



The Good Samaritan Challenge

1. Read the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) three times pausing after each time to reflect on the parts of the passage that speak to you and what you believe God is saying to you. If you are participating with young children, read one of the following books to the children:
 - *God Loves the World*, by Gary Bower
 - *God's Big Plan*, by Elizabeth Caldwell
 - *In God's Name*, by Sandy Sasso
 - *Who is My Neighbor?* by Amy Jill Levine
2. Call Janet Dinelli at janetd@shepherds-table.org or 919.831.2017 to volunteer to serve at Shepherd's Table.
3. Contact Gerard McNeill at emeraldpointe04@yahoo.com to serve at Open Doors on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at Good Shepherd.
4. Bake and take a meal or dessert to an unfamiliar neighbor.
5. If you know of someone who is struggling with a health issue or has recently had a baby, take them a meal.
6. Bring a snack tray to work to share with your colleagues and invite them to Good Shepherd.
7. Give away household items (not junk) on Craigslist or on Facebook.
8. Send a note of appreciation to someone who has done something special or remarkable even if you don't know the person personally.
9. Offer to babysit for free to someone you know personally.
10. Live near Wake Tech or NCSU? Get permission to give away pizza in the main lobby of one of the dorms and invite the students to Good Shepherd.
11. Go to a local laundromat and offer to pay for people to laundry their clothes.
12. Volunteer at the Raleigh Rescue Mission at <https://www.raleighrescue.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/volunteer-sign-up/>
13. Volunteer at the Raleigh Dream Center (a favorite of the youth) at <http://raleighdreamcenter.org/volunteer/>. Jeremy Porras is the contact person.
14. Contact a local nursing home and offer to visit guest or send a note of encouragement.
15. Buy gift certificates and give them to people you encounter or give them to clergy to share with people in need.
16. Offer to participate in Family Promise by providing food or offering to spend a night. The website is <https://www.familypromisewake.org> or contact Marguerite Sullivan at mjissul@yahoo.com for more information.
17. Offer to visit your local firefighters to bring them treats or a meal.
18. Contact Patrice Walence at pwalence@gmail.com to participate on Meals on Wheels.
19. Find a local business you really appreciate. Give gift baskets or gift cards to employees thanking them for their service and kindness to their patrons.
20. Give away potted plants or tulip bulbs to neighbors near and wide. Knock on their door and introduce yourself. If they are not home, leave the item at the door with a card inviting them to church.
21. Purchase a meal or a beverage for someone in a restaurant or coffee shop.
22. Make a pledge to the Sure Foundation campaign on the CGS website.
23. Leave a collection of change at your local library and instruct the employees to use it for anyone who has an overdue fine.
24. Send a note of encouragement or call the parishioners on our prayer list. Their names are listed in the bulletin and their addresses can be found on our website under MoreàCommunicationsàParish DocumentsàMember Directory. The password is stewardship.
25. Contact Mother Cheryl at Cheryl.mcfadden@cgs-raleigh.org to volunteer teach children and youth Sunday school, chaperone EYC events, or help with Splash gatherings.
26. Sign up to bring refreshments for the reception after the services with Karen Somerville at ksomerville03@gmail.com. Add a personal note to each refreshment.
27. Post only +positive+ content on social media.
28. Purchase school supplies and book bags for children and youth and donate them to a local school.
29. Visit someone in the hospital, rehab center, or nursing home.
30. Visit the website for the military community, Operation We are Here, at <http://www.operationwearehere.com/index.html> and consider participating in one of the activities.