

WHAT'S YOUR
ONE THING?



 **Journey**
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When it comes to getting involved in a church through serving, what if everyone did ONE thing and did it well? What if we all had our ONE Thing and focused on doing that instead of multiple things? Sometimes people get involved in too many areas. Sometimes it takes some work to find one area that seems right. If everyone did ONE Thing and did it well, though, everything would get done effectively and efficiently. We would all feel more connected to the ministry and people of our church. No one would be exhausted from doing too much. We would set a great example for others in doing this. But most importantly, the message of Jesus would spread.

I challenge you to discover your ONE Thing and do it well. I'm willing to sit down with anyone who wants to in order to help you discover the place that is just right for you to be involved. We have people who need to drop some things to get down to doing ONE Thing. And that means that we'll have new needs that others can pick up as their ONE Thing. Let's do this. Do your ONE thing and do it well.

Go to our website under the Adult Ministry tab for an online resource to help in finding out your spiritual gifts. We will have hard copies available as well, for those without internet access. Contact the office if you want to set a time to talk with Pastor Trevor about discerning your ONE thing.

This booklet contains a wide ranging sample of areas in which you might like to get involved in the life of the church. It's not an exhaustive list by any means, and you may have some other ideas of how you would like to serve, but this is at least a starting point. Take a look through the following pages and see if there is something of interest to you. The last page has a response form. Fill that out and return it to the office and someone will contact you.

Administration

Details, details, details. There are lots of details that need to happen to help a church function properly. If you are an administration type person and like to work with details and organizing, then there's a spot for you!

Communication/Publicity—There's a lot happening at Journey at Christ Church, and sometimes it's difficult to get that information out to our church family and the community. Members of this team would work to create publicity and promotional materials for the church and for advertising (radio, TV, etc.).

Data Entry—Do you like the computer? We could use some help with data entry and database tracking. If that sounds like an enjoyable place to serve, contact the church office with your availability. Contact Abi Cullen at the church office or info@ourjourneycommunity.org.

Office Volunteer—There are lots of details that make a church run, and most of them happen during the week in the church office. If you like details and helping in “odds and ends” sorts of ways, this might be the spot for you. Office volunteers might help with newsletter copies and mailings, miscellaneous mailings, answering phones, etc. Contact Abi Cullen at the church office.

Website—Our website is one of the main entries into the church, and it takes a lot of work to make sure that our website is informative, helpful, and up to date. If you have computer experience, especially with websites, your skills would be quite helpful in making our website a tool for ministry. Contact Pastor Trevor.

This is not an exhaustive list by any means. There are lots of other areas of need where Administrative talents can be used. Let us know your thoughts.

Helps Ministries

This is a "behind the scenes" area, and quite possibly one of the most important parts of serving. Not everyone is cut out for being up front, teaching, or other more visible roles, and it's the Helps Ministries that make everything possible.

Various—Are you handy around the house or yard? Are you handy with cars? Are you up for small projects? If you're willing to share your skills with our members or the church, please join this ministry of helps and make a tangible difference. Please share you particular skill areas on the response form at the back of this packet.

Set Up for 11:00—There is a bit of a “set change” between our two services. It entails moving some tables and stools, setting communion, etc. If you are interested and willing to help with that transition, please let us know.

Clean Up for 11:00—Following the worship gathering there is some clean up that needs to happen (coffee, communion, etc.). This is a servant-hearted role for someone looking to get involved.

Hospitality

Hospitality is a key to welcoming someone into your home. We view it as just as important to our church community. New guests to any church decide very quickly if they will return for a second visit, even before the service begins. That decision is made based on us and our hospitality. We desire to create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere where people feel at home as soon as they enter our doors.

Coffee Bar—Who doesn't love a great cup of coffee? We want to make sure that there is plenty of coffee and tea to go around for whoever joins us on Sunday morning. If you have an inner Barrista just waiting to come out, join us by serving at the coffee bar.

Greeters Ministry—When a guest comes to your house, warmth, hospitality, and a friendly welcome are customary. At J@CC we feel that guests and regular attenders alike deserve that same greeting. Our Greeters Ministry is that "front line" of hospitality, making people feel welcome and at home. We're always looking for some more friendly and welcoming people to be a part of this important and rewarding ministry for both services.

Ushers—9:00 Service. Ushers are a second line of welcoming, assist in finding seats, and coordinate others in distributing communion or collecting the offerings of worshipers. The head usher coordinates a team of volunteers to ensure accessibility and comfort for our members and guests.

Media

We try to use various layers of media in both worship services in an effort to connect with people through all the senses. We're looking for people with technical know-how, or the willingness to learn. Components of media include putting presentations together during the week, running equipment on Sundays, creating videos and backgrounds, etc.

IT Ministry—Technology is becoming more and more a part of our lives. At J@CC, we seek to see how we can use technology to make our ministries more effective. If you have a knack for "tech" sorts of things, this is a great ministry for you to be a part of.

Media Ministry—This ministry aims to use media to enhance worship and bring information into worship in a fresh new way. Members of this ministry team work together to create worship presentations and announcement loops for our services. We'd love to add you to our ministry if you're knowledgeable with computers and presentation software and this sounds like your special fit.

Sound Tech—We're looking to train two new teams of people, one team for each worship service, who have an ear for music and aren't intimidated by the sound board. Let us know if this is your thing. Talk to Ryan Clements or Jim Zellner for more info.

Membership Care

This is an area that helps people inside the church connect with one another through fellowship events, meals, etc. We are also looking for people who will brainstorm new ideas.

Fellowship Ministry—It's always nice to gather together in fellowship with one another. This ministry allows that to happen. Throughout the year, there are numerous opportunities for the people of J@CC to gather. We could use your help in making these events happen.

Breakfast Ministry—Each month we offer a breakfast between our two services as an opportunity to mix and mingle over waffles or other breakfast foods. If you would like to help make these meals a reality, contact Susan Cruea to join the team.

Phone Ministry—A caring call is placed to people who are a part of our church family but have been missing for several Sundays. It's a way to say, "We've missed you and want to make sure everything's okay."

Missions

This is the most vital part of being a church. It's easy to get caught up in what makes a church operate, but in reality we don't exist for ourselves. Missions encompasses a number of areas, from supporting missionaries through monetary giving to physical mission work by our congregation. Some of the ministries that we support financially and physically include City Mission, Chopin Hall, and the Hancock Christian Clearing House, as well as supporting missionaries in Italy. We have sent teams to New Orleans for Katrina Relief for five years and are currently considering where to serve next, both locally and nationally.

Team Members—Help to organize mission and serving opportunities for the church overall, or smaller groups. They will keep us informed of our various national and international mission projects, work on trips for serving away from home, and keep the need for missions in front of us at all times. At least one serving opportunity will be planned for church-wide involvement each quarter, with the goal of moving toward monthly serving opportunities.

Music

We're looking for some talented musicians, singers, etc. to help provide great worship at both services.

9:00 Service—This service features piano and hymns, along with choir anthems. If you like to play or sing, there's a spot for you. We also feature special music periodically, as well as all summer while the choir is on break. Contact Erin Mitchell for more information.

11:00 Service—This service features a full band who writes a lot of original music. We would love to add new musicians and vocalists to the mix. Contact Ryan Clements for more info.

Outreach

Would you like to help plan opportunities for us to reach out to our community with the love of Jesus? How about figuring out how to share the message of Jesus with others in a non-threatening way?

Team Members—The focus is two-fold: 1) to give skills and training to our church family so that they feel comfortable and confident to reach out and share Jesus with their friends and loved ones, and 2) to create opportunities and an atmosphere into which new people might become acquainted and involved in the life of the church and a relationship with Jesus. The Outreach Ministry also strives to always be aware of how our church looks and is viewed by newcomers.

Small Groups

We believe that Small Groups are a key way to grow as a believer in Jesus Christ. Worship is intended for giving praise to God; Small Groups are designed to help us grow in the context of community. We hope that all people at J@CC will be involved in a small group of some sort. Our small groups are not based on teaching and content, but rather have a focus on community, conversation, and sharing life with one another.

Small Group Facilitators—We're always looking for individuals who are willing to be a discussion facilitator of a small group. This role doesn't require extensive Biblical knowledge, only a willingness to ask questions, guide discussion, and love people.

Small Group Hosts—In order to add small groups, we also need to add host sites for the groups. If you are willing to open your home to a weekly or bi-weekly gathering of a small group, please let us know.

Teaching

At 10:15 on Sunday mornings we offer the opportunity for adults to join in a time of learning and discussion. At 11:00 our young children have a focused time of story, play, and art. Older kids and our adults have discussion oriented time centered around the theme and scripture of the morning. We're looking for people with a gift of teaching.

Adult Classes—While Adult Sunday School is not a part of the Small Groups Ministry, it is a small group setting intended for spiritual growth and developing relationships. We offer a variety of ongoing adult classes as well as a short-term book discussion group. If you feel that teaching is your niche, how about getting involved in teaching a Sunday School class?

Children's Classes at 11:00—We're looking for team members who love story-telling and/or art to guide the children in discovery as they cover the same scripture that the adults are discussing in church. We want to help our little ones love Jesus more and more each week. Contact Jill Frantz.

Nursery Ministry (10:15, and 11:00)—We love children and look for ways to care for and nurture the little ones who come to J@CC. Our Nursery Ministry offers care on Sunday mornings and for special events. This is a great ministry for Grandparents whose grandchildren are far away. If you love children, consider being a part of this ministry.

Visitation

We believe that every person from J@CC is a minister, and therefore we try to have as many people carrying out ministry as possible. We have church family who are not always able to join us for worship and events. We want to keep them connected as much as possible, though. This ministry area enables the church family to stay connected with one another.

Hospital Team—These team members will go and pray with people prior to surgery, sit with the family, visit at the hospital following surgery, and followup a few times at home. This supplements the visits that the pastor is able to do.

Homebound and Nursing Home Team— Team members will be paired with one or two people in order to develop ongoing long-term relationships with individuals.

Front Porch Ministry—Each week we have guests visit Journey at Christ Church to see if we're the right fit for them. We desire to extend a warm welcome to them and give them more information about ourselves. Members of this future ministry will take a packet of information and a homemade dessert to the home of those guests who have

visited our church three times. These are very short, non-threatening visits that last only a few minutes and are simply a friendly “hello” and delivery of some printed materials about our church. If you love to meet new people, this is a great spot for you.

Worship Design

It takes work to plan and prepare worship each week and we'd like to share the process with you. If you're creative and passionate about worship and telling the story of God, consider this group. We're looking for people with a creative flair and ability in photography, computers, video, design and decor, etc.

Leadership Development Process

We believe that leadership within the church entails a higher level of responsibility and accountability than it is often given. We believe that God has high expectations for those who are leading others. Because of this belief, we have developed a Leadership Development Process aimed at raising up healthy, Biblical leaders within our church. While the process does have structure, it is not intended to be cumbersome. The intent truly is to place value on the individual and the ministry and help both become healthy. We would rather have no ministry or no ministry leader instead of poor health in either. Pick up a copy of the Leadership Development process and then connect with one of the pastoral ministry staff for next steps.

Response Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

I would like more information about the following ministry: _____

I have an interest in getting involved in: _____

I am not sure and would like to talk to someone about discerning my ONE Thing:

I have taken to Spiritual Gifts Assessment and these are my top 3 results and totals:

Current or previous involvement in this church or another: _____

Other helpful information: _____
