

Faith Church - EFCA

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4. OUTREACH - We believe in reaching our community by serving our community.

Serving the community is part of the Christian life.

God saved us from religious works to serve others.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV)

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Titus 2:14 (ESV)

The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. Titus 3:8 (ESV)

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

“For it is disgraceful that, when no Jew ever has to beg and the impious Christians support both their own poor and ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us.” Julian, Roman Emperor.

A life of good works on the outside is the evidence of living faith on the inside.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18 (ESV)

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. James 2:26 (ESV)

God rewards our serving.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (ESV)

...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10–11 (ESV)

Serving the community changed history.

Compassion for the poor began as Christians serving their community.

Education for all began as Christians serving their community.

Hospitals began as Christians serving their community.

How does Faith Church serve our community?

1. Serving Sunday
2. School Backpack Program
3. Fall Cleanup - November 16
4. Help 10 families for Thanksgiving
5. Love Spencer
6. TODAY — Send a note of encouragement to school teachers and employees.

How do I make serving a regular part of my Christian life?

1. Find one place to serve in the church and one place to serve in the community.

This Christmas, give away as much money outside your family as you give inside your family.



***What makes
Faith Church unique?***

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