

Introduction to Mission/Service/Outreach at WFPC

Why We Serve Others Through Mission and Outreach

As a church, we are the body of Christ. And through His ministry, Jesus shows us how to glorify God by sharing His love with others. He teaches us how to be blessed with the joy of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need.

In Matthew 25, Jesus says to his disciples "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink". They ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?" He replies, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me".

Jesus calls each of us to minister to others, especially those who are less fortunate. We are to love them – brothers, sisters, children –as we would ourselves and God:

Romans 12:10-11 – "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Acts 2:44-45 – "And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need."

Luke 18:16 - "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Luke 9: 48 Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all— he is the greatest."

Hebrews 13:1-2 – "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Mission and Outreach Committee at Wake Forest Presbyterian

The mission of our committee is to create and heighten awareness of the places in need throughout the world AND to present our church family with ministries / mission opportunities that reach out to these places and that spark our hearts with passion, faith and love for others.

As we consider places in need, we look to all parts – near and far – our local community, the U.S., and international areas that are struggling with poverty, physical hunger, spiritual hunger, discrimination, disasters, disease, social justice issues.

To this end, we are sharing in this booklet a description of the major mission / service ministries that are currently supported at our church. While monetary donations are a tremendous help for many of these ministries, giving of one's time is just as important.

As you review these descriptions, it is our prayer that you see God's presence in these service opportunities and that you begin to understand where it is that He is calling you to serve.