



Make a Difference

*A booklet of possibilities detailing how
God can use YOU to do His GOoD
WORKS in our community and the world*



Dear Church Family,

We at CUMC have “mended” our nets and are ready to “cast” them. We’re ready to get out of the pews and into the community and world to love the people God cares about in Jesus’ name. We’re ready *to do* something about our relationship with Jesus. We hope you’ve had an opportunity to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory; if not, you can find it at the back of this booklet. Knowledge of your spiritual gifts will help you find a service opportunity “match” in this GOoD WORKS booklet that will best use your gifts to strengthen the body of Christ and our community. Please take time to pray after you take the spiritual gifts inventory, asking God to show you how He wants to use you to do His kingdom work in the world.

The GOoD WORKS booklet is divided into four sections:

- Work/Economic Security . . . and more
- Food/Clothing/Health . . . and more
- Education/Literacy . . . and more
- Housing/Shelter . . . and more.

Each opportunity includes a description of the service needed, volunteer requirements, time commitment, and spiritual gifts utilized. A contact person is listed if you have additional questions about a particular GOoD WORK. It is your responsibility to take the initiative to call/email the contact person and say, “Let’s do this. Like the Good Samaritan, I’m ready to get off my donkey and get to work for God.” While we hope you’ll take time to review the entire booklet, you’ll find a grid immediately after the table of contents that makes matching your spiritual gift to a community need quick and easy.

The list of GOoD WORKS in this booklet is not exhaustive. For every opportunity listed here, there are hundreds more – some right in your own home, neighborhood, or workplace. Our hope is that your eyes, ears, and hearts will be open to and expectant about the daily opportunities God puts in front of each of us to be His hands and feet. St. Francis of Assisi said, “Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.” Our prayer is that *the actions and service* of CUMC members will make men, women, and children in our community who don’t yet know Jesus curious to find out more about Him.

If you need help matching your spiritual gifts to a service opportunity, we’re here for you. Please contact any of the individuals listed below, and they’ll be happy to guide you through the process of determining how you can serve.

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I. Work/Economic Security . . . & More

A. Support Circles - Chatham County

Support Circle Teams partner with individuals and families who are experiencing - or at risk of - homelessness and who are transitioning into permanent housing. Teams provide Partners assistance with material support, practical, financial and relational support.

Website: <http://www.circleschatham.org/>

➤ **Brief Description:** Become an Ally (intentional friend)

Contact: John Moore (chairman@circleschatham.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adult; training provided, yet mostly it's being a friend to a person with goals to move out of poverty

Time Commitment: After training completed, 2-3 hours 2 times a month.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Mercy

➤ **Brief Description:** Child/Youth Care with our Circles children and youth

Contact: John Moore (chairman@circleschatham.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adult; good with children of all ages. We have a curriculum that you would get familiar with and teach, or assist in teaching.

Time Commitment: Occasional volunteer or regular. 2-3 hours each time on Tuesday evening.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Serving

➤ **Brief Description:** Meal Coordination: Schedule and coordinate groups to provide meals for the weekly Circles Community Meeting

Contact: John Moore (chairman@circleschatham.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adult; Schedule and coordinate groups to provide meals for the weekly Circles Community Meeting

Time Commitment: Coordinating and scheduling will vary. Once schedule is set, a few hours most weeks on Tuesday evenings, as needed.

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Serving

➤ **Brief Description:** Ad hoc ally - share your area of expertise when needed (e.g. parenting, teaching, home repairs, car repairs, affordable housing, legal, medical, dental, insurance, budgeting, plumbing, electric, etc.)

Contact: John Moore (chairman@circleschatham.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adult; communication skills

Time Commitment: Variable

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement, Mercy

- **Brief Description:** Meal preparation and serving on Tuesday evening at Pittsboro UMC; small group to bring and serve healthy simple meal for up to 40 adults and children

Contact: Marianne McIver (muddyarm@aol.com) or 919-802-3843

Volunteer requirements: Any age, small groups welcome

Time Commitment: One Tuesday evening, 5-8 pm (serving at 6 pm); Could be one time a quarter, that is one meal every 3 months or every 6 months as preferred. We meet and eat every week throughout the year except the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

B. Support Circles – Orange County

Website: <http://www.ifcweb.org/supportcircles>

- **Brief Description:** Support Circle Teams are made up of 8-10 volunteers that partner with individuals and families (called Circle Partners) who are experiencing - or at risk of - homelessness and who are transitioning into permanent housing. Forming genuine, ongoing personal relationships with the Circle Partners, Team members provide encouragement, mentoring and other support designed to help the Partner reach the goals they have chosen to create a sustainable life outside poverty.

Contact: Colleen Sharp (colleen.sharp@thefuturescompany.com)

Ken Reeb (kreeb@carolwoods.org)

Volunteer requirements: Support Circle Team members attend training so that they have a clear understanding of their role and to learn skills and information that will help them become effective partners. Topics included in the training include life skills, budgeting and finances, parenting, nutrition, time management, goal-setting, stress management, etc. Support Circles will also learn about available resources such as social services, housing, employment, health care, child care, etc.

Time Commitment: Support Circle Teams make a 12-month commitment (which can be extended), meeting at least once per month with their Partners. Circles usually meet monthly to conduct necessary business and share a meal and fellowship, where Team family members are usually included. Phone calls and emails to the Partner are encouraged and individual Team members or groups of members can meet with the Partner as needed.

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement, Mercy

C. Prison Ministry

Alamance/Orange Prison Ministries objectives are to: 1) provide, develop and strengthen Bible study in the Alamance/Orange Correctional Center in Hillsborough (a minimum security prison), & 2) transform the emotional, physical, and spiritual lives of the inmates who live and work in prison and upon their release from prison.

Website: <https://aoprisonministry.wordpress.com>

- **Brief Description:** Participate in Saturday morning bible studies

Contact: Jeannie Browning (sheba155@bellsouth.net; 919-942-1555)
Jo Anne West (jogwest@mindspring.com; 919-929-6076)

Volunteer requirements:

- 1) Adults only: Request an application to be a volunteer or sponsor at:
Alamance/Orange Correctional Center
P. O. Box 1149
2410 Clarence Walters Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278
- 2) Once volunteers pass the Department of Public Safety background checks, they will be notified of the next Volunteer Training session (one to two hours).
- 3) Volunteers are prohibited from giving money to inmates, writing letters, making phone calls or contacting family members.

Only those who have completed Disciple Bible Study I or are trained Disciple leaders can volunteer to teach Disciple Bible Studies in prison. Volunteers are interviewed and are required to participate in a scheduled training session for commissioning and certification.

Time Commitment: We meet every Saturday morning from 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. all year round, except for holidays.

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement, Mercy

- **Brief Description:** Grant Writer – Help a local woman secure funding to open a restaurant which employs former OCC inmates.

Contact: Jeannie Browning (sheba155@bellsouth.net; 919-942-1555)
Jo Anne West (jogwest@mindspring.com; 919-929-6076)

Volunteer requirements: Adult; Excellent writing and organizational skills; Previous experience with grant writing process a plus, but not required

Time Commitment: Flexible; Must meet deadlines for grants

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Encouragement, Mercy

D. Chatham County Literacy Council

Website: <http://chathamliteracy.org/>

- **Brief description:** *Adult Literacy Tutor* - Work with adults one-on-one or in small groups to help them gain the literacy and/or English language skills needed to improve their lives and reach their goals, such as getting high school credentials, getting a job or promotion, or being able to communicate with their doctors or children's teachers.

Contact Information: Fran Mears (franmears@nc.rr.com)

Volunteer requirements: No teaching background or foreign-language skills are needed. Chatham Literacy provides free training and materials for volunteer tutors.

Time Commitment: 2 hours per week

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement

- **Brief description:** *Civic Engagement Tutor* - Help prepare adults for the naturalization test to become a U.S. citizen and to learn ways to become actively involved in their community.

Contact: Fran Mears (franmears@nc.rr.com)

Volunteer requirements: None is required, but knowledge of civics and American History are useful. Chatham Literacy provides free training.

Time Commitment: 2 hours per week

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement

- **Brief Description:** *Special Events/Programs Volunteer* - Make a brief informational presentation to a group of adult learners in your area of expertise (e.g. basic budgeting, wellness, how to communicate with children's teachers), represent Chatham Literacy at community events and information fairs, or be part of a committee or team that helps Chatham Literacy develop in your areas of expertise (e.g. finance, fundraising, marketing and PR, programming, or community collaboration).

Contact: Fran Mears (franmears@nc.rr.com)

Volunteer requirements: Knowledge of area in which you want to volunteer.

Time Commitment: From as little as 1.5 hours plus preparation per presentation to 2 hours per month for committee involvement.

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching

E. CUMC Computer Lab/Skill assistance

- **Brief Description:** Help elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults learn basic computer skills; Offer help loading free anti-virus software and guidance in understanding how to use the internet

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Requirement for Volunteers: Knowledge of basic computer skills

Time Commitment: Varies

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement, Serving

- **Brief Description:** Help to create a small computer lab at CUMC for students and adults without computers of their own to use free of charge

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Requirement for Volunteers: Willingness to contact Kramden Institute and other organizations (including CUMC members/friends, etc.) to secure laptop donations; Organize lab and establish hours and policies

Time Commitment: Varies

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Guidance, Teaching, Serving

II. Food/Clothing/Health . . . & More

A. IFC (Inter-Faith Council for Social Service)

Website: <http://www.ifcweb.org/services/community-kitchen>

- **Brief Description:** Every Sunday, teams of 5 people prepare and serve breakfast at the homeless shelter in downtown Chapel Hill. Beginning at 6 am, the crew prepares and serves food to 75-90 hungry people. A six month rotating volunteer schedule is created each January and June.

Contact: Dawn Streets (dstreets@mindspring.com)

Volunteer requirements: None

Time Commitment: Sundays 6 to 8 am, once per quarter

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Mercy, Serving

B. Gleaning

We are working to save tons of food crops left unharvested. We car pool to a farm, harvest crops – such as sweet potatoes - that are left in the field, and bring bags back to local food missions. There is a well-organized program to deliver most of the gleaned crops throughout the Triangle. Gleaned crops are delivered by CUMC to 5 local food missions, including food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters.

Website: www.endhunger.org/nc

- **Brief Description:** Gleaners

Contact: Kris Weigle (krisaweigle@aol.com; 919-260-2690)

Volunteer requirements: Able-bodied volunteers of all ages can glean, although adults must provide supervision for youth or children in our group. Gleaning is a great family activity. Gleaners need to be able to walk at least 300 feet on fairly rough fields and carry 5-10 pound bags 10-20 feet to collection posts.

Time Commitment: We glean sweet potatoes in the fall, but other crops can be gleaned most months, except December and September. CUMC's gleaning activities are usually planned for Saturday mornings and require 3-5 hours, including travel time to farms. Depending on the level of interest, CUMC could organize up to 10 gleanings per year.

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy, Serving

- **Brief Description:** Delivery volunteers

Contact: Kris Weigle (krisaweigle@aol.com; 919-260-2690)

Volunteer requirements: These volunteers need to provide and drive a vehicle that can transport 40-200 lbs. of sweet potatoes to food missions within 10 miles of CUMC. The gleaners help load the vehicle, and the food mission helps to unload the vehicle. Therefore, the delivery volunteers only need to carry a few 10 lbs. bags a few feet.

Time Commitment: Delivery volunteers are matched to food missions based on the day and time when the deliveries need to be made. Usually a delivery takes 15 to 30 minutes.

Spiritual Gifts: **Mercy, Serving**

- **Brief Description:** Organizers, committee members

Contact: Kris Weigle (krisaweigle@aol.com; 919-260-2690)

Volunteer requirements: Help is needed to organize and promote gleaning to CUMC families, youth, young adults, and older adults in a way that encourages more volunteers. The organizers do not need to be able to glean, but should be able to communicate well to groups and by phone, email, and print (posters, bulletins, etc.).

Time Commitment: Organizing efforts can take 3-5 hours per week depending on the level of interest in gleaning. The effort is greatest in September and October. If a gleaning committee is formed, meetings may require 1 hour, 6 months a year.

Spiritual Gifts: **Guidance, Mercy, Serving**

C. Community House Toiletries

The men living at the IFC's Community House are in need of personal hygiene items. Community House is a 24-hour residential facility for homeless men, offering safe living accommodations, meals, showers, and laundry facilities. Guests receive an array of services including substance abuse education/counseling, medical/mental health treatment, job coaching, and more.

Website: <http://www.ifcweb.org/services/community-house>

- **Brief Description:** Donate and bring motel/hotel travel size bar soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorants to the box located in Ascension hall

Contact: Martha Risch (therisches@aol.com)

Volunteer requirements: None

Time Commitment: At most 5 minutes to drop off your supplies

Spiritual Gifts: **Giving, Mercy, Serving**

- **Brief Description:** Deliver donated items to Community House

Contact: Martha Risch (therisches@aol.com)

Volunteer requirements: Provide your own transportation

Time Commitment: At most 1 hour a month (generally done at the end of the month)

Spiritual Gifts: **Mercy, Serving**

D. SNACK (Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids)

This is a Chatham county summer supplemental food program for kids who receive subsidized meals during the school year. SNACK provides weekly boxes of food to these families for 10 weeks during the summer.

Website: <http://corafoodpantry.org/programs/the-snack-program/>

➤ **Brief Description:** A spring food drive is organized at CUMC, asking for volunteers to donate:

- a box of food, with boxes and shopping list provided by CUMC's SNACK team, OR
- a financial gift, OR
- time to assist in distribution of boxes to needy families.

CUMC volunteers will deliver boxes to Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA) distribution points in local neighborhoods

Contact: Shari Ligett (ncshari@bellsouth.net)

Volunteer requirements: There is no age, sex or training restriction for food shopping or box packing. Teens or adults are needed to distribute the food boxes.

Time Commitment: Food shopping from 'list' and delivering the food box to CUMC would take about one hour. Assisting with food distribution would take about two hours a week for ten weeks, but this time could be divided up between volunteers.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement, Mercy, Serving

E. Cinderella's Closet

➤ **Brief description:** Cinderella's Closet provides prom dresses/accessories to local high school juniors and seniors who would not otherwise be able to attend their prom. Throughout the year, we collect gently used and new prom dresses, glitzy shoes, and accessories from the community for the project that takes place over two days at CUMC in early spring. Typically, we serve 60- 70 high school girls.

Contact: Patsy Smith (patsysmith@nc.rr.com; 919-357-8093);
Terry Woodfin (twoodfin.ibt@gmail.com; 919-218-1894)

Requirements for Volunteers: Must be female and a high school graduate to work at the spring event, however, we love to have youth promote the event at their high schools. Volunteers of any age are needed to assist with dress drives, promoting, and setting up the event. Volunteers to serve on the steering committee are welcome, as well.

Time Commitment: Varies based on level of involvement. Can be "event only" that may require as few as two hours or as many as six. Steering Committee members meet weekly between February and March leading up to the event and, following that, three times a year. High school volunteers are encouraged to start a club at their high school to help create awareness around the event and work directly with the social worker to promote the event and coordinate dress drives.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement, Serving

F. PORCH (People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Families)

Website: <http://porchnc.org/>

- **Brief Description:** **PORCH at CUMC or in Your Neighborhood** – Feed the neediest people in our community by supporting monthly food drives organized by volunteers in your own neighborhood and church. Once a month, you'll receive an email reminder of the food drive date, and you'll place non-perishables (canned soup, canned meat, breakfast cereal, etc.) on your porch. PORCH volunteers will pick up your donation and deliver it to one of eight local food pantries & to families living in poverty. For CUMC's PORCH drives, bring items to Ascension Hall. Organizers for neighborhood drives are also needed throughout our community.

Contact: Diane Covington (dcovington@nc.rr.com)

Volunteer requirements: All ages to donate food; Drive organizers must be adults.

Time Commitment: 5 minutes to place food on porch or to bring items to Ascension Hall; Additional time to organize a drive in your neighborhood.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Guidance, Encouragement, Mercy, Serving

- **Brief Description:** **PORCH at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School** - Serve economically disadvantaged families at FPG by distributing groceries on the 3rd Monday/month from 4:30-6:00 pm. Some volunteers are also needed to pick up items at a storage site in Lake Hogan Farms and at local grocery/food stores and return the items to FPG for distribution. 6 volunteers are needed.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: Must be able to lift heavy grocery bags. Teens and adults welcome.

Time Commitment: 1-1/2 hours/month; between 4:00 – 6:00 pm, approximately

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement, Mercy, Serving

G. Angel Tree

- **Brief Description:** Buying and wrapping Christmas gifts and/or sorting and delivering gifts to needy families "adopted" by CUMC.

Contact: Sarah Cameron (919-225-2780)

Volunteer requirements: none

Time Commitment: Wrapping takes place usually on the first Saturday of December and takes 1-3 hours; Shopping may be done on volunteer's free time. Sorting and delivery usually takes place on the second Sunday of December and several days afterward.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Serving

H. Community Garden

- **Brief Description:** Volunteers are needed for planning, design, and management of the garden, for teaching gardening and food preparation skills, and for administrative and fund-raising tasks. The garden is located at Evergreen UMC, facing 15-501 N.

Contact: Pat Horton (supatthelake@gmail.com)

Volunteer Requirements: All ages; Experience needed depends on type of task, but can be minimal.

Time Commitment: There will be many opportunities for *one and done* participation, as well as long term commitments. For instance, a “group” *one and done* might be a one day commitment to install a fence or assist with soil enrichment. A “single” *one and done* might be to write a grant to fund a shelter. Long term commitments would involve gardening alongside and making friendships with people outside the faith community.

Spiritual Gifts: Guidance, Teaching, Encouragement, Serving, Mercy

I. School Clothing Closet

- **Brief Description:** At Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Scroggs Elementary, and Culbreth Middle Schools – One volunteer is needed at each school to keep this closet stocked and organized when students need clothing because they spill on themselves, have an accident, or some other need. Volunteer will sort, fold, and inventory items, and then make a list of what’s needed. He/she will then shop for needed items (using school funds) or can advertise in the church bulletin for the needed items/sizes.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adults available during school hours to sort, fold, and inventory closet; Any age to shop for or donate needed items

Time Commitment: 1 hour/week or less

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Mercy, Serving

J. Super Cooper Little Red Wagon Foundation

The Super Cooper Little Red Wagon Foundation’s mission is to create a home away from home for children receiving outpatient treatment for pediatric brain cancer at UNC and Duke Hospitals. The Foundation provides dedicated “Super ReCOOPERation” housing and support services designed to meet the specific needs of these children and their families who do not live in close proximity to the Triangle.

Website: www.supercooperswagon.org

- **Brief Description:** Sign up to be a Super Cooper “Meal Train” Crew Member - The Foundation provides and delivers meals to families who are staying in the Super ReCOOPERation houses as they arrive home from their daily hospital treatments.

Contact: Jennifer Thompson (Jennifer@supercooperswagon.org)

Volunteer requirements: There are no specific limitations or requirements besides the ability to prepare or purchase a healthy and tasty dinner option for the Super Cooper families.

Time Commitment: The time it takes to prepare or purchase a meal and deliver and place the meal inside the cooler outside the ReCOOPERation House door.

Spiritual Gifts: **Serving**

- **Brief Description:** A “Meal Train” Conductor to coordinate crew member’s efforts to ensure Super Cooper families receive appropriate dinner options that meet their dietary and frequency needs.

Contact: Justin Herman (JustinkHerman@yahoo.com) or by phone at 919-259-3924

Volunteer requirements: Volunteer must be well organized and have schedule flexibility to coordinate with families that have unpredictable schedules due to varying hospital treatments.

Time commitment: Estimated 3-6 hours per week organizing Meal Train and coordinating the crew member meals with the Super Cooper families

Spiritual Gifts: **Serving**

K. Holiday Cheer in Schools

- **Brief Description:** At Frank Porter Graham & Perry Harrison Elementary Schools – Fill the needs on holiday gift tags. Especially needed are last minute volunteers to purchase gifts listed on “leftover” tags. Assist school social worker with wrapping/sorting of gifts as needed.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: None; All ages welcome.

Time Commitment: Varies; Flexible

Spiritual Gifts: **Giving, Encouragement, Mercy, Serving**

L. Mission 1:27

Website: <http://mission127.org/>

- **Brief description:** Mission 1:27 is a CUMC international mission that supports an orphanage of about 100 children ages 7-16, in Slobodskoy, Russia. International doesn't mean you even have to leave the U.S. to be a part of this mission. Most of our sponsors are involved right here at home by sponsoring an orphan (through monthly monetary support), writing letters, and Skyping with the kids in Slobodskoy. The power of a letter or a conversation with one of these amazing children is indescribable. Travel to Russia occurs twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. All other activities take place year round right here at CUMC or in your own home. Mission 1:27 is always looking for new sponsors, letter writers, people to Skype, and board members.

Contact: Patti Naylor (sponsorship opportunities) - pattinaylor65@gmail.com

Tony or Patsy Smith (Board of Directors, travel opportunities) - tonysmith@nc.rr.com;
patsysmith@nc.rr.com

Requirements for Volunteers: There are no age restrictions to get involved. We welcome all ages and encourage our youth to write letters and Skype whenever possible; the kids in Russia love to hear from the CUMC youth. There is a minimum age requirement to travel to Slobodskoy (seventh grade, accompanied by a parent).

Time Commitment: Varies. Letter writing is a monthly commitment as is sponsorship. Skype sessions occur twice a month. Travel to the orphanage involves one week in Russia as well as planning for the trip for two months prior to travel dates.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement

M. Beyond Our Borders (BOB)

Website: <http://beyondourborders.org/index.html>

- **Brief Description:** This group of CUMC members works with missions outside the U.S. Currently, BOB is working with five different missions in Londrina, Brazil, one in Nicaragua, and one in the Ukraine. Visit the website to learn about specific volunteer opportunities and mission trips.

Contact: Ed Harland (edharland@aol.com; 919-933-4843)

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement

III. Education/Literacy ... & More

A. Tutoring

Contact: Nikki Glenos (nikki@glenos.net) - Please email Nikki to find out about days/times/locations of tutoring for the school at which you'd like to serve.

Time Commitment and Volunteer Requirements: Varies by opportunity; see below for more details

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Encouragement, Mercy

- **Scroggs Elementary**

- **Culbreth Middle School**

Location: At Culbreth Middle School

Time Commitment: Monday/Wednesday

- **Frank Porter Graham**

Tutoring in math, writing and reading is needed, especially by people with Spanish language skills. However, that is not required. Specific homework will be sent with students by a teacher. Parents will be present, and opportunities to form friendships and to mentor kids and adults are available.

Location: At CUMC

Volunteer requirements: Spanish skills helpful, but not required; Adults and older teens

Time Commitment: 1 hour every week, evenings, but can share time slot with other volunteers

➤ **Perry Harrison Elementary**

➤ **Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocates**

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/chccs.k12.nc.us/brma/>

Serve one night a week or more at one of the following tutoring sessions.

Middle School tutorial, 3:30-5:00p.m. Monday-Thursday at a different school each day

High School tutorial, 6:30-8:30pm Tuesday and Thursday at Hargraves Community Center.

B. School Supply Drive at Frank Porter Graham Elementary

- **Brief Description:** Using a list provided by the school social worker in May, volunteers will watch weekly circulars for the best prices on school supplies and purchase needed items to stock the back packs of 150 students. Volunteers may also organize a school supply drive at the church.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: All ages

Time Commitment: Flexible; Items need to be delivered to FPG by the second week of August.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Guidance, Mercy, Serving

C. Breakfast Buddies

- **Brief Description:** Make new friends as you help supervise (and socialize with) 100-150 students who eat free breakfast at FPG. Guide children to finish up breakfast so they can get to their classrooms on time for the first bell.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: Adults

Time Commitment: 40 minutes once per month, 7:20-8:00 am, Monday through Friday

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Serving

Please Note: Chatham County Literacy Council volunteer needs can be found on page 3.

IV. Housing/Shelter ... & More

A. Habitat for Humanity – Chatham County

Website: <http://chathamhabitat.org/>

- **Brief Description:** On Saturday work days, help construct adequate housing for low income families

Contact: Ed Harland (edharland@aol.com; 919-933-4843)

Volunteer requirements: No construction experience necessary. Must be over 16 years old.

Time Commitment: Usually 3-4 hours

Spiritual Gifts: **Mercy, Serving**

B. Habitat for Humanity – Orange County

Website: <http://www.orangehabitat.org/>

- **Brief Description:** On Saturday work days, help construct adequate housing for low income families.

Contact: John Germain (johnf.germain@gmail.com)

Volunteer requirements: No construction experience necessary. Must be over 16 years old.

Time Commitment: Usually 3-4 hours

Spiritual Gifts: **Mercy, Serving**

C. Shepherd's Helpers

- **Brief Description:** Who are they? They're Christ Church men & women committed to helping the elderly and physically challenged remain independent and live safely in their homes. Shepherd's Helpers will assist with simple maintenance items like changing light bulbs, testing smoke alarm batteries, changing/cleaning heating/ac filters and more. Shepherd's Helpers will also provide handyman services including hanging pictures, minor house-hold repairs, set up & troubleshooting of electronic equipment (TVs, VCRs, music equipment, etc.), and plumbing repairs (minor clogs, running toilet, faucet repair, shower head replacement, etc.). For larger home improvement projects, they can also assist homeowners in negotiating with contractors.

Contact: Paul Ising (pdising@nc.rr.com; 919-200-5637)

Volunteer requirements: Handy with home repair of various sorts and able to enlist friends to help; have own tools

Time Commitment: Varies

Spiritual Gifts: **Encouragement, Serving**

D. Firewood/Storm Clean Up

- **Brief Description:** Cutting, splitting and stacking firewood for use in homes where people rely on fire burning stoves for heat. Camp Chestnut Ridge has plenty of firewood to be cut, split and stacked, and is delighted with the prospect of it being used for heating people's homes. Volunteers may be asked to cut downed trees and clean up storm debris, too.

Contact: Ken Reeb (kreeb@carolwoods.org)

Volunteer requirements: Able to cut and move firewood; provide your own transportation for moving and delivering the firewood

Time Commitment: Varies

Spiritual Gifts: **Serving**

E. School Repairs/Improvements at Frank Porter Graham Elementary

- **Brief Description:** At Frank Porter Graham, volunteers are needed for special projects like room painting, landscape maintenance, and basic construction.

Contact: Deon Roach (droach@christmethodist.org)

Volunteer requirements: Depends on the project

Time Commitment: Varies by project

Spiritual Gifts: **Giving, Serving**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

This tool is designed to use your answers to the following statements to shed light on which spiritual gifts you are blessed with. Knowing this may help you identify the kinds of ministry or service that you may be best suited for and find the most rewarding. To complete the inventory, please respond to each statement (using the scale below) based on how true these statements are of your life experience, both past and present, not as you wish you would be. Then transfer your answers to the chart on the next page.

- 4 = Always true of me
3 = Usually true of me
2 = Moderately true of me
1 = Occasionally true of me
0 = Not at all true of me

1. _____ I feel compelled to help people in need and find I am more blessed for doing so.
2. _____ I enjoy directing other people's work.
3. _____ People learn easily from me.
4. _____ I like to counsel people on a short-term basis.
5. _____ I am good at making others feel welcome and comfortable.
6. _____ I prefer ministering by myself rather than in a group.
7. _____ My financial resources are above average.
8. _____ I like to recruit and lead people.
9. _____ I enjoy working with children.
10. _____ I am an expert at inspiring and motivating people.
11. _____ One-on-one relationships are important to me.
12. _____ I enjoy using my talents and skills to help various ministries.
13. _____ Need someone to help out a good cause? Ask me for a donation. God compels me to give.
14. _____ I enjoy being responsible for the success of the group.
15. _____ I am a good listener.
16. _____ Discouraged people are encouraged by my words.
17. _____ I look for ways to help the unfortunate and downtrodden.
18. _____ I love the challenge of accomplishing a goal.
19. _____ Everything I have is a gift from God and I seek out ways to share those gifts with others.
20. _____ Deadlines challenge me, and I usually meet them on time.
21. _____ I am good at teaching and explaining so that people understand.
22. _____ I am usually very comforting and caring in a practical and helpful way.
23. _____ My heart goes out to people who are hurting and I am moved to action.
24. _____ I often volunteer my time and talents to worthwhile causes.
25. _____ When I see someone in need, I will share whatever I have with him or her.
26. _____ People can count on me to help with projects and tasks.
27. _____ Whenever I learn something new, I am thinking about how I might share that new knowledge with others.
28. _____ I have a knack for helping others get back on track.
29. _____ I don't expect repayment for favors I do for others.
30. _____ If you need something built or fixed, bring it to me.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY SCORE SHEET 2015

Please transcribe your answer to each statement in the inventory to the appropriate space below; then, total the scores in each row. These totals will suggest which spiritual gifts you have been most blessed with.

ANSWERS						ROW TOTAL	SPIRITUAL GIFT
1. _____	7. _____	13. _____	19. _____	25. _____	_____		GIVING
2. _____	8. _____	14. _____	20. _____	26. _____	_____		GUIDANCE
3. _____	9. _____	15. _____	21. _____	27. _____	_____		TEACHING
4. _____	10. _____	16. _____	22. _____	28. _____	_____		ENCOURAGEMENT
5. _____	11. _____	17. _____	23. _____	29. _____	_____		MERCY
6. _____	12. _____	18. _____	24. _____	30. _____	_____		SERVING

Explanation of Short Spiritual Gifts Inventory

A. GIVING

You contribute material resources and do God's work openly and cheerfully. You contribute sacrificially, motivate others, and are open about your faith. (*Romans 12:13*— "Share with God's people.")

B. GUIDANCE

You lead and communicate in such a way that people work harmoniously to reach goals for God's purpose. You enjoy being a leader and can endure adverse reaction to get the job done. You enjoy seeing tasks completed, are able to set guidelines, schedules, and policies, and can delegate to get the work done. (*Romans 8:14* - "I am led by the Spirit of God for I am a child of God.")

C. TEACHING

You are a good communicator and listen well. You like working with people to help others learn. You inspire confidence and are good at helping others grow and develop their own abilities. Learning and teaching practical information is your desire. (*Romans 12:11* – "Keep spiritual fervor.")

D. ENCOURAGEMENT

You minister by giving comfort, consolation, and encouragement so people feel helped and healed. Problems are only challenges, and you are drawn to those seeking spiritual growth. You can share personal failures to prompt others to talk. (*Romans 12:12* – "Joyful, patient, and faithful.")

E. MERCY

You feel compassion for those who are suffering and perform deeds to reflect God's love. You are naturally drawn to hurting people; you are sensitive, giving, loving and desire healing. This gift is compassion, and you carry it out through actions and ministering with love and understanding. Skilled at gaining the trust of those in need, you enjoy finding ways to comfort others. (*Romans 12:15-16* – "Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with mourners, and live in harmony.")

F. SERVING

You see needs and enjoy responding. You can identify solutions and contribute to resolution, doing so with an eye to servant leadership. You can work on your own or with a team, and you possess endurance and stamina, even when the work is hard and the issues are complex. (*1 Peter 4:10* - "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.")

Please refer to the GOoD WORKS information booklet for a list of service opportunities that make use of your spiritual gifts.

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GOoD WORKS Spoken Word
by Sarah Cameron

If we disappear, would it be seen?
My guess is that the Holy Spirit wouldn't be too keen-
Who would pray, preach, clean and glean?

What would it mean if we weren't here? Would the community feel that Jesus
was far or near?

How do we do GOoD WORKS?
Don't just sit in a chair,
Pray and motivate yourself to *get out there*-

Help us make this concept come to light; bring your gifts close to sight-

Focus on the need, it's right here; Show up, don't disappear-

Have a mulling moment, be quiet and pray; Let's jumpstart our congregation, and
become Jesus's disciples today!