

FAQ about SERVEFEST 2017

as of 8.1.17

The following highlights some common questions and answers surrounding this unique and exciting event in the life of our church and our community:

- **WHAT IS SERVEFEST?**
ServeFest is a unique and intentional “*Sunday of Service*” for the First B family to move outside the walls of our church building and BE the church in our local community. Our goal for the morning is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we seek together to live, love, and lead like Him in tangible ways.
- **WHEN IS SERVEFEST? *Sunday, August 27, 2017***
- **WHY DO SERVEFEST?**
 - It will provide our First B family with a unique opportunity to show the love of Jesus, as an act of worship, by meeting practical needs in our community.
 - It will encourage, challenge, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus for a day as we bring the church to our community instead of waiting for them to come to us.
 - It will give “church service” a whole new meaning by reminding us in our individualistic, consumer-oriented society that “church isn’t all about me or us” and that it is far “better to give than to receive.”
 - It will be one more way we can “*let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*” (Matt. 5:16 ESV)
- **WHERE IS SERVEFEST?**
ServeFest will take place in various locations throughout our local community.
- **WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY SERVICES THAT MORNING?**
While we will meet briefly together at FBC that morning before heading out to our project sites, we will still have “church service” as we seek to worship our Lord with loving acts of service throughout our community.
- **WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS WILL WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH DURING SERVEFEST?**
 - Project options for all ages to enjoy – from children to really seasoned adults
 - Project options for the skilled and unskilled, as well as, opportunities for those who are physically challenged
 - Project options that help us live, love, and lead like Jesus
- **HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THESE PROJECTS?**
Projects will be selected where volunteers can make a difference that morning through loving acts of service, whether it be by pulling weeds, painting, picking up litter, visiting those in need, etc. Volunteers will be able to sign-up online or in the lobby on Sundays for specific projects in the weeks leading up to ServeFest. Volunteers will be mobilized and organized by a Project Site Leader who will help them to accomplish the task(s) they are committed to fulfill.
- **WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT THE DAY OF SERVEFEST?**
The fun begins at 8:00 am!
 1. Arrive at First Baptist Church and check-in at one of the ServeFest Check-in Stations in the lobby.
 2. If you purchased a t-shirt with your registration, please go to the t-shirt pickup area in the north part of the lobby, closest to the café.
 3. You can also pick-up a cup of complimentary coffee or bottled water at one of the Coffee Stations.
 4. You will then proceed to find and meet your Site Leader and the rest of your team before the Send-Off Event. Refer to the map you’ll receive at Check-in for the location of your Project Site in the Auditorium. Your Site Leader will be holding your project sign.

8:15 a.m.	We will have a brief time of worship and fellowship, followed by a send-off prayer in the Main Auditorium.
8:30	Head to project sites to begin serving!
Noon	Return to the church for lunch (provided by FBC) and a time of sharing and celebration in the “amphitheater area”

- **HOW DO I SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER?**

You can see available projects and sign-up at fbceugene.com/servefest or at the Information Desk on Sundays. After you have volunteered for a project, you will be sent an email confirmation and/or be contacted by your Site Team Leader to confirm your registration.

- **HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVEFEST?**

We’re not sure, but we had 1100 people involved in last year’s ServeFest, so let’s shoot for 1300 this year!!!

- **WHAT SHOULD I BRING FOR SERVING THAT DAY?**

- Wear clothes for ServeFest that are conducive to the work you will be doing. For example, if you are on a painting or landscape project, wear clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty, and of course, your amazing ServeFest shirt!!!
- Feel free to bring with you any tools that will be helpful for your project. For example, you may want to bring gloves if you are doing yard work or a favorite paint brush if you are painting. With certain projects, the supplies will be waiting for you at the site. If you have any questions of what to bring, feel free to contact your project site leader.
- We also invite you to bring an item(s) to bless someone in need on ServeFest Sunday. This year, let’s surprise the Eugene Mission with gifts of toothbrushes, socks, and disposable razors. Thanks for your loving generosity!!!
- If your project site allows the taking of pictures, bring your smart phone and/or a digital camera to capture the service project that you are doing. You can email pictures to servefest@fbceugene.com
- Bring a blanket and/or chairs for the lunch and Celebration at FBC following our morning of service.

- **WHAT IF MY FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS WHO AREN’T A PART OF THE FIRST B FAMILY WANT TO SERVE TOO?**

Excellent! They are more than welcome to come and serve. It may be easiest to simply invite them to join you on your team.

- **WILL THERE BE CHILDCARE?**

No. We want to have a number of projects available to families with children so they can serve as a family as much as is reasonably possible.

- **WHAT WILL VISITORS DO WHEN THEY ARRIVE AND NO ONE IS AT CHURCH ON THAT SUNDAY MORNING?**

Well actually, there will be a hospitality team present at FBC who will welcome guests to the church and explain what we are doing. Our hospitality team will be prepared to show our guests around the church, answer any questions they may have, and even invite them to join us for lunch.

- **WHAT’S INVOLVED IN LEADING A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS?**

To understand more about the important role of a site leader, review the [job description](#).

- **CAN I DONATE FUNDS AND/OR OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP WITH SERVEFEST?**

YES. When you register there is an opportunity to donate, if you would like to write a check or donate in-kind materials, please contact servefest@fbceugene.com.

- **WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact us at servefest@fbceugene.com or [541-345-0341](tel:541-345-0341).

- **WHY ARE WE DOING NEW SHIRTS?**
We've designed a new (easier to work in the August heat) shirt for this year so it is very clear to the organization we're serving that we belong on site and who is with our group.
- **CAN I WEAR LAST YEAR'S SERVEFEST SHIRT?**
Our preference is that each person wear a new shirt, but if you'd prefer to wear last year's shirt, that is OK.
- **WHY DO WE SIGN WAIVERS?**
It's important to acknowledge that ServeFest is a unique opportunity for off-site service and because we have many ages and stages involved it's important that we acknowledge the risk of working with tools and equipment. We do not anticipate any issues, but better to be prepared. A ServeFest activity waiver is provided below for your review.