

Living Life on Purpose – Serve Team Highlight

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” —Matthew 25:35

When entering the parking lot of the Food Bank on a Tuesday afternoon, you will find it bustling with activity. Serve team members are pushing carts of groceries out to the cars and bicycles of those who have just finished shopping. Beautiful examples of men and women being the hands and feet of Jesus.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” —Mark 10:45

When walking into the Food Bank, you are welcomed by the smiling face of Terri. Her role each week is to register first time shoppers... which she does with such loving kindness. Also there warmly greeting people is Will, he oversees the details of the Food Bank. Currently there are 55 people who regularly serve the 100 families that shop there each week. Of those families, on average, there are 4 people per household. There are also 25 drivers who serve each week to accomplish the many pickups and deliveries that are required to meet the needs of those being served.

I was there to talk with Holly Ross, a lovely serve team member with a heart of gold. She lives in action, the words, “becoming like Jesus and joining Him on Mission.” Holly and her husband



Steve have been serving at the food bank for six years. Along with others like Bennie and Pete, (and many I did not meet) who faithfully give their time each week. Shoppers of the food bank are offered a variety of fresh items like meats, cheeses, breads, milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits. Packaged and canned goods are also offered, as well as cat food, dog food and personal items. During our tour, we made our way to the area where the eggs are kept, and we were greeted by Jean, a sweet soul with a beautiful smile. Filled with energy and a spirit ready to serve, she explained to me she just had a birthday... she had turned 94.

Holly said what she loves most is getting to know the people and their stories. Watching her authentically connect with each and every one of the people she shared space with, was inspiring. She isn't just there to serve... she is there connecting... they are “doing life” together... each of them pouring into the other.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” —John 15:12

Encouragement for the Week —

Praise the Lord that this ministry is thriving and not only has plenty of helpers each week, but there are many more ready to be placed as the needs of the Food Bank and the Life Center grow. Will you please pray for the Food Bank and all those who serve there? Also pray for the clients who are recipients of this ministry. We are so encouraged by how many people are living on mission by serving as the Church.

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