

Plug-In Survey Descriptions

Below are detailed explanations of a few areas of interest listed on the Plug-In Survey. The numbers below match with each area that has an asterisk (*) next to it.

If there is a particular interest that is not listed on this sheet and you would like more information, please check Need More Info on the Plug-In Survey.

1. **Puppet Ministry:** Also known as *Church At Riverside Hands Of Praise (C.A.R.H.O.P)* is an amazing ministry that uses puppets and people to glorify God by singing songs, telling stories, or performing skits and interpretive movements. There are several ways to help in this ministry. You can help with the puppets, backstage, lighting, sound, promoting, acting, clean up, planning, etc. Please check this area of interest if you would be willing to get involved with this ministry in any way.
2. **Sewing/Making Costumes:** Do you have a skill of sewing or making costumes? We need your help to make clothes for the puppets. In the future, as we get a drama team together, we may need your help to make costumes for people in plays and skits.
3. **Greeting People At The Church:** This is needed on Sunday mornings and special events. We need people to stand at the entrance and greet people as they come into the church. We also need people to stand next to the sanctuary and hand bulletins out to members and visitors. This is a great way to meet other people in the church and help others feel welcome.
4. **Calling Visitors:** When visitors come to our church, they sign a visitor's log and leave their contact information. We need people to simply call the visitors later that week, thank them for coming and welcome them to *The Church At Riverside*.
5. **Scrapbooking:** We need people to help create greeting cards with various supplies, like pictures and calendar photos. If you enjoy scrapbooking and making creative cards, this would be a great way for you to help the church.
6. **Helping With Our Food Ministries:** We have three food ministries.
 - a. **Angel Food Ministry-** The Angel Food Ministry provides high quality food packages at extremely discounted rates to help anyone who needs cost-effective, healthy food for individuals or families. We need your help promoting this ministry to increase our food orders. We also need help on one Saturday of each month, to unload the food packages and help people as they come to pick-up the food.
 - b. **The Food Pantry-** We have a food pantry at the church that provides free food to people in need in our local community. You can help the food pantry by collecting, organizing or distributing the food.
 - c. **Matthew's Meals-** Matthew's Meals happens every Friday night from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. This is a collaborated effort between several churches. We prepare and serve a hot meal for people in need. You can help with transportation, preparation, serving or cleaning.

Please check this area of interest if you are willing to help in any way with our food ministries.

7. **Accountability Partners:** An accountability partner is an agreement between two people who want to live for God. The objective is for these two people to communicate and help each other stay focused on God's path. In today's world it is easy to fall into sin and stray away from God. An accountability partner is someone you should be able to talk to and share your struggles with. Accountability is simply being responsible for one's actions. As humans, we find support, comfort, and motivation from others who are struggling with similar life circumstances.

Christians need support and comfort and often find this through Christian accountability. There are two essential elements to accountability: trust and the ability to relate. *Galatians 6:1-2* gives a helpful principle, "*Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*" If your accountability friend has done something contrary to the Bible, you are called to confront him gently, forgive him, and comfort him. It also admonishes you to consider yourself because no one is above temptation.

Another aspect of Christian accountability is encouraging each other to grow in their spiritual maturity. *Hebrews 10:24* says, "*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*" *1 Thessalonians 5:11* says to, "...encourage one another and build each other up..."

Please check this area of interest if you want to become an accountability partner. We will then provide you with someone whom you might want to contact as an accountability partner. This is not someone whom you need to have a personal relationship with, but someone you can trust and relate with. The idea is to set up a time to meet or talk on the phone (once a week or twice a month) and see how each other are doing.

8. **Faith Finders:** Faith Finders are classes divided into separate age groups that meet every Sunday morning prior to church service. They meet from 9:45am-10:45am and then go to worship service at 11am. Please check which age groups you would willing to help with or teach.
9. **Extended Care:** We provide childcare for infants and children up to grade 5 during the time of worship on Sunday mornings at 11am. Our goal is to have people in rotation so volunteers can still attend worship service regularly. This way someone would help in extended care once every six weeks. If you can teach or help assist with the children, please check this area of interest.
10. **God's Boot Camp:** God's Boot Camp, also known as **G.B.C.** is part of extended care and is specifically for elementary school children. If you can teach or help assist with the children, please check this area of interest.
11. **Youth Group:** Youth Group also known as **Christ Crib**, meets every Thursday at the church from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please check this area if you are interested in teaching or helping with the youth as needed on Thursday nights.
12. **Vacation Bible School:** Also known as **V.B.S.** is a ministry to share God's word with children for one week in the summer. This is a time to share with them about God's love through many opportunities, such as crafts, recreation, music and small groups. Whether it's helping to serve snacks or willing to assist in teaching a small group, there is a place for you to help. Please check this area of interest if you would like help in any way during this week of sharing Jesus.
13. **Special Activities:** Throughout the year, we have many special activities like the Block Party, Movie Night or Retreats. Please check this area if you would be willing to help with any special events.
14. **Driving Church Van For Matthew's Meals:** Matthew's Meals takes place every Friday night from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We provide transportation and a meal for the needy. We need someone to help drive the church van to pick up people who want to come for a meal. Our church is only responsible for providing drivers twice a month. Please check this area if you would be willing to drive the church van once in a while on a Friday night.
15. **Driving Church Van On Sunday Mornings:** We provide transportation for people who can't get to the church on Sunday. As demand for this need increases, we will need more drivers to go pick up people and bring them to/from the church for worship service on Sundays. Please check this area if you are willing to drive on Sunday mornings.

16. **Providing Transportation To Doctor, Etc.:** There are times when someone is physically or financially unable to drive themselves for important doctor appointments, etc. Please check this area if you are willing to help drive someone every once in a while if they are in need.
17. **Preparing The Worship Area For Service:** Here at *The Church At Riverside*, we want to give God our best. Thus, it is important for our worship area to be clean and organized. We need people to come in on Saturday's and spend time organizing the chairs, making sure there are Bibles and welcome cards in every chair, and pick up any trash. Basically, make sure the worship area is looking its absolute best for God. Please check this area of interest if you are available anytime on Saturday to come in and prepare the worship area.
18. **Set Up For Communion And Other Special Occasions:** To be willing to help set up the communion table, candlelight services, etc prior to that time of worship, as well as being responsible for appropriate clean up.
19. **Women's Breakfast:** Once a month, the women get together for breakfast and fellowship. Please check this area of interest if you would like to help prepare breakfast for the women.
20. **Men's Breakfast:** On the last Saturday of each month, the men meet together at 8am for breakfast and fellowship. Please check this area of interest if you would like to help prepare breakfast for the men.
21. **Local Missions:** Be willing to volunteer in various ways to share God's love in action throughout our local community as mission opportunities arise.
22. **U.S. Missions:** Be willing to volunteer in various ways to share God's love in action throughout our United States as mission opportunities arise.
23. **Foreign Missions:** Be willing to volunteer in various ways to share God's love in action throughout the world as mission opportunities arise. (Africa Mission Trip/Mexico Mission Trip)
24. **Website:** Are you skilled at updating Myspace or Facebook pages? If so, we could use your help to keep our pages current. Check this area of interest if you would like to help with our various websites.
25. **Graphic Design:** Are you educated in graphic design principles or computer programs like Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator? We need your help creating anything from fliers to T-shirts. Check this area of interest if you would like to help with design.
26. **Bulletin Boards:** We have bulletin boards in the church hallway to keep members informed on current events and other news. We also keep it creatively decorated to match the seasons or holidays of each month. Check this area of interest if you would be willing to help decorate the bulletin boards.
27. **Newsletters:** We need someone to create monthly newsletters to be emailed to church members. Using a program like Constant Contact, you would be responsible for filling in ready-made templates with information about what's going on in our church each month.
28. **Promotions:** There are many events that we need promoted. For example, promoting the next puppet show, VBS, Faith Finder's classes or the Block Party. Check this area of interest if you would like to help promote by posting fliers, talking to people, Facebook posts or any creative way you can think of!