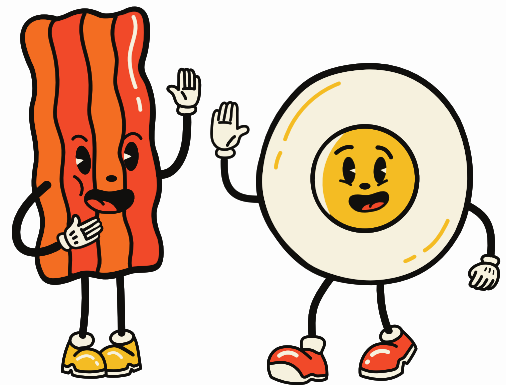
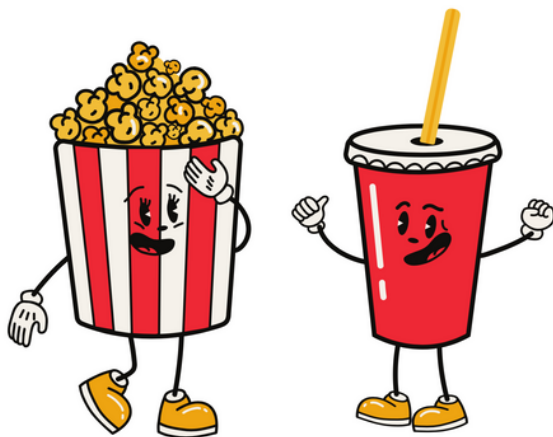
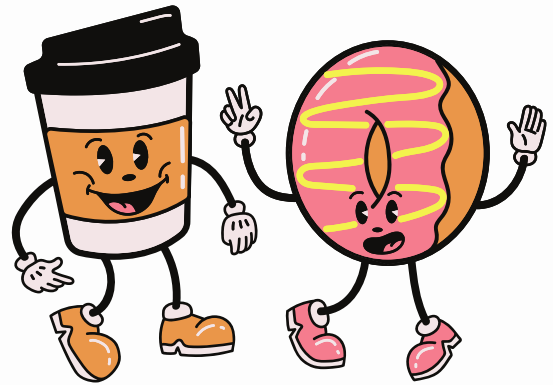
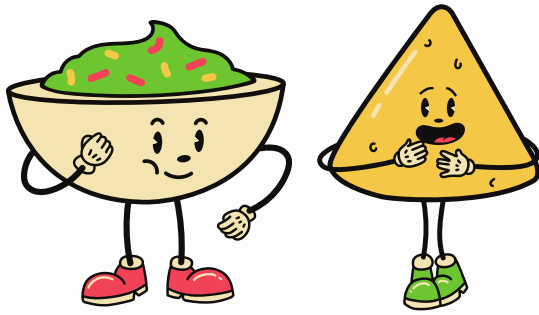
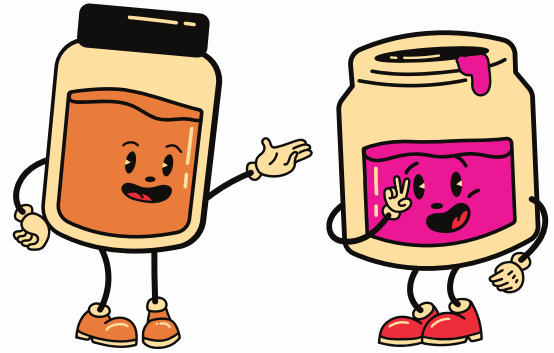
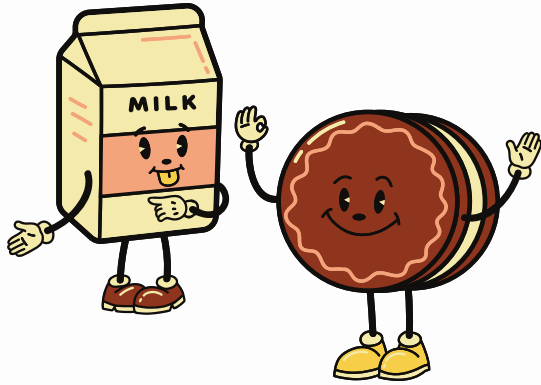


# SERVING MENU



FIND YOUR MATCH



# DEAR MIDTOWN,

One of the most beautiful things about God is that he serves others. Philippians 2 tells us that Jesus, "being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant."

In a world that values getting people to serve you, Jesus demonstrated that God does the exact opposite. Though he has all the power, he chose to lay down his life for us.

The way Jesus served us is much more than just a good example to follow. Jesus' service is actually what empowers and equips us to serve others. Through his death and resurrection, he has freed our hearts to love Him and live for others. Because of Jesus, we can say, along with Psalm 119:32, "I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free."

In addition, through Jesus' service, we have been gifted with the ability to serve others in his name. He has given us the Holy Spirit and he has given us spiritual gifts. Now, we are called to "use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

We have put together this Serving Menu to help you identify ways to use the gifts you have received from God to serve others. It contains a list of ways you can serve our church family and/or our city this coming year.

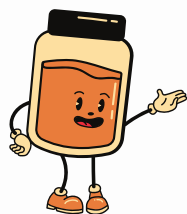
Our hope is that you will "find your match" as you prayerfully consider how God has gifted you to serve others. When you do, you can sign up to join that service team by following the instructions at the end of this booklet.

Our prayer is that God's love and service will continue to compel each of us to practice the way of Jesus together. For as we become more like Jesus, Austin will become more like heaven.

May his kingdom come,  
Jake Box

JESUS CALLED THEM TOGETHER AND SAID,  
"YOU KNOW THAT THOSE WHO ARE REGARDED AS  
RULERS OF THE GENTILES LORD IT OVER THEM,  
AND THEIR HIGH OFFICIALS EXERCISE  
AUTHORITY OVER THEM.

NOT SO WITH YOU.



INSTEAD,

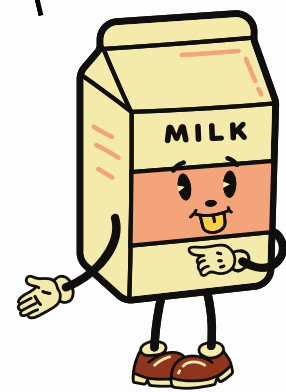
WHOEVER WANTS TO BECOME GREAT  
AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT,  
AND WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST  
MUST BE SLAVE OF ALL.



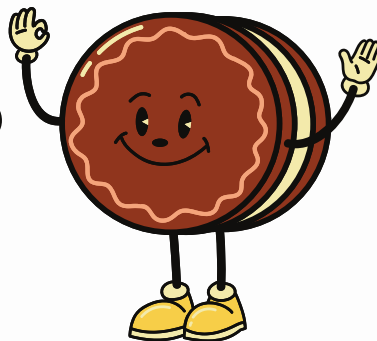
FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN  
DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED,  
BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS  
LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."

MARK 10:42-25

SERVICE  
TEAM



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# TEAMS THAT SERVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*Dear friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.*

**1 John 4:11**

# MIDTOWN KIDS TEAM

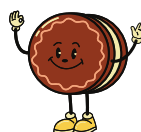
This team loves and serves our children and families. Teams of 2 or 3 volunteers work together in a class to teach our kids or care for our babies.

Lessons and supplies are prepared for you.

**COMMITMENT:** Serve on a rotation of 2 weeks on and 4 weeks off for the next ministry year. Attend the Midtown Kids Training on Sunday, September 8th.



## SERVING ROLES:



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

### NURSERY

Tend to the needs of babies (feeding, changing diapers, and soothing) ranging from 8 weeks to 1 year old, while praying for each little one.

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### CLASS 1 (1 TO 2 YEARS OLD)

Follow a simple lesson plan aimed to engage toddlers with the gospel through play, music, storytelling, crafts, and prayer.

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### CLASS 2 (3 YEAR OLDS)

Follow a provided lesson plan aimed to engage older toddlers with the gospel using games, Bible teaching, music, prayer, and crafts.

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### CLASS 3 (PRE-K TO 1ST GRADE)

Follow a provided lesson plan aimed to help you make Jesus' love known in a fun and engaging way.

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### CLASS 4 (2ND TO 5TH GRADE)

Follow a provided lesson plan aimed to help you make Jesus' love known in a fun and engaging way while modeling for them what it looks like to trust Jesus.

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### MIDTOWN KIDS WORSHIP LEADER

Engage children in worship by leading them in energetic kid-friendly songs and prayer.

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# HOSPITALITY TEAMS

These teams work together to make our worship gatherings welcoming and to provide care for our church family.

**COMMITMENT:** Volunteers serve once to twice a month, depending on the team. Training is required for Greeters, Security, and Tech Teams.



## SERVING ROLES:



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

### GREETER TEAM

This team greets people as they arrive on Sunday mornings, distributes the connection cards, and helps people feel seen and welcomed. Volunteers serve twice a month.

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### TREATS TEAM

This team brings the tasty treats we enjoy on Sunday mornings. They purchase or prepare small snacks to serve about 30 people. Volunteers serve once a month.

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### A/V & TECH TEAM

This team runs sound and slides and helps stream the service online. No experience necessary. Training provided.

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### GREEN TEAM

Each week 2 people on this team collect our coffee mugs after the worship gathering, take them home to wash them, and return them the following Sunday. Volunteers serve once a month.

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### CLEANUP TEAM

This team serves from 12:00-12:30 on Sundays to cleanup after our worship gathering, gather signs, and reset classrooms.

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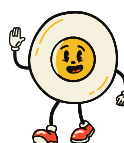
# MORE HOSPITALITY TEAMS

These teams work together to make our worship gatherings welcoming and to provide care for our church family.

**COMMITMENT:** Volunteers serve twice a month, except for the Green Team and Treats Team who serve once a month.



**SERVING  
ROLES:**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED:**

## SECURITY TEAM

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This team works to make Sunday mornings safe and welcoming by watching the front and back doors during our worship gathering and keeping a protective eye on Midtown kids and the congregation. They are part of a text chain on Sunday mornings to communicate with each other, and two people serve at the doors each Sunday. The security team serves once a month.

## CARES TEAM

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The Cares Team extends the love of Jesus to people in our church community who are going through a difficult season. Volunteers proactively reach out to individuals to understand their needs and how the church can best support them.

### **There are two ways to serve with the Cares Team.**

You can be a "Point of Contact" volunteer, contacting people to check in on them and see what they need. Or you can join the "Serve Team," making yourself available to use your gifts and resources to serve as needs arise and when you are available.

## PARKING LOT WELCOME TEAM

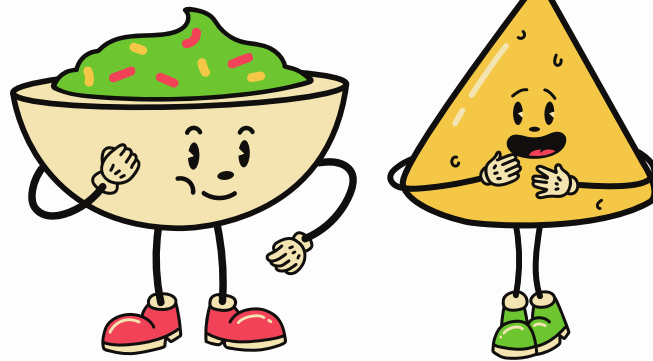
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The Parking Lot Welcome Team is the front face of Midtown Church, welcoming people and assisting visitors with parking. Two volunteers serve in the parking lots each week from 10:15 to 10:45 AM. Volunteers serve once a month.



SERVICE  
TEAM

YOU



# TEAMS THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.*

**James 2:8**

# SERVE AUSTIN TEAMS

Volunteer with a non-profit we support and/or the local school we serve.

**COMMITMENT:** The time commitment and training requirements vary depending on the team you join. Each team requires and provides training.



## SERVING ROLES:



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

### READING PARTNER AT RIDGETOP ELEMENTARY

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Reading Partners will be paired with one or two Ridgetop Elementary students and will read with each student weekly to help them begin reading on grade level. The commitment is for one hour, one day a week, during the school year.

### HELPING HAND HOME

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Volunteers serve the foster children at Helping Hand Home weekly for about an hour. Volunteer opportunities range from helping children with homework, playing games, or helping with bedtime routines.

### WORLD RELIEF

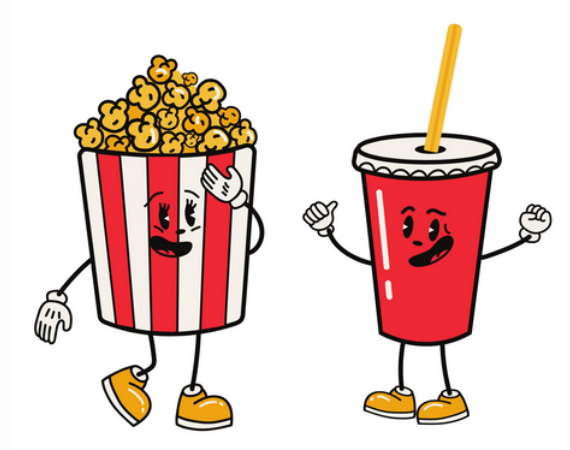
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Midtown works with World Relief to provide a comprehensive support system for refugee families. Volunteers partner with our existing Good Neighbor Team to welcome a refugee family to Austin and assist in their adjustment for six months after their arrival. The team works together to serve refugee families by picking them up from the airport, setting up their apartments, providing transportation to medical appointments, assisting with legal documents, and much more.

### SAFE FAMILIES

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Safe Families pairs volunteers with families in crisis to build a circle of support for children and parents. Volunteers have the opportunity to serve by hosting children in their homes for a short period of time, offering counsel and care to parents, or providing resources that the family needs.



**FIND YOUR MATCH?**  
USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN-UP.



You can also sign-up for a team via Midtown's website [midtownaustin.org/serve](https://midtownaustin.org/serve) or by using the Connection Card.

*We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-3**



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