



BIBLE FELLOWSHIP SERVICE IDEAS

These are a number of possible ideas for you and your Bible Fellowship class to consider for the Year of Serve. This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have a particular service project the Lord has put on your heart, feel free to pursue that project. I hope this is helpful as we serve the Lord together in the Year of Serve. Serve Strong!

1. **Widow Work** – Meet the needs of a widow in the church. Clean her yard. Clean her house. Cook her dinner. Visit with her. Love her. *“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”* (James 1:27)
2. **Clean the Bathrooms of Local Businesses** – Let’s admit it: No one likes cleaning bathrooms. What better way to show local businesses that we care than doing the job that they do not want to do. Make sure you get permission first.
3. **Shoebboxes for the Homeless** – Don’t wait for Operation Christmas Child to come around again. Get your class to fill shoe boxes with basic supplies that will help those less fortunate than you.
4. **Rake Lawns for the Elderly** – If you have a strong back or some power tools, take your class to rake leaves for people who have no affiliation with Blackshear Place.
5. **Make a Quilt** – Perhaps you are in a ladies class that loves to make things. Get your class together to make a quilt and give it to someone who would be blessed by it.
6. **Peer Tutoring** – Perhaps you are in a high school class that can offer some time to help classmates who are struggling with a certain subject in school. Invest in others.
7. **Care for the Troops** – Take some time to let our troops know that they are loved and appreciated. Send postcards or fill a box with items for the soldiers and send it as a care package.
8. **Trash Clean Up** – Pick up trash along the side of the road or around businesses to let the community know that we care.
9. **Dog Wash** – This project can be particularly fun for a middle school or high school class. No one wants to wash his or her dog. Have no fear! You will wash it for him or her to tell about the love of Jesus.

10. **Car Wash** – Free! No really, free.
11. **Free Oil Changes** – If you enjoy working on cars, use your gifts by offering oil changes to those in your community.
12. **Food Ministry** – Help cook and serve a meal or distribute food at a homeless shelter or food bank.
13. **Give of Your Time** – Spend time with or tutor homeless children.
14. **Donate Clothing** – Gather clothing from your neighbors and donate it to a local shelter.
15. **Care Kits for the Homeless** – Make “I Care” kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people in your town or in another country.
16. **Get Involved in a Food Bank** – If your community doesn’t have a food bank, work with local officials to start one.
17. **Be an Advocate** – Organize a letter-writing campaign to your members of Congress to support bills that give aid to the hungry and homeless or protect the life of the unborn.
18. **Help Reduce Hunger/Homelessness** – Develop a plan for reducing hunger or homelessness in your community. Share it with others and implement it.
19. **Plant a Garden** – Organize a neighborhood group to plant, tend, and harvest a vegetable garden. Donate the produce to a food bank.
20. **Read and Write** – Read to or write letters for an elderly person.
21. **Meal Delivery** – Deliver meals to homebound individuals. You can deliver meals through your local Meals on Wheels program.
22. **Grocery Shop** – Offer to pick up groceries with or for a senior citizen.
23. **Share Your Skills** – Teach a senior adult friend how to use a computer or the Internet.
24. **Nursing Home Ministry** – Get a group together to visit residents in a nursing home. You can present a play, deliver small gifts, hold a dance, play games, take fruit, or simply visit with them.
25. **Honor a Senior Citizen** – Interview a senior citizen and write about his or her life. Get your story published in your school paper or community newsletter.
26. **Be a Special Helper** – Volunteer your time to work at a Special Olympics event.
27. **Love a Child** – Volunteer to help in Respite Care, taking care of special needs children and their siblings.

28. **Be Their Eyes** – Read books or the newspaper for visually impaired people.
29. **Hospital Hospitality** – Bring toys to children in the cancer ward of a hospital or provide fun activity kits for people who have extended stays.
30. **Post-Game Pickup** – Attend a local sporting event and stick around after the game to pick up trash.
31. **Facelift** – Identify a public eyesore, secure permission from the owner, and plan a work day to give the area a facelift.
32. **Serving Those Who Serve** – Plan a dinner and invite people who are in service professions — law enforcement, firefighters, sales clerks, restaurant servers, day care providers, etc.
33. **One Man's Treasure** – Challenge each member of your group to find 50 items that they don't need at home. Bring those items together and donate them to a local charity.
34. **Prayer Walk** – Select a particular neighborhood or other area in town, walk through, and pray for the people who live or work there.
35. **Back To School Kits** – Put together school kits (book bag, pencils, paper, etc.) for children.
36. **Serving Single Moms & Dads** – Give the gift of a clean house to a single mom or dad.
37. **Big Family Date Night** – Provide childcare for a family with many children. Give mom and dad a night to go out together.
38. **Compassion Car Kits** – Put together nonperishable items to distribute to the homeless. Then, keep the kits in your car and give them to homeless folks you encounter on the road.
39. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** – Choose a school in the community and ask if you can provide lunch for their teachers on a specific day. Give back to those who invest in children.
40. **Window Washers** – Go around to businesses near Blackshear Place and wash their windows.
41. **Valentines for Seniors** – Take some time to brighten up the Valentine's Day of a senior adult, perhaps a widow or widower.
42. **Blankets for Animals** – Collect blankets for animal shelters.
43. **Coat Drive** – Collect coats and give them to a shelter or some other charitable organization.
44. **Canned Food Drive** – Have your class bring in five canned items each and donate them to a local food bank.
45. **Single Parent Christmas** – Your class can sponsor a single parent in our church and make Christmas special for a family. Get a list of what the kids want and be their Santa Claus.

46. **Christmas Caroling** – Get a group together to carol in your neighborhood or go to a nursing home and spread some holiday cheer to those who need to be encouraged.
47. **Blood Drive** – Give blood or organize a church blood drive. Those who can't give can keep others company.
48. **Pregnancy Center Support** – Volunteer to help a crisis pregnancy center with maintenance tasks, administrative support, or by purchasing needed items like diapers, baby clothing, blankets, bottles, or formula.
49. **Be a Light!** – Visit neighborhoods around the church and go door-to-door to say “hello” and offer to pray with people — no strings attached. Leave homemade cookies or bread and a card with an encouraging verse.
50. **Labor of Love** – Do you know any elderly or homebound people who need maintenance on their home or help with their yard? Schedule a work day to make minor repairs and yard work.
51. **Dorm Room Cleaning** – Go to the local college and offer to clean dorm rooms.
52. **Block Party** – Choose a neighborhood and throw a block party that will give class members a chance to be salt and light to the community.
53. **Help at the Laundromat** – Go to the local Laundromat with a roll of quarters and offer to pay to wash and dry people's clothes.
54. **Tulip Bulbs and Potted Plants** – This is a great project for the spring. Go door-to-door and offer to plant three to four tulip bulbs in the location of the homeowner's choosing.
55. **Roof and Gutter Cleaning** – Be careful!
56. **Lawn Mowing** – Offer your services to lawns in your neighborhood.
57. **Refreshments at Class Sign-Up** – Find out when the local college students are on campus registering for classes and provide free soft drinks or lemonade for incoming students.
58. **Give a Cold Bottle of Water** – Go to a park or other populated place in the summer and give away cold bottles of water or soda in Jesus' name.
59. **Stamp Giveaway in Front of the Post Office** – Buy a few books of stamps and offer them to those who are mailing letters.
60. **Parking Meter Feeder** – Go downtown and offer to pay for people to park.