If you don’t go to work for the Lord because you’re afraid of making mistakes, you probably will make the greatest mistake of your life - that of doing nothing.

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How to get involved in your church

Ten *outlandish* ideas - just for you! (with pictures)

**Idea #1**

The first step is **not** to wait for someone to approach you to get involved. You don't need permission to serve the Lord. Take the initiative!

For example, in our church it would be great if we had more greeters who would stand at the red entrance gate (near our parking lot) and greet people Sunday mornings.

“So glad to see you this morning! My name is _______”

**Idea #2**

*Got flowers?* Throughout the week, decorate the interior of our church with your garden’s flowers. Brighten up the place. Find a room in our church that needs some interior décor and make it pretty. Welcome home!

**Idea #10**

Whenever you do something in our church *ALWAYS* be mindful to find a buddy. Invite someone to join you. Approach a person who is new to our church.

Or, someone who is younger. Or, someone you can see is gifted by God. Involve them, too! For instance, the next time you hear that there is a workday at our church, don’t come alone. Find a buddy. Sundays at church invite someone personally to come and join you at the workday. Explain to them what projects we’ll be working on. Give them a call.

**Idea #10**

*Be a driver.* There are many people in our church who would appreciate a ride. Transportation on Sundays. A ride to the doctor’s Office or grocery store.

Or, maybe someone in our congregation needs a daily “walking” partner to assist them with exercise.

Never underestimate the gifts and talents that God has given you to be used in ministry to others.
From the beginning, dedicate what you are doing to God. Serve to the best of your ability for the Lord’s glory! Be faithful and dependable. Especially when you feel discouraged, depend on Jesus for your strength.

Idea #8
Did you know that we could always use more people to send out THANK YOU cards? Here’s what YOU might agree to do.

Visit our church office once a week (or give Pastor Gordon or Cecile a call and ask: “Tell me about something that someone did in our church this week. My mission is to ensure that they receive a ‘thank you.’”

A card for the Scouts who helped at our Salad Bar Lunch. Notes of gratitude to the supporters of our Food Pantry. A word of praise to the individual who repaired the church stove. There are 101 people (and more) to thank!

Idea #3
Start by identifying your target.
Who is it that God wants you to serve?
Sue Davis recognized a need. She saw that families in Reseda were suddenly facing different crises - and she wanted to help them! What should she do?

Sue’s Soups
Sue loves to cook and so she decided to make soup and package it in a way that people could either eat it now or put it in the freezer for later! “I’ve been thinking of you.” Her care has made a huge difference!

Are there people who you see are in need? Could it be that God is asking you to help?

Idea #4
Come early!
Before the Golden Agers arrive on Tuesdays, come early at 10 am and help set up the tables and chairs. Or, Sunday mornings - come early at 8:30 am and unlock the gates and turn on the lights. Tidy up our church and ensure that everything is ready.

This would be YOUR ministry that God has given you!
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

A church in Hawaii was recently in the news. Church members came up with an idea to build friendships with people in their community who were homeless.

They arranged to meet these people at a local laundromat, where the church families provided them some quarters and pods of detergent. “It’s something so simple. You bring the love of Christ right into their midst, into their hearts, and they’re just overwhelmed.” This could happen in Reseda - with you!

Devote yourself to prayer.

Fill up a wall in your home with Post-it-Notes. On each note, write someone or something to pray for. Here’s a start - pray for Mary Beth Godwin, a loving member of our Reseda church who is enduring significant health challenges. Pray that God will grant her and her family incredible grace and healing.

Want to get more done? Make your first rule ‘do it now’. Second - ‘trust God to supply the help you need’. And the third thing - ‘focus on objectives and not on obstacles.’ Leroy Eims

Idea #5

“Serve the Lord with gladness”

— Psalms 100:2

The modern church is not in need of new insights half as much as a renewal of enthusiasm.

Myron Augsberger

Idea #6

Come help Cecile Hwang in our church office one morning each week - Tuesdays or Fridays.

Answer the telephone. Greet visitors. Fold the Sunday bulletins. Tidy the pews. Help people who need to have a room opened. Smile.

Idea #7