

## SERVE PASTOR REPORT

At LSCC, we believe that serve is a core commitment in taking steps to know and become like Jesus. We define serve at LSCC as engaging in an intentional lifestyle of service to others. For us to truly understand what serve is, we must also recognize what serve is not. At times, serve has been minimized to a single action step or a “spot to fill.” Though it is important to identify roles and invite people to serve in specific areas, we believe that to serve isn’t just about “filling a spot,” but rather becoming a servant at a heart level. This is why LSCC offers hundreds of different ways to serve, but we are not limited to these areas. We believe that by becoming a servant, we will change the way we live our lives. We become servants in our homes, our work, our schools, our neighborhoods - everywhere we are.

### Serve Overview

If we are to serve everywhere we are, then we are to serve in the church, outside of the church, and where we live our lives. We have identified some great next steps here at LSCC to serve. We believe by being a part of the LSCC, we should also serve at LSCC, AS WELL AS serve the community where we live.

### How does LSCC lead and support serve?

1. **Sunday message:** We teach about it. We believe that for us to truly take steps to know and become like Jesus we must serve just as He did, so we regularly call one another to the commitment of serve.
2. **Serve on-ramps/events:** Each season brings with it unique serve opportunities at LSCC and the community. These typically happen once a year and function as on-ramps or potential next steps to take into the serve commitment.
3. **Serve groups:** We believe that when our hearts are stirred to serve in certain areas, there are likely others feeling the call to serve in the same way. We want to help bring groups of people together who share common serve interests so they can experience community, support, and engagement together through serve groups. For more information about Serve Groups at LSCC visit [www.lscckc.org/servegroups](http://www.lscckc.org/servegroups)
4. **Serve Partnership:** We have identified five incredible existing organizations that are serving our community well in various ways. We want to partner with people and organizations that are already doing, and doing well, what God is stirring within our own hearts. Each partnership has a liaison from our church that has been identified as a point person to help support and invite others to join their organization. Our hope is for each of us, whether individually, as a family, or even a small group, to take a next step and serve our community in some capacity, whether this happens within our Serve Partnerships or elsewhere in our community. For more information about Serve Partnerships at LSCC go to [www.lscckc.org/serve-partnerships](http://www.lscckc.org/serve-partnerships)

5. **Serve Honduras:** At LSCC, we have identified our expression of the Great Commission through focusing on one international focus - Honduras. We accomplish this through partnering with the local church in San Pedro Sula and joining them in their vision for their communities. Since 2010, we have been able to send over 100 people from LSCC to Honduras. We have built six homes, rebuilt and built after-school programs called 'Children Development Centers (CDI)', have provided medical care through medical trips, sent a full-time missionary to Honduras, and are identifying ways to teach, train, and equip life skill leadership classes. These opportunities are made possible through financial giving, providing supplies, traveling to Honduras, praying, or sponsoring a child from Honduras. For more information about Honduras and about sponsoring a child, please go to [www.lscckc.org/serve-honduras](http://www.lscckc.org/serve-honduras).

## A Look Back: 2016-2017

1. **Sunday Morning Serve Team:**

Beginning in the fall of 2016, we realigned our First Impressions Ministry with our vision of "taking steps," by creating the Sunday Morning Serve Team. Through this team, we have seen over 75 people take a next step to serve on the Sunday Morning Serve Team and have seen a culture shift take place within LSCC to become a more welcoming church. This team includes our parking lot team, greeters, auditorium hosts (formerly known as ushers), café, and our Next Steps Center hosts.

2. **Next Steps Center:**

We had our official soft launch of the Next Steps Center, located in the main lobby, in December 2016. Since our launch, the Next Steps Center has become a catalytic tool for people to discover a potential next step from the message and interweave the message into their daily life. This has happened through conversations, selling books, inviting people to join short-term groups, and creating an environment to help point people toward a potential next step, as well as assisting guests.

3. **Directing traffic:**

2016-17 created a season of road construction at LSCC. SW Jefferson has been under construction our entire fiscal year, and this has helped create opportunities for our church to shine in assisting people coming to our church building. We have also used this as an opportunity to connect with our neighbors.

4. **Café:**

Starting February 2017, we have been serving and selling all Honduran coffee in our café. This coffee supports our schools in Honduras and our efforts there. We have also established the café as a great place for community.

5. [Partnership Ministries:](#)

Through our partnership ministries we have seen most of our small groups engage within our community, from donating Thanksgiving baskets to fundraising events to supporting a single mom as she moves from homelessness to self-sufficiency. There are countless stories to be told. Visit us at [www.lscckc.org/lsccestories](http://www.lscckc.org/lsccestories) to hear some incredible stories of life transformation. Do you have a story to share? We want to hear about it! Visit [www.lscckc.org/lsccestories](http://www.lscckc.org/lsccestories).

6. [Serve Our City:](#)

For the past several years, LSCC has provided Thanksgiving meals to local families. In 2016, we were able to give 200 meals to families through our Partnership Ministries, Care Ministry at LSCC, and our neighbors in the apartment complex next door.

7. [Pleasant Lea Elementary School:](#)

In 2016-2017, we had several opportunities to partner with PLE through providing Christmas for families of students at PLE and providing Thanksgiving baskets for them as well. This took place through the generosity of LSCC Kids.

8. [Vacation Bible School:](#)

We challenged our VBS kids to raise money (bring in their loose change) to benefit Rachel House as their mission focus for VBS week. By the end of the week, VBS kids had raised over \$2,000 for Rachel House. In addition to the offering, kids learned about Rachel House and were given opportunities to serve Rachel House as well.

9. [Honduras:](#)

This year, we opened up our third Children's Development Center (CDI) in Los Cruces that serves 25 children. LSCC led four trips to Honduras this year and served four communities by meeting medical needs. We also provided water to a second public school in a new community called Tela. We are continuing to build support for our three CDI's through a sponsorship program that is being developed. If you are interested in learning more about Honduras or supporting a child, please go to [www.lscckc.org/serve-honduras](http://www.lscckc.org/serve-honduras).

## A look ahead: 2017-2018

1. [ServeU:](#)

A couple of Sundays a year, we raise the commitment of serve and point people to discover specific "Next Steps" in areas where they might be interested in serving. On these Sundays, the message will be themed toward serve, a handout outlining current serve opportunities is distributed to the church family, and people representing different serve opportunities both at LSCC and through our Partnership are in the main

lobby to speak face-to-face with people who are interested in serving in the area they represent. Our next two ServeU's are:

- a. August 27, 2017
- b. January 28, 2018

2. [Serve Tour Dates:](#)

Committing to serve in an area or organization can seem a bit overwhelming. A Serve Tour is just a simple way for you to come and see where you could serve, hear stories from people who are already serving, and experience a simple invitation to serve in these areas – a 'test drive' of sorts. We will remind you of these dates in our program as well. For more information about these opportunities go to [www.lscckc.org/serve](http://www.lscckc.org/serve).

3. [Serve Our City:](#)

Each year, we provide Thanksgiving meals to people in our community. There are many ways to support Serve Our City, from giving financially, assembling baskets and/or delivering baskets. For more information, please contact [travis.bourbon@lscckc.org](mailto:travis.bourbon@lscckc.org).

4. [Event-specific serve opportunities:](#)

Each season presents unique opportunities for us to serve our community. Each year we are able to serve our community through events like: Pumpkin Palooza (a focus on our kids ministry), Serve Our City (providing Thanksgiving meals to our community), Christmas Offering (a call to generosity), and Chili Bowl (a focus on LSCC Students). More information about specific opportunities will be provided in the program as we get closer to these events.

5. [Honduras Mission Trips:](#)

The exact details and location of these trips are TBA at the time of this printing, but following is some general information:

- a. [Leadership Camp](#) for Elementary school children. January 5-12, 2018. Estimated cost \$1600. Contact Audrey Lanier at [allanier423@gmail.com](mailto:allanier423@gmail.com).
- b. [Medical Trip](#)- Spring break, 2018. Desired skills are nurses, medics, NP's, or physicians. Estimated cost is \$1600. Contact Shawn Morkert at [shawn.morkert@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.morkert@gmail.com).
- c. [Women's Trip](#)- End of May/beginning of June, 2018. A group of women from LSCC will serve in orphanages, schools, hospitals, and elderly homes. Estimated cost is \$1600. Contact Kathy Morkert at [kathy.morkert@lscckc.org](mailto:kathy.morkert@lscckc.org) or Roxie Lanier at [rlynnla@gmail.com](mailto:rlynnla@gmail.com).
- d. [LSCC Students Trip](#)- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, 2018. Student must be in high school or middle school (middle school students must be accompanied by a parent). Estimated cost is \$1600. Contact Jeremy Lanning at [jeremy.lanning@lscckc.org](mailto:jeremy.lanning@lscckc.org).
- e. [Build Trip](#)- Last week of June. We will be building a house for a family that is identified from the church. This will be highly labor intensive. Estimated cost \$1600-\$2600. Contact Travis Bourbon at [travis.bourbon@lscckc.org](mailto:travis.bourbon@lscckc.org).

- f. *Medical Mission Trip*- August 25-31, 2018. Will be providing medical care for Copan. Desired skills are nurses, medics, NP's, or physicians. Estimated cost is \$1600. Contact Shawn Morkert at [shawn.morkert@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.morkert@gmail.com).
- g. *Medical Mission Trip*- September 22-28, 2018. Will be providing medical care for La Lima and Tela. Desired skills are nurses, medics, NP's, or physicians. Estimated cost is \$1600. Contact Erica Bourbon at [ericabourbon@hotmail.com](mailto:ericabourbon@hotmail.com).

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