

Serve in 2015



“A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to every one.”

Martin Luther

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Depending on who you talk to, it seems that 'volunteerism' is either on the rise or on the wane in our society. But whatever the case really is, we highly value when a person gives themselves for a worthy cause and sacrifice themselves for others.

And yet, there can be lots of motivations at work, when a person serves others. Our hearts are complex and deceitful and there could be many different motivations at work:

- *Compassion* - emotionally moved by the needs of others.
- *Guilt* - feeling guilty for having an over-indulgent lifestyle or wanting to 'make it up to God'.
- *Force* - the need to perform a certain number of 'community service hours' or even because it's your job.
- *Pride* - wanting to prove yourself in front of others.

All these motivations in the end aren't sustainable or are self-serving. But the essence of Christian service is very different. We give ourselves for others not because 'it's the right thing to do' or because we'd feel guilty if we didn't, or because somebody suggested it. The motivation is this—*We serve because Jesus has served us*. We have nothing to pay back or prove, and yet in Christ we're now free to give our life away. Here's the truth that we need to keep going back to as we think about serving others:

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus, Matthew 20:26-28

On the following page are some opportunities that you have to serve in the community life of Eatons Hill Presbyterian Church. A few things on the list are to do with our Sunday meeting, but not all. When we deeply know that Jesus came to serve us, there's no end to the opportunities we have to lay down our life for others.

Garnet Swann

Ways You Can Serve in 2015

Tick as many different areas as you like. If you're interested in an area but you're not sure what the role means and what training is provided, do let us know. We'll get back to you asap with all that sort of information. After hearing more, you can then make the decision if you want to serve in that particular ways.

Helping to Set up & Pack Away	
Morning Tea	
Help on the Tech Desk	
KidzBiz Helper or Leader	
Public Prayer	
Public Bible Reading	
Connect Team (Welcoming)	
Growth Group Host	
RE Helper at Eatons Hill State School	
Helping with the Committee of Management (oversight of finances, insurance, equipment etc. This group gets elected every year)	

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