

# Connecting to Ministry



Serving Jesus in the Body of Christ

*For we are all God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*—Ephesians 2:10.*



## Why Serve?



Thank you for taking time to consider serving in a place of ministry at the Zillah Church of the Nazarene. Really it is about serving Jesus in a world that tends to look out for number one. Jesus did not come to “be served, but to serve...” (Matthew 20:28), and He also said, “Many who are first will be last, and the last first” (Mark 10:31). A lifestyle which includes loving your enemy and washing people’s feet does not square well with a culture and world where greed and violence share the headlines. And yet... a people who out of the overflow of their love for Jesus live a life of service, are exactly what is needed!

We invite you to find a place to serve that is a perfect fit for you, and discover the great joy God has for you as you serve Jesus within the Body of Christ with others. As we serve Jesus we will have a life-changing impact on our families, neighbors, and world.

# How to Get Involved in a Ministry That Fits...

*What ministry should I be involved in?*

*Is it time to move into a different area of  
ministry?*

*Where can God best use me at this time in  
my life?*

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church put together an easy-to-remember acrostic called S.H.A.P.E. to help people discover the God-ordained work for each person to do.

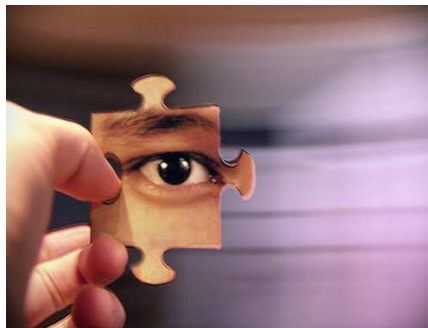
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Use the following evaluation to help you discover an area of ministry that fits.

### **Spiritual Gifts**

A spiritual gift is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the Body of Christ. We may have more than one spiritual gift, and they are different from natural talents. They are always used for the benefit of others to build the kingdom of God.

Gifts I believe I have:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I feel that I have these gifts because:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Heart**

Your heart is the real you, what you love to do, your passion. Your heart determines why you say, feel and act the way you do. Our unique emotional heartbeat races when it encounters activities, subjects or circumstances that interest us. We can choose to use this internal guidance system as a tool for ministry. Effective and enthusiastic people work in their passion area and have discovered the joy of being fulfilled. Look at your past accomplishments in order to identify those things in which you did well and enjoyed.

List some things you are good at and love doing:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

People compliment me when:

### **A bilities**

These are the abilities and knowledge we all have, but may not be aware of. We were born with some natural abilities that can be discovered by looking at our past accomplishments. The vocational skills we have are also usable in God's work for the benefit of the body. When God gives us a divine assignment, he equips us with his Spirit and abilities to carry it out. God places people with abilities he wants to minister in a church.

The following are my strongest abilities:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Other skills and/or abilities I'm learning and/or working on:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **P ersonality**

God has wired each of our temperaments in a unique way. Our personality can indicate the type of job and ministry God wants me to have. God also wants us to appreciate other people's personality differences; he seems to like variety!

This is how I see myself: (circle one of the two words for each comment)

1. Around others I am more:

RESERVED or OUTGOING

2. My decisions are based more on:

FACTS/THINKING or FEELINGS

3. in my relationships I tend to be more:

DEPENDENT ON OTHERS or INDEPENDENT

4. My use of time is more:

DETERMINED or SPONTANEOUS

One example of why I circled each of the above is...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **E xperience**

God uses our experiences to teach us to trust him, to build our character, and to accomplish his purposes as we allow him to use our experiences to minister to others. Since our greatest life message comes out of our weakness, not our strengths, we need to take a good look at our painful experiences and what our trials have taught us. God never wastes a hurt or bad experience. Along with these tough times are other experiences to draw on: spiritual experiences (meaningful times with God), educational experiences, and ways we have ministered in the past.

My spiritual experience is (how I became a follower of Jesus):

Some painful experiences that I've had:

A past experience I've learned from is:

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## **S.H.A.P.E.**

Consider the answers you have given in the survey. Consider your SHAPE and answer the following question:

If I could design a specific way to serve God around my personal SHAPE, and I knew I couldn't fail, it might be...

# Ministry Opportunities

On the following pages are some of the areas of ministry in the church to consider serving in. If you would like more information about one of these areas or to create a new area of ministry please contact Eric Stilwell, Sarah Friedrich, or the church office: [office@zillahnazarene.org](mailto:office@zillahnazarene.org) or 509-829-5338.

For every area of ministry initial and ongoing training will be provided.

## **Small Group Leader**

The Small Group Leader will gather a group of people together to live out God's Word with one another. The Leader will facilitate Bible or topical studies and encourage food, fellowship, fun, and doing ministry together.

## **Upward Soccer Co-Director**

The Co-Director will assist the director in developing and running the Upward Soccer Ministry

## **Van Driver**

The Van Driver will drive the van to pick up children in various neighborhoods in order to bring them to children's Ministries Activities on Sunday mornings, Wednesday Nights, and other special children's events.

## **Children's Church Leader**

The Children's Church Leader is responsible for planning and leading exciting weekly children's church services.

## **Children's Church Assistant**

The Children's Church Assistant is a "right arm" to the Children's Church Leader. As such, he or she will help keep order among the children in children's church and will assist with miscellaneous duties as needed.

**Odyssey Assistant**

The Odyssey Assistant is the right arm of the Odyssey Teacher. The Assistant must be prepared to fill in for the teacher when necessary and assist with coordinating class functions. The Assistant is expected to teach, reach, and minister to children, under the direction of the Teacher.

**Children's Ministry Activities Director**

The Children's Ministry Activities Director is responsible to plan and carry out special events and activities outside the normal children's church and Sunday school program. These activities should motivate and excite children, keeping them interested in the church and Christian life while offering them a safe environment for having fun.

**Children's Facilitator (teacher)**

The Children's Teacher is the "shepherd" of the class and is responsible to "keep watch over the flock" and oversee or coordinate all class leaders and functions. The Teacher is expected to teach, reach, and minister to children, with the help of other leaders within the class.

**Children's Facilitator Assistant**

The Children's Teacher Assistant is the right arm of the Children's Teacher. The Assistant must be prepared to fill in for the teacher when necessary and assist with "keeping watch over the flock" and coordinating class functions. The Assistant is expected to teach, reach, and minister to children, under the direction of the Teacher.

**Nursery Caregiver**

The Nursery Caregiver will provide proper care and nurturing to babies/toddlers during church services and special events.

**Puppet Director**

The Puppet Director is responsible to oversee the puppet ministry and ensure excellence in organization, skit content, and presentation. This arm of ministry will hold children's interest while helping them learn God's Word.

**Puppeteer**

Puppeteers are responsible to prepare for and present weekly and special puppet presentations for the purpose of reaching and ministering to children or other special audiences.

**Resource Room Manager**

The Resource Room Manager is responsible for managing the supplies and equipment available for children, youth, and adult ministry functions.

**Driver of Church Transportation**

Driver of Church Transportation responsibilities will be distributed among several volunteers. A Driver is responsible to safely transport participants to and from church-related or church-sponsored activities using church-owned vehicles.

**Records Administrator (Attendance/Membership)**

The Records Administrator is responsible for keeping up-to-date records on church attendance and membership. These records will be available for examination by church leaders to help determine the state of the church and develop plans for spiritual and numerical growth as well as look at the need to expand the church's ministry or building facilities.

**Lighting Technician**

The Lighting Technician will operate and maintain appropriate lighting in the sanctuary/auditorium during worship services and special events.

**Photographer**

The Photographer will take photographs for church publications, website, and historical archives as well as provide photos for special projects.

**Sound Technician**

The Sound Technician will adjust and maintain the sound system to ensure a clear and comfortable sound level within the church facilities.

**Videotape Technician**

The Videotape Technician will record messages, special services and events; will keep an organized library of videotape recordings; and will provide duplicate videotapes for the video ministry.

**Senior Adult Activities Coordinator**

The Senior Adult Activities Coordinator will plan and organize special activities and outings for senior adults to promote ministry to one another and include fun, fellowship, and encouragement.

**Decorations Coordinator**

The Decorations Coordinator is responsible to organize and oversee church decorations as part of beautifying the Lord's house and creating environments which complement the current season, service, or special event.

**Decorations Assistant**

The Decorations Assistant is responsible to assist the Decorations Coordinator in decorating to beautify the Lord's house and create environments which complement the current season, service, or special event.

**Drama Team Leader**

The Drama Team Leader is responsible for overseeing all aspects the church drama ministry to ensure as excellent and inspirational presentations as possible.

**Drama Team Member**

The Drama Team Member is responsible for rehearsing and working with other team members to present skits, sermon illustrations, or other drama medium-in worship services or other special events-as scheduled by the Drama Team Leader..

**Greeter**

The Greeter is responsible to ensure that every person entering the church is greeted and that visitors are offered assistance as appropriate so that everyone feels important and welcome. Greeters will be asked to serve during special events also.

**Hospitality Coordinator**

The Hospitality Coordinator will oversee the hospitality ministry to ensure that every person entering the church is greeted and that visitors are offered assistance as appropriate so that everyone feels important and welcome and is able to find their desired destination easily.

**Coffee Hospitality Team**

Prepare coffee and set out each Sunday morning for people attending classes and worship. Help with refreshments for special events that take place Sunday mornings.

**Welcome Center Guide**

The Welcome Center Guide will display a gracious, friendly attitude while answering questions regarding the facilities and ministries of the church. This person will connect people to information materials and will help guests feel welcome.

**Kitchen Director**

The Kitchen Director is responsible for organizing and overseeing the use of the church kitchen. The Kitchen Director shall also purchase items for use in the kitchen.

**Usher**

The Usher will regularly participate in worship services and will assist with literature distribution; welcoming, directing, and seating guests and others as needed; and collecting offerings.

**Landscaping Assistant**

The Landscaping Assistant will contribute to the beauty and physical appearance of the church by planting and helping maintain landscaping on the property.

**Church Historian**

The Historian is responsible for keeping accurate records and photos of church events and milestones and organizing the information for preserving a historical library of the church's heritage.

**Librarian**

The Librarian is responsible for organizing and maintaining the church library.

**Praise Team Member**

The Praise Team Member will present special praise and worship music to the congregation and encourage the congregation to join in praise and worship. The Praise Team Member will play or sing with the praise team during the regular Sunday services and occasional special events.

**Youth Praise Band Member**

The Youth Praise Band Member will play with the youth praise band during performances in weekly youth meetings and as scheduled for other services and special events.

**Prayer Team Member**

The Prayer Team Member will pray strategically and consistently for a great variety of needs.

**Women's Ministries Team**

Join with other women for planning and coordinating activities for women to promote fellowship and spiritual growth and to address special needs of women. The Women's Ministries Team will provide direction and vision and will organize, coordinate, and oversee the women's ministries of this church.

**Men's Ministries Team**

The Men's Ministry Team will organize and lead opportunities that builds up and helps the men of the church become the spiritual leaders God intends and provides an avenue of outreach to men in the community.

**Buildings and Grounds Maintenance**

Join with others to help maintain our facilities and grounds. Some responsibilities are ongoing, seasonal, or once in a while.

**Missions Team**

The Missions Team will be responsible for planning and coordinating activities to enhance the church's heart and action for reaching people here and around the world. It will include mission education, mission trips, care of missionaries, compassionate ministry, and awareness of needs around the world.

**Other...**

What do you hear God saying to you about your place in the Body of Christ? Maybe there is an area of ministry that has not been thought of by us, but God is placing it on your heart. Come and share with us what you are hearing from Him.

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