



REACHING OUT TO SERVE

I. Your faith was made to _____ you in a way that makes a difference.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

II. Reaching out to serve those in need _____ the heart of God.

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27*

BIBLICAL REASONS WHY WE REACH OUT TO SUPPORT LIFE

1. God is the creator of life and creates people in His image. *(Gen 1:26-27)*
2. God explicitly commands us not to murder. *(Ex 20:13)*
3. God's law established severe punishment for those who don't protect life, including the unborn. *(Gen 9:6; Ex 21:22-23)*
4. Jesus values a human soul greater than other aspects of His creation. *(Matt 6:26; Mk 8:36)*
5. Jesus says He came to give people an abundant life. *(Jn 10:10)*



III. Reaching out in _____ service can change the direction of multiple lives.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

BEGIN YOUR _____ MINISTRY IN 2020 BY REACHING OUT TO SERVE

Reaching out requires bold _____, not waiting for a feeling or an invitation.

WHO? _____

Reaching out requires gracious _____, valuing people for who they are, not what they give you.

HOW? _____

Reaching out requires relentless _____, not giving up on what God can do.

WHEN? _____



HOME GROUP STUDY

1. In what ways have you noticed that God has gifted you to serve others in need? In what ways are you definitely not gifted? Does it make a difference whether we're gifted or not in order to serve others?

2. Why is Christ Chapel pro-life?

3. What different kinds of pro-life issues have you seen in the media more often lately? Why do you think these types of stories are becoming more prevalent?

4. How have you been encouraged lately by the Lord to not give up regarding pro-life issues in our culture?

5. In what ways does your faith move you to make a difference in the world? How has the Lord expanded your understanding of how He wants you to take His hope to others?

6. What steps did the sermon encourage you to take in the next few weeks regarding your service to others? What initiative do you need to take? How can you be more generous? How can you persevere? (Be sure to fill in the blanks under WHO, HOW and WHEN on your sermon notes, and make a plan to follow through.)

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his ...

PSALM 100:3

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you ..."

JEREMIAH 1:5

"The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return that gift ungratefully and unopened."

FROM *ABORTION: THE SILENT HOLOCAUST*
BY JOHN JOSEPH POWELL, 1981

"To speak publicly about pro-life issues requires a firm sense of what is right and wrong and a firm sense of the ambiguity of our lives as humans. It requires not only a repudiation of the sins of abortion and euthanasia, but a willingness to grapple with the structures of sin erected by our society that make the choice for death sometimes seem so reasonable."

"ON BECOMING PUBLICLY PRO-LIFE"
BY MYLES N. SHEEHAN, *AMERICA* MAGAZINE,
MARCH 21, 1998

"It all seemed so wrong. I said to myself, 'Somebody ought to do something about this!' Then I realized that I am somebody."

ANONYMOUS

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP AND SERVE. If you've been connected at Christ Chapel for a while, take your next step and find a place to serve! Text "CCBCServe" to 555-888 for a few ideas and suggestions.

JOIN A HOME GROUP! Home groups of all shapes, sizes and ages gather across the city on almost every night of the week for community and Bible study. Scan the QR code on today's insert to sign up now, or come to Group Link next Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. RSVP for Group Link at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR THRIVE. Thrive is a discipleship program that takes you to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and teaches you to embrace the freedom found only in Christ. Ready to grow in 2020? Apply at www.cbcfamily.org/thrive.

LADIES, JOIN US FOR "WHERE IS GOD?" THIS TUESDAY, JAN. 21. Ever wonder if what you spend your days doing has any true meaning? At "Where Is God?" you'll hear several Christ Chapel women share how they catch glimpses of God in their everyday work. You'll be inspired by their stories and equipped to start seeing God in your own work as well. Register for dinner (\$10) at www.cbcfamily.org/events. The event is 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Oak Room.

HELP KIDDOS GET ADOPTED AT THE HOPE FORT WORTH MATCH EVENT. On Monday, Jan. 27 we're hosting an event at the West Campus for families to meet with agencies who represent children waiting to be adopted. Each child needs a table decorated to represent them—who they are, what they like, etc.—so families can get to know them. Sign up to decorate a table, welcome guests, serve food and more at www.cbcfamily.org/hopecfw.

REGISTER FOR "THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE." This Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 Dallas Theological Seminary is offering a new learning experience, "The Story of Scripture," here at Christ Chapel. The mini-conference will teach you to see the threads that run throughout the Bible, Genesis to Revelation, and start to understand what God is doing and saying in all 66 books. Register at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

ARTISTS, WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CREATIONS IN ART REACH 2020! If you are an artist (of any age), we want you to submit your work for this year's gallery, open the weekend of Feb. 28 through March 1. Submit your work by Thursday, Jan. 30 at www.cbcfamily.org/artreach.

LET'S SERVE OUR SCHOOLS! Make a difference in the life of a child or teacher this year! You can mentor a student, help a child improve their reading, assist a teacher with small classroom needs and more. Email Cathy at CathyS@christchapelbc.org to sign up.

MAKE IT FACEBOOK OFFICIAL. From encouraging sermon clips and worship videos to event info and looks behind the scenes, we're always posting something new on Facebook. Search "Christ Chapel Bible Church" to like and follow the page today!

Jesus Christ offers healing and hope to anyone touched by the devastation of abortion.

Psalm 25:7, 32:5, 51:17, 103:8-12, 86:4-7; Proverbs 28:13-14; Isaiah 44:22-23, 55:6-7; Micah 7:18-19; Luke 7:47-50; Romans 8:1; Ephesians 1:7-8; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Jn 1:9