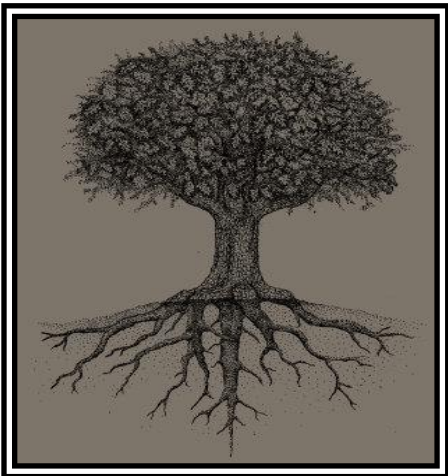


Clayton First Baptist Church
Outreach & Mission
Opportunities
2011-2012



LIVE
Like Christ



SERVE
Like Christ



GO FORTH
Like Christ

Live Like Christ



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to imitate His life. That is to say that we are called to live as He lived. By our lives we reflect His life. Christ said, “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8). By bearing His fruit our lives bear His character and His willingness to love even the unlovable. We take on His character by following His teachings and by obeying God’s will, and thereby grow deep in Him. (“If you hold on to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:31-32). Grow in Him and live like Christ. This is the first step to outreach.

Serve Like Christ

As Christ’s disciples, we are called to serve like He served. Jesus said, “I have set an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” (John 13:15-17). Serving others begins with a willingness to allow God to use you by His terms and not your own. When God’s love fills your hearts, you are able to serve people and in places that stretches your understanding of God’s inclusiveness. In other words, you begin to see people through His eyes and you begin to accept others as He accepts all into His Kingdom. In order to serve as Christ served, you must have the mind of Christ that proclaimed, “Come to me all who are weary and burdened, I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).



Go Forth Like Christ



Jesus’ ministry was not centered in a building and it was not determined by convenience. Rather Jesus went to those in need and He ventured into circumstances that made the religious leaders uncomfortable. Ministry is not about ease and grand accommodations, but it is about meeting a need. The great commission was not a call to stay at home or go where we are comfortable, yet it is a call to go into the world. We have been called to go forth into a hurting world to be a beacon of hope and light through love and service. So take to the world this love, hope and faith. Take to the world this rare, relentless grace. Go and go far, take light deep in the dark. He uses all, even you too for His kingdom sake.

The Outreach Opportunities Board & Ministry Room

Located in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall, an opportunities board has been placed to provide information about ways to get involved. The board also serves as the central place to sign up for the various outreach events and programs. Please stop by the board for more information and sign up for upcoming opportunities.

Located across from the High School Room, on the second floor, a Ministry Room has been set up. The Outreach and Mission Ministries Room is designed to store items needed for the various programs and events, as well as provide a space to pack backpacks and agape kits.

For more information about the various outreach events, partnerships and programs, visit the church website: www.claytonfbc.org (Click on the Outreach Tab).

Information will also be posted weekly in the Outlook.

For additional information, questions, concerns, or supplication, contact the Associate Pastor and/or the Outreach Leadership Team.

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PROGRAMS

The following are established outreach programs designed for individuals and/or groups to serve.

Agape Kits

Agape kits (compassion kits) are packages geared towards helping homeless and/or needy individuals. Pick up a kit from the Outreach and Mission Ministries Room, and store it in your car. Share the kit with a person who might be in need of basic hygiene items or a simple meal. Although the gift provides only for a person's temporary needs, it is a simple way to share Christ's love. Please contact Anne Abene with any questions or concerns (information on page 3).

To make these kits a reality, please help by donating the following items:

Pop-top Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Vienna Sausages, Tuna or Chicken; Snack Crackers, Nutrition Bars, or Cookies; Juice Boxes, Bottled Water; Chap-stick, Comb, Pocket-size Kleenex, Toothbrush & Tooth Paste; Hand Sanitizer, Bar of Soap, Band-aids, Deodorant, Lotion

*Items are collected in the blue tubs located outside of the church office and fellowship hall. You can also pick up an Agape Kit in the blue tubs or from the Outreach room.

Backpack Buddies

A large percentage of school children at Cooper Elementary go home on Friday and return to school on Monday with very little to eat over the weekend. As a result, we have partnered with Cooper to provide these students with a few basic meals to be taken home in a backpack for the weekend.

Volunteers are needed to help pack these bags. Packing groups will need to sign up on the Opportunities Board and will have Monday-Thursday to pack the bags. Volunteers will work with Cathy Moore (Cooper Elementary Partnership Coordinator/Backpack Buddies Coordinator), who will instruct the groups on how to properly pack the bags. Please contact Jill Jenkins or Cherish Scott with any questions or concerns (information on page 3).

Donated items are also needed. Please consider donating one of the following items:

8.5 ounce canned Veggies and Fruit; Canned meats and fish; Meat-based soups and stews; Individual Breakfast Items (cereal, oatmeal/grits packets, breakfast bars); Noodles/Instant Pastas (easy Mac, noodle soup, spaghetti-o's); Healthy Snacks (goldfish, granola bars, raisins, dried fruit); Juice Boxes (100% Juice); Shelf-stable Milk.

*Items are collected in the tubs located outside of the church office and fellowship hall.

Evangelism

Part of our new Evangelism focus is the New Believers Packets. Included in the packet are the following items: a *New Believer's Bible*, discipleship pamphlets, and opportunities within the church. These packets are designed to help new believers find the right direction after making the most important decision of their lives. If you are a new believer or if you are helping lead someone to Christ, please stop by the church office or contact Whit Davis (Evangelism Coordinator) for more information.

Later in the year, more evangelism-centered opportunities and training will be available.

Senior Adult Partnership Program

The Senior Partnership is intended to show God's love through service to the seniors in need of this community of faith and our community. This ministry will accomplish the task through connecting them with the fellowship of this church, enhancing spiritual development and meeting their needs. The Program is composed of 2 teams:

- ❖ **Partnership:** The purpose of the partnership team is to provide fellowship between church members and senior adults.
- ❖ **Hospitality:** The purpose of the hospitality team is to provide a system by which participants can serve senior adults through the delivery of the Wednesday night meal and Sunday service on DVD or CD.

For more information and how to sign up to be a part of this ministry, please stop by the Opportunities Board for a program pamphlet and a volunteer registration form. Please contact Amy McClure with any questions.

Small Group

During the Fall and Winter Small Group Sessions, an evangelism-centered small group will be offered. Adult small group session schedules: September 11-November 13 and January 8 - April. Please check the Opportunities Board, the Outlook and the small group ministry pamphlet for more details.

Wilmington Street Center

On the *first Thursday* of every month, a group will travel to the Wilmington Street Center to serve dinner to homeless and needy individuals. Sign up as a group or individual on the Opportunities Board. Participants should be 12 and older (unless accompanied by a parent). 6-12 volunteers needed. Groups will meet in the back parking lot and depart by 5:00pm. Groups will have the option of traveling in the church van or by personal vehicle. Participants will return to the church by 7:15pm. Groups must indicate on the sign up sheet if a church van is needed. Please contact Anne Abene with any questions or concerns (information on page 3).

Participants must dress accordingly:

Closed-toed shoes, pants (no shorts), and shirt (no tank-tops, spaghetti straps, etc)

If a group desires to serve outside of the schedule first Thursday, please contact Andy Hale to schedule a time to serve.

Other Opportunities

The following opportunities are available and can be set up for a group or individual by the Outreach Leadership Team.

Brown Bag Ministry

The Brown Bag Ministry serves lunches to the homeless population of Raleigh on Saturday. The groups will travel to the ministry center in Apex, pack the bags, and then distribute them to individuals. During the winter season, groups can also bring winter items to be distributed. Inquiring groups should provide a couple dates of availability.

Cooper Volunteer Program

Cooper Elementary School is seeking out volunteers to serve in their Friday Enrichment Program. Volunteers can help students with school work, share a presentation, or simply be a helping hand. By serving, volunteers will help free up a grade level for teachers' planning time. Volunteers must fill out a Johnston County School Volunteer Application, located in the church office.

Cooper Mentoring Program

Personally help an elementary student through Cooper's mentoring program. Participants will need to fill out a few forms for clearance. Mentors will be expected to meet with their student once a week at the school.

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services (formally the New Hope Pregnancy Center)

Various ministries of the church connect with iChoose. However if you are interested in doing more, please contact Vicky Curry of First Baptist and Director of the Center (919-585-4353).

Hospice of Johnston County

The Outreach Leadership Team is in the process of developing a partnership with Home Health and Hospice. In the mean time, we would like to provide you with the Hospice Volunteer Information so

that you can serve as you feel led. For more information, please contact Wanda Smiley (Hospice Volunteer Coordinator): 910-592-1421, 910-385-8605, wsmiley@3hc.org

Smithfield Rescue Mission

The Smithfield Rescue Mission is the only program rescue center in the county. Serving men, women and children, the rescue mission desires to help people in their time of crisis. For more information, please contact Ben Olsen (Director): 919-631-9521 or ben.olsen@smithfieldrescue.org

Wilmington Street Center

Outside of our once a month venture, the Wilmington Street Center can always use individuals and groups to help serve food. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Anne Abene (Wilmington Street Coordinator).

Events

The following are established outreach events designed for individuals and/or groups to serve in short-term capacity.

Operation Community Outreach (October 1, 2011 & March 24, 2012)

Operation Community Outreach is a semi-annual church-wide event. The purpose of the event is to ransack the community with God's love through various outreach venues. Participants will sign up on the opportunities board to serve in a venue of their desire. Outreach Venues include and are not limited to: landscaping/yard work, minor home repair, collecting food items for CAM, free carwash, assisted living ministry, homeless ministry, distributing free food and clothes, and much more. Child care is available. You may also sign up for an OCO tee shirt during the event sign ups.

Community Thanksgiving Meal (November 23, 2011)

This year our church will again host a community thanksgiving meal, as well as assist with a local community thanksgiving meal through the Feed The Need Organization. These meals will be for families and individuals in need on the day before Thanksgiving.

- ❖ Hocutt Baptist Church Meal -- Volunteers will be needed for various times from 12-2:00pm. Volunteers will help serve participants and clean up tables.
- ❖ Clayton First Baptist Meal -- Volunteers will be needed from 6:00-9:00pm. Volunteers will greet guests as they arrive, serve and eat alongside the guest, as well as help with various other ministries.

More information will be posted in the Outlook and on the Opportunities Board. If you know of an individual or family in need, please contact Andy with the individual's information.

Mini Mission Trip (May 2012)

Join the Mini Mission Team and be a part of what God will be doing on our US Mission Trip this May. This trip is designed for participants who are unable to serve on our week long trip in July. The team will engage in various projects, including many of the same projects that the summer team will participate in. The trip is open for Christians who have a desire to serve God by serving others, ages 18 and older. For more information, please take an informational packet from the Opportunities Board, which will be available after **October 9**.

Ecuador Mission Trip (2012)

If you have a desire to serve outside of the United States, then the Ecuador mission trip is the perfect opportunity. This year's trip will focus on children ministry, women ministry, medical clinic, evangelism, and minor construction work. Ecuador is only 6 hours flying time away. Additional information is located on the Opportunities Board.

United States Mission Trip (July 14-21, 2012)

Join the United States Mission Team and be a part of what God will be doing this summer. The team will engage in a variety of projects including: construction/repair, children ministry, senior adult ministry, and homeless ministry. The trip is open for Christians who have a desire to serve God by serving others. For more information, please take an informational packet from the Opportunities Board after October 9. **On October 9 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will announce our 2011 destination.**

Sri Lanka Mission Trip

A trip to the country of Sri Lanka is in the works. The team will engage in children ministry, construction, as well as a variety of other ministries. The trip will be 12-14 days. Participants must be 16 and older to participate. Please contact Andy Hale if you are interested.

Partnerships

Ecuador Partnership

Along with sending volunteers support each summer, we provide monetary support for FUDIRE, our ministry partner in Ecuador. To provide support, please give to the Ecuador Partnership Fund. Money will be sent on a monthly basis. Stop by the opportunities board or the church website for more info.

Other Mission Ministries

Listed below is a list of other existing ministries in the church that you can serve in.

- ❖ WMU (Women Mission Union)
 - The WMU partake in various ministries and projects, as well as gather for monthly Circle meetings. For more information and to join a Circle, please contact Faye Brooks and Jane Moseley.
- ❖ GA (Girls in Action)
 - The G.A.s is for girls in 1st-6th grade. The G.A.s meet on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Ginny Smith.
- ❖ ACTEENS
 - The ACTEENS is for girls in 7th-12th grade. The ACTEENS meet on the first Wednesday at 5:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Marche Byrd and Jan Woodard.
- ❖ Mission Friends
 - Mission Friends is for children from ages 3-6. The Mission Friends meet on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Karen Earp.
- ❖ Brotherhood
 - The Brotherhood is for all men in the church. The Brotherhood meets on the first Sunday at 7:30am for Breakfast. For more information, please contact Keith Blackley.
- ❖ RA (Royal Ambassadors)
 - The RAs is for boys in 1st-5th grade. The RAs meet on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Nelson Scott.

Practical Ways to Serve Others

In addition to participating in the various outreach events and programs, you should also serve others with your life. Serving others in practical ways begins with the following steps:

1. Prayerfully seek God's guidance in how and who you should serve.
2. Use the gifts, talents, and interests God has given you to serve.
3. Be creative.
4. Remember serving others is for God's glory, not for personal recognition.

Listed is a list of practical ways to serve God by serving others:

1. Donate unused clothes and coats to a local ministry.
2. While making your grocery list, include items for local ministries such as CAM, the Agape Kits, or Backpack Buddies.
3. Buy someone a cup of coffee.
4. Give meaningful gifts, such as adopting a child through Compassion International or helping a Bible translation company (Wycliffe Bible Translators or The Seed Company)
5. Financially and prayerfully support individuals going on a mission trip.
6. Anonymously purchase someone's meal.
7. Give genuine praise to your family, friends, and coworkers.
8. Sponsor a needy family during Thanksgiving or Christmas.
9. Drop off homemade goodies to someone in need.
10. Pray for the community, families in need, those who are serving others, those who are serving on a mission trip, etc.