

SERVICE

This month we will be focusing on the spiritual discipline of service. Service is a way of offering resources, time, treasure, influence and expertise for the care, protection, justice, and nurture of others.

OCTOBER

How to use the BUMCSM Calendar:

Each day has a 5-7 minute activity based around our month's theme. September's theme is the spiritual discipline of service. These are meant to help students continue to integrate service as they grow in maturity and independence.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUEDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 BRING A DONATION FOR JOY BUCKETS THIS MONTH	2 DONATE CLOTHES AND PUT THEM IN THE BIN IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT	3 DO CHORES YOUR PARENTS USUALY HAVE TO BEG YOU TO DO
4 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP	5 WRITE A LETTER TO A VETERAN WOUNDEDWARRIOR PROJECT.COM	6 SHARE ABOUT A CAUSE YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA	7 DROP NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OFF AT SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK	8 SHARE A SMILE TO BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY	9 READ ROMANS 12:11 WHEN YOU ARE TIRED OF SERVING	10 MAKE A LIST AND PRAY FOR PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD
11 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & MEET W/SMALL GROUP	12 PAY FOR SOMEONE'S ORDER BEHIND YOU IN LINE	13 PRAY FOR GOD TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO THOSE AROUND YOU	14 ASK "WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU TODAY?" AND DO IT	15 TEXT A FRIEND ABOUT A SERVING OPPURTUNITY TO DO TOGETHER	16 DONATE BOOKS AND DVDS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	17 WRITE A THANKYOU NOTE TO SOMEONE (BUS DRIVER OR TEACHER!)
18 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & MEET W/SMALL GROUP	19 READ MARK 10:45 - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	20 BAKE OR MAKE A TREAT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS	21 WRITE HALLOWEEN CARDS AT CARDSFORHOSPITALIZ EDKIDS.COM	22 PICK UP TRASH AT A LOCAL PARK	23 PRAY FOR TENNESSEE AND THOSE WHO SERVE IT	24 DONATE \$1 OR VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL CHARITY
25 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & MEET W/SMALL GROUP	26 HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR WITH YARDWORK	27 WRITE OUT MATTHEW 22:37-39 AS A REMINDER	28 PRAY FOR A CERTAIN ORGANZATION YOU LOVE	29 BUY CANDY FOR HALLOWEEN & STICK FUN NOTES ON THEM	30 WATCH A VIDEO OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT YOU KNOW	31 HALLOWEEN - DO ONE ACT OF KINDESS FOR A STRANGER

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USE THESE DEVOTIONS TO HELP DIVE DEEPER INTO THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE. THESE SHOULD TAKE YOU ABOUT 10 MINUTES IN LOOKING UP THE PASSAGES, READING THROUGH THEM, AND THE DEVOTION & THEN TRYING OUT THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SERVICE.

TRY THIS ON OCTOBER 4TH

RAISING AWARENESS

WHAT IT IS:

This is a process that seeks to inform and educate people about a topic. What usually ends up happening, is we influence other people's attitudes, behaviors, and beliefs towards that topic.

USE YOUR VOICE

How many people look at your insta stories? What about those stories you watch? For those without Instagram, what does your family talk about? Maybe it is an organization you always donate towards or a cause your family loves to support through 5Ks, t-shirts or ribbons. These are all great ways of supporting a cause and raising awareness.

READ

Matthew 25:14-30 What does this say about us using our talents and voice for God's Kingdom? Do you think you could double (or triple) the awareness simply by speaking up and telling others?

TRY THIS ON OCTOBER 18TH

"BUT I'M JUST A KID"

WHAT IT IS:

Your age has nothing to do with starting to support and integrate your life around service. We all have gifts that we can use every day to help those around us and the earth we live on. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Find out what your spiritual gifts are by going to the [UMC Explore Your Spiritual Gifts](#). Already know your gifts? Awesome! Ask those who know you to give you their take on what your gifts are. Plan a way of using your gifts to benefit others in the next weeks and months.

Examples: Great at administration? See if you have a neighbor with a cluttered garage
Wonderful with exhortation? Encourage friends and family to do what they were made to do
Have a knack for knowledge or teaching? Contact your youth staff and let's feature you in a devotional

TRY THIS ON OCTOBER 11TH

WAYS TO SERVE WITHOUT \$\$

WHAT IT IS:

Many of us do not have extra cash to donate money to every organization that needs it, but you do have ways to help organizations without fundraising or donations. The first task is to choose an organization to support. Need help? BUMCSM works with some that are in the Nashville area!

TIME & SUPPORT

What we do with our time is essential to some non-profit's existence. FreeRice.com doesn't function without people playing. Organizations are still looking for volunteers (once a month with is a great place to start!) or you could follow them on Social Media & support their posts/events.

TRY THIS

Divide a paper into three columns: For Me, For Others, & For God - In the past 6 months, divide your time into those sections. What does this inventory reveal about your life? Would you like to see those columns change?

TRY THIS ON OCTOBER 25TH

MISSIONAL LIVING

WHAT IT IS:

We live in a "I wanna live like a King/Queen!" mentality. How does this affect the way we live? When do you live out of an entitlement mentality rather than the love of neighbor mentality? Missional Living (one of our core values at BUMCSM) is living your life with helping, caring, and sharing love of God in the world as a mindset, not a checklist.

THINK BACK

Remember what you wrote in those columns for October 11th? Take time to read Luke 23. What has God give because he loves you? What is it like to be loved by someone like that? Write down your feelings on the back of the sheet of paper.

TRY THIS

Look at the story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Give your imagination to God as you read the story and put yourself in the space of each character (Levite, priest, Samaritan, etc.) What are your concerns? Why do you act the way you do? - Who of these characters do you tend to be like?