THEREFORE go MINISTRIES

SURPRISED BY GOD!

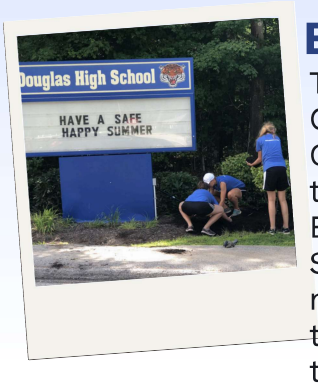
"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."

Job 5:9

What is SERVE?

SERVE is a one-week mission trip for teens in the United States or Canada that introduces high school students to spreading the gospel through building community, missional living, and confronting issues of justice.

Through hands-on, people-centered service, students partner with local churches to support and strengthen their communities. These trips go beyond a one-week experience—often leading to lasting transformation for both the participants and the communities involved. SERVE inspires students to stay engaged in their home churches and communities, making its impact felt long after the trip ends.



SERVE is coming to the Blackstone Valley this summer!

The River Community Church, Fairlawn Church, Pleasant Street Church and Children's Haven are partnering together to host Douglas SERVE, a shared Blackstone Valley SERVE Project. Each SERVE trip is intentionally designed to make a meaningful impact—blessing both the participants and the communities they have the opportunity to serve.

How can I be involved?

As a host community, we have a special opportunity to welcome and care for these teams as they serve our neighbors. This summer, more than 50 teens and leaders from Canada and the United States will spend a week serving the Blackstone Valley in a variety of ways. Being part of the host team can be just as meaningful and life-changing as going on a SERVE trip yourself.

There are many ways to get involved, and we encourage you to prayerfully consider being part of SERVE 2026. See the other side to learn more about how you can participate.

DOUGLAS SERVE - AUGUST 1-8, 2026

A shared Blackstone Valley SERVE project.

SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM LEADER

While the physical work accomplished during the experience is meaningful, it is ultimately secondary to the spiritual growth and personal transformation unfolding within each individual. The Spiritual Life Team Leader helps foster an environment where participants can deepen their faith, build meaningful connections, and grow spiritually throughout the week. They help coordinate:

1. Morning devotions and prayer
2. Evening worship sessions and guest speakers
3. Small group discussions and prayer
4. Servant evangelism activities
5. Host Team devotions

PRAYER TEAM LEADER

Prayer is at the heart of the SERVE experience, and it is important that every aspect of the program be immersed in prayer. The Prayer Team Leader helps ensure that participants, leaders, and worksites are supported and encouraged through prayer before and throughout the SERVE experience. They help coordinate:

1. Recruiting and organizing of the pre-SERVE prayer partners in all three churches
2. Coordinating the mailing of "We Are Praying for You" notes for participants and leaders before SERVE
3. Organizing afternoon prayer partners during SERVE week
4. Coordinating worksite prayer visits and popsicle outreach to worksites

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM LEADER 1 [kitchen]

Community Life provides the hospitality and team-building that help shape the culture of the entire SERVE experience. They help foster a welcoming environment where participants can build relationships, feel supported, and fully engage in the SERVE experience. The Community Life Team Leader 1 will focus the kitchen and meals. They help coordinate:

1. Finding cooks who are capable of preparing meals
2. Working with the 3 churches to coordinate the Sunday picnic
3. Finding individuals to set-up the lunch station
4. Finding helpers to clean-up after the breakfast and supper meals

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM LEADER 2 [technology]

Community Life provides the hospitality and team-building that help shape the culture of the entire SERVE experience. They help foster a welcoming environment where participants can build relationships, feel supported, and fully engage in the SERVE experience. The Community Life Team Leader 2 focuses on preserving the events, experiences, and memories of the week. They help coordinate:

1. Finding individual(s) to take photographs, create short videos, and social media posts
2. Coordinating the creating of the welcome bags
3. Finding individuals to create and set up mailboxes for the SERVE participants
4. Creating a surprise board where participants can share how God is at work
5. Finding a Day Away host willing to provide tips on Boston and ride on the bus with the SERVE participants

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM LEADER 3 [hospitality]

Community Life provides the hospitality and team-building that help shape the culture of the entire SERVE experience. They help foster a welcoming environment where participants can build relationships, feel supported, and fully engage in the SERVE experience. The Community Life Team Leader 3 will focus on the lodging and activities. They help coordinate:

1. Preparing the cabins and bathrooms for the SERVE teams arrival
2. Decorating the common areas
3. Welcoming the groups as they arrive and helping the groups settle in
4. Leading Saturday welcome games
5. Leading Sunday afternoon games at Fairwoods
6. Scheduling afternoon greeters when the groups return to camp
7. Evening games at Camp
8. Exchanging & laundring of workshirts
9. After SERVE Clean-Up on August 8

VOLUNTEER!

Watch your inbox for an email about signing up for a team leader or helper position.

QUESTIONS?

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