



## WHY SERVE?

What is the ultimate goal of Christian service? It is the building up of the Body to be like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13). As a result, the goal is transformation, not merely task completion. Do you have a flow-through philosophy? In John 7:38 Jesus said, *“He that believeth in me, out of his innermost parts will flow rivers of living water.”* Some of us want to be a lake, not a river. We want to accumulate before we let too much flow through. However, if you are a Christian you need to let the blessing of Jesus flow through you.

## SERVING IS ABOUT FAMILY

God has designed the Church to function like a family. What happens in a healthy, vibrant family? There is inter-dependence based on understanding of each unique contribution. Consider the words of Romans 12:3-5 from The Message paraphrase: *“I’m speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it’s important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body.”*

“We count as service what we do in the way of Christian work; Jesus Christ calls service what we are to Him, not what we do for Him.”  
- Oswald Chambers

Jesus Christ sets the pattern for serving in John 13. There we read about His willingness to humbly wash the feet of His disciples. We are called to love one another in the same way. What does that look like in the Church? Sadly, this sometimes means that a separation develops between the sensational or visible places of service, and those roles that are more menial or practical.

This is a problem which the Apostle Paul addressed in the Corinthian church. He used the example of a physical body to teach us that every member differs in their function, but they are equal in value. *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”* (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

## WHO CAN SERVE?

If you know and love the Lord Jesus as your Saviour you can serve at Cornerstone. If you would like to serve with minors, we also require the completion of a criminal records check, in accordance with our Abuse Prevention Policy. If you would like to serve in a leadership role, we expect a time of acquaintance with Cornerstone and becoming a member of the church. The first step is to fill out the form on the back page. This does not commit you to a place of service, but it serves as a tool to discern and discover the place of serving that God has prepared for you. If you have questions you can contact Pastor Brent at the church office or at [brent@cornerstoneneighbourhood.com](mailto:brent@cornerstoneneighbourhood.com).

## WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?

There are a number of areas at Cornerstone where you can make a contribution.

- **Enfolding** - this includes welcoming and ushering and serving coffee
- **Peers** - there are opportunities to minister to men, women, children, youth, or young adults
- **Worship** - often this means music but there are other ways to contribute to our worship services
- **Outreach** - various projects and initiatives are planned through the year that require organization and assistance
- **Fellowship** - we have a strong value on Home Groups which requires hosts and leaders
- **Discipleship** - this can be formal teaching or informal shepherding
- **Helping** - from time to time there will be work bees or projects to complete

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”*  
1 Peter 4:10-11



## WHAT IS YOUR SHAPE?

God has been molding and shaping you to serve since you were born. In fact, God started uniquely shaping you even before you were born! (see Psalm 139:14-16)

Your readiness to serve is determined by your **S.H.A.P.E.**

- ♦ **Spiritual gift**  
1 Corinthians 7:7
- ♦ **Heart Passion**  
Revelation 7:17
- ♦ **Abilities**  
1 Corinthians 12:6
- ♦ **Personality**  
1 Corinthians 2:11
- ♦ **Experience**  
Hebrews 5:12-13

Learning and living in your “S.H.A.P.E.” for serving comes with discovery, practice, and affirmation.

At Cornerstone we are committed to helping you learn to serve according to God’s special design of your life.

## DISCOVER YOUR PLACE OF SERVICE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe when you accepted Christ as your Saviour and when you were baptised.

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How did you come to attend Cornerstone? How long have you attended?

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Please list some interests, skills, training, or abilities that you could share.

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What do you understand your spiritual gifting to be?

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What ministry have you done in the past? Where would you like to serve at Cornerstone?

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*Please return this form to the Church Staff*



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# Serving



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I Peter 4:10