion Corner
8:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Closing

VBS Schedule

Wednesday, June 26

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	All groups meet with their service project group
7:00 pm	All classes return to the sanctuary
7:45 pm	Closing