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with us



Summer 2026

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This summer, everyone is invited to come serve with us - whether you're a family with children, a couple, a group of friends, or flying solo. The Local Mission Ministry, along with some amazing church members, have worked hard this spring to offer our church a variety of ways to serve alongside our ministry partners throughout Knoxville.

Have you ever wondered what the ministries supported by Cedar Springs actually do? Maybe you've felt nudged to get involved, but you weren't sure where to start. Come Serve with Us provides the perfect opportunity to find out!

Throughout this booklet, you'll find a mixture of hands-on service opportunities, informational meetings where you'll be introduced and invited to use your time and talents throughout our city, and events that foster relationship-building, both with our ministry partners, the people they serve, and your fellow Cedar Springs family. Our hope is that through these experiences, you'll not only learn more about the incredible work taking place in Knoxville, but you'll also find one or more ministry partners to walk alongside and partner with throughout the year.

Come serve with us, and discover where God might be calling you to live deeply!



**FREE MEAL
PROVIDED**



**ALL AGES
WELCOME**



**CHILDREN
WELCOME
BASED ON AGE**



**ADULTS
ONLY**



**RIDE IN
OUR VAN**



**CSPC
CAMPUS**

Be on the lookout for the icons above, as they'll let you know at a glance what to expect with each event - like whether a free meal is included, if it takes place on the CSpC campus, or if there's an option to ride the church van to the event. There are also several opportunities that the whole family can enjoy! Just check out the minimum age requirements to see if it's the right fit for you.

NOTE: Unless stated otherwise, children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult at all Come Serve with Us events.

REGISTRATION To register for these events, please visit our Signup Genius page by scanning the QR code below.



If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ann Laux at KathrynAnn@cspc.net or by phone (call or text) to 865-360-5040.



MEET OUR LEADERS!

Take a look at the friendly faces who will be leading events this summer. They are just like you and me, busy with the everyday things of life - work, school, family schedules, extracurricular activities, technology, etc. What they also have in common is an understanding that part of "living deeply" means serving sacrificially.



"We help meet people's needs, just like Jesus did and continues to do. What a joy that He often chooses to do that through us!"

"Serving is a way to respond to God's love! We desire to please Him."



"Serving often takes us beyond our natural abilities and teaches us to depend upon God, one of His strong desires for us."



"We are setting good examples for our families, especially our children. What better way to show Christ's sacrificial love than to live it out in word and deed!"



"God gives me joy in serving!"



As a wise believer recently shared, "I suggest that you and I should follow Christ's pattern by asking God what He wants you to do, listen for His answer, then act. Play your part in 'go and make disciples.' Do it unselfishly and humbly, depending on God to use you. You might be amazed at what He can do through you!"



 **Monday, June 1**

Choices Resource Center: Baby Shower Celebration

Choices Resource Center, 170 Raleigh Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

SERVICE TIME: 4:30-7:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

16+

LEADER: Kelly Robinson



► Join us as we come alongside Choices Resource Center, in support of their ministry to new and expectant parents. Volunteers will help prepare for and facilitate their joint baby shower, a special event that celebrates and encourages families who have completed their prenatal classes. Whether you're great at making finger foods and/or desserts, party decorating, or just want to lend a helping hand, there's a spot for you! For those interested in sticking around for the party from 5:30-6:45, we will celebrate the families and then help clean up afterward.

Note: For those who cannot participate but would still like to make a meaningful impact in the lives of these growing families, we invite you to check out the Amazon Wishlist (see QR code) for the shower. Each family receives around \$300 worth of baby supplies, setting them up for success as they welcome a new baby into the family.



ABOUT: Choices Resource Center provides support for women and men facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. All of their services are free and available to everyone, regardless of age, religion, race, or gender. Their caring staff provides physical, emotional, and spiritual resources, while advocating for the sanctity of human life and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with their clients.

 **Thursday, June 4**

CSPC Weekday School: Popsicles & Painting on the Patio

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome



LEADER: Lindsey Houbre



► Help us encourage and serve our Cedar Springs Summer Preschool students and staff. We will be hosting a fun sidewalk chalk party, complete with themes and prizes, followed by a popsicle celebration. The students in the school's summer programming are typically children of full-time working families. Having a special treat led by our congregation will be very special, not only for the children but also for the amazing school staff!

ABOUT: The Cedar Springs Weekday School has served the early childhood and school-age care needs of the Knoxville community for over 50 years. They believe that each child is a unique creation of God, and their Christian staff seeks to share Christ with students and families.



📅 Every Friday in June & July... and the rest of the year!

CSPC Friday Mission Prayer Group: Power of Prayer

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, B237/239, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

AGE RANGE: 14 & Up

LEADERS: Elizabeth Anderson & Renee Cook



► Join this group of faithful prayer warriors for a time of prayer for our local and global ministry partners. They welcome new friends, and it's also a great way to stay up to date on the Kingdom work being accomplished all around the world!

ABOUT: Every Friday morning, a group from Cedar Springs comes together to pray for the missionaries, mission agencies, and ministries that we support. This group also provides a special time of prayer and encouragement for our guests during the annual Global Mission Conference.



📅 Friday, June 5

KICKO: Sidewalk “Sunday” School

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 9:45-11:00 a.m. (plus lunch, for those interested)

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

LEADER: Alisha Ballenger



► We will be assisting the KICKO “Emerging Leaders” crew with songs, games, and bible lessons as they serve our very own Cedar Springs Weekday School children. This is a great opportunity to see what their ministry is all about in a convenient setting. You may even “catch the vision” and consider volunteering with KICKO this fall at one of their many ministry sites across our city.

Note: Following Sidewalk Sunday School, we will provide lunch for the Emerging Leaders (high school and college-age young adults who are trained, empowered, and employed to run KICKO programming with the younger students in their own communities). If you'd like to join us for lunch or simply stop by to encourage these incredible young leaders, just let us know in the “comments” section when you register for the event.

ABOUT: KICKO (Knoxville Inner City Kids Outreach) is a mobile ministry that builds relationships and develops faith with Knoxville's city kids. Their mission is to transform the inner city by equipping and empowering Knoxville's children to fully realize their potential and discover their God-given destiny.



Kim Health Center: Lunch N' Learn for Medical Professionals

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 18 & Up

LEADER: Dr. Bill Broome



► Calling all medical, dental, and mental health professionals interested in using their occupation as an opportunity to serve God's Kingdom here in Knoxville! Join CSPC member Dr. Bill Broome, along with staff from the Kim Health Center, to learn about this incredible organization that was founded by the late Dr. Tom Kim, a long-time member and volunteer leader at Cedar Springs. Hear stories "from the field" and learn how you could also make a difference.

Note: If you're unable to attend on the 7th but would still like to learn about the Kim Health Center, including taking a tour of the facility, please contact Dr. Broome at (865) 776-3167 or wsbroome007@gmail.com.



ABOUT: The Kim Health Center is a free or low-cost medical, dental, and behavioral health center for the uninsured. Their service mission, based on the Christian values of the original Founder, Dr. Tom Kim, guides them to serve those who may fall between the cracks or not have access to healthcare. KHC has two locations, in South and East Knoxville, and serves a 23-county range in East TN.

Flexible Opportunities

Host Events for UT International Students

► International students at UT represent the next generation of world leaders. We have wonderful opportunities this summer to enjoy time with and learn from these bright students from all over the world. Our CSPC local ministry partners who serve international students would like to offer fun, relaxing events such as movie/game nights, pool parties, and BBQ dinners so that ministry leaders and volunteers can get to know students, and for students to experience Christian hospitality and see God's love in action.

Ministry leaders do all the event organization/set up/clean up and provide the food. They just need people who are willing to open their homes to groups of students. These events are a blessing to both the students, as well as the families who open their homes/yards for fun and fellowship. It's through these kinds of activities that relationships deepen, which leads to "living deeply" together.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Sara Heald at s88heald@gmail.com.

Monday, June 8

Young Life Knoxville: Care Package Prep

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

LEADERS: Sloan Bailey & Emily Huck



► Knoxville's Young Life staff desire to encourage and support their high school and college volunteers who sacrificially give of their summer to serve teenagers attending Young Life camps across the US. One of the ways that we can assist them in achieving this is by helping them create care packages filled with little items that say, "We see you, we love you, and we're thankful for you." Come help us write or color cards of encouragement, or put together care packages that will be distributed throughout the summer to those volunteering.

ABOUT: The purpose of Young Life around the world is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. In Knoxville, over 300 volunteer leaders and staff enter into the world of teenagers to build friendships and share the hope and life found in Jesus. They do this through intentional relationships, weekly clubs, small group Bible studies, and adventure camping.



Tuesday, June 9

Men of Valor: Ministry Tour

Valor Way, 211 Jessamine St, Knoxville, TN 37917

SERVICE TIME: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 18 & Up

LEADER: Phil Ownby



► Men of Valor is committed to winning men in prison to Jesus Christ and discipling them. Their purpose is to equip them to re-enter society as men of integrity - becoming givers to the community rather than takers. They also support families who have been impacted. If you would like to learn about opportunities to serve with this incredible ministry, you're invited to join Cedar Springs members who regularly serve with Men of Valor for a tour of the campus. Come see firsthand how God is transforming lives, and learn how you can be a part of it.

ABOUT: Men of Valor believes real reentry goes well beyond stepping out of prison. The first year after release is critical, and without the right foundation, many men fall back into survival mode, isolation, or destructive cycles. That's why they built something different. Their Residential Discipleship Academies are more than transitional housing - they are Christ-centered, community-driven programs that offer men one full year of structure, support, and brotherhood. Every campus is designed to meet practical needs while restoring dignity, identity, and purpose.



Every Tuesday in June and July, beginning June 9

CSPC ELL: Family Pickup Soccer

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church Ball Field, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

LEADERS: Angela Cottrell & Buzzy Harvey



► Bring the family on Tuesday evenings in June and July for fun and friendly pickup soccer on the beautiful Cedar Springs ball field. The purpose of this time is to connect with families who are part of the ELL program at Cedar Springs. This fellowship opportunity welcomes everyone to join in, regardless of soccer skill levels. Sign up to play via the QR code. We are also looking for volunteers to assist the event director where needed (ex: snacks, activity area, engaging kids, or refereeing, if experienced). Sign up to volunteer through the Come Serve with Us Signup Genius page.



ABOUT: Foreign nationals in Knoxville are invited to attend English classes at Cedar Springs. Students not only learn English but also make life-long friendships. The ELL students and teachers have holiday parties, go on outings and picnics, and do other fun things together throughout the year.

Flexible Opportunities

Help Us Welcome Refugees to Knoxville

► Bridge Refugee Services, Inc.'s mission is to provide opportunities for refugees to rebuild their lives after suffering persecution so that they may become productive, contributing members of the community. While Bridge is a welcoming force for refugees arriving and restarting their lives in Knoxville, they can't do this work without community support!

Ways that you can help meet needs and serve our refugee community include:

- Helping with transportation to appointments
- ESL/ELL tutors and teachers
- Food Rescue drivers to pick up donated food from partner stores
- Administrative support
- Volunteer support for G.R.O.W. (Growing Refugee Opportunities and Wealth) Program, including sewing experience and childcare help

They also eagerly welcome donated items to offset shopping costs for the 400+ clients they serve. Items include:

Toiletries and cleaning supplies
School supplies
Diapers and other baby items

Join us as we make Knoxville a welcoming home for refugees! For more information or to serve, please email volunteerknox@bridgerefugees.org.

Tuesday, June 9

CSPC Special Needs Ministry: Dinner & Bingo

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Watershed, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 8 & Up

LEADER: Niki Walden



► The CSPC Special Needs Ministry will be hosting a summer event, specifically for adults with special needs, that's going to be all about fellowship, food, and fun. We will help by providing the food, setting up the room before guests arrive, serving the meal, cleaning up, and assisting our guests as they play riveting rounds of bingo... with prizes! Sign up to either provide food (to be dropped off that evening), to help with dinner service and be a bingo buddy, or both.

Note: Children ages 8-13 may volunteer alongside a parent or guardian. Volunteers ages 14 and up are welcome to serve independently.



ABOUT: At Cedar Springs, we embrace our friends and neighbors with special needs, recognizing them as precious gifts from God. Our ultimate desire is to foster an environment where they and their families feel a profound sense of belonging, breaking through isolation and cultivating a community of unwavering presence, support, and encouragement.

Wednesday, June 10

KARM: Serving with a Smile

Knox Area Rescue Ministries, 418 N. Broadway Street, Knoxville, TN 37917

SERVICE TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Stephanie Arms



► Did you know that serving a meal at KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries) to our most vulnerable neighbors is not only an act of kindness but can also be an act of worship? As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:35, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." There's something sacred about placing a warm meal into someone's hands, knowing that it's not just about providing nourishment but also about offering dignity, making connections, reminding people that they're seen, and showing them the love of Christ in a very tangible way.

ABOUT: KARM's mission is to seek to rescue the poor and needy of the Knox area by providing recovery services in Jesus' name. They provide emergency overnight shelter and meals. They also offer innovative training programs that seek to end the cycle of homelessness.



Every Thursday in June & July (except 7/2), beginning on June 11

CSPC ELL: Talk Time

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

AGE RANGE: 12 & Up

LEADER: Buzzy Harvey

12+



► Do you speak English? Do you enjoy chatting and making new friends? If so, this is a great opportunity for you. While our formal ELL classes take a break during the summer, we want to provide our students with a chance to continue practicing their English with native speakers. This is a very casual time when you'll get to make friends with people from another culture.

Note: We will have seasoned ELL volunteers at each table during Talk Time who will be able to help guide the conversations if you're new to this fellowship opportunity.

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Friday, June 12

FISH Food Pantry: Delivery

Church of the Savior (basement), 934 N. Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, TN, 37909

SERVICE TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 5:00-7:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: Middle School & Up

LEADER: Duffy Stowers

12+



► Sharing food is an opportunity to create true community where all are welcome, everyone is treated with respect, and the voices of the marginalized are amplified, recognized, and valued. To achieve this goal, FISH provides food to people in a way that respects their human dignity, and we'd love to have you share in this experience with us! For this outreach, you will meet at the West Knox FISH Food Pantry for a brief orientation before joining an experienced delivery team on their route to deliver food to those in need.

ABOUT: FISH Hospitality Pantries operates four pantries in East, South, Northwest, and West Knoxville. They currently serve more than 8,000 families every month, providing bags of groceries containing a 2-3 day supply of food staples.



Saturday, June 13

Knoxville Leadership Foundation: Amachi Party

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Watershed, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

LEADERS: Chase & Kendra Holt



► Join us to briefly learn about the Amachi program, then stick around to help us as we host current Amachi mentors and their mentees for a special summer party full of food, games, crafts, and other fun activities.

Urgent Need: Amachi Mentoring is searching for caring adult men and women in the Knoxville community willing to mentor children who have been impacted by incarceration. They currently have over 62 children and youth (48 are boys) between the ages of 4 and 17 on their waitlist. We ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering or referring someone you believe would make a great mentor for their program. For more info, contact Natalie at nlay@klf.org or 865-433-8918.



ABOUT: Amachi responds to the needs of children with one or both parents in prison. Through Amachi, mentoring matches are made, and vital support is offered. Children with mentors do better in school, get along better with their families, and are less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol than their peers. Having a mentor is great for any child, but for a child whose parents are incarcerated, it's a lifeline, showing by example that there is a better way.

Monday, June 15

Joni & Friends: Camp Prep / Lunch N' Learn

Joni & Friends Office, 410 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Anne Martin



► Calling all crafty congregants! Joni & Friends needs our help to make decorations and various other crafts for their upcoming summer camp. We will also enjoy lunch together as we learn about their ministry.

Note: Some of these crafts will require good hand dexterity and great attention to detail, so please take that into consideration before registering.

ABOUT: The mission of Joni & Friends is to glorify God as we communicate the Gospel and mobilize the global church to evangelize, disciple, and serve people living with disability. Joni & Friends Family Retreats offer a safe and accepting Christ-centered environment where people get to fellowship with other families who face similar challenges, building lasting memories and renewing their hope in God.



 **Monday, June 15**

Hands & Hearts: Meet & Greet

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 12 & Up

LEADER: Mary Rochelle

12+



► Did you know that there's a ministry that provides for the tangible needs of families being served at East TN Children's Hospital? Did you know that they meet monthly right here in your own church? In addition to serving families, the monthly craft meetings are an incredible opportunity for friendship and fellowship. Come learn about this amazing ministry and see firsthand just how easy it is to dive right in! No experience is necessary (knitting and crochet instruction will be available at a later date).

Note: While joining the monthly meetings is a blast, several people choose to knit, crochet, sew, or quilt from home. We are also always looking for donations of yarn, fabric, or other similar items. Please contact Mary Rochelle at HandsandHearts10@gmail.com if you're interested in participating in any way.



ABOUT: Hands and Hearts ministry meets at CSPC on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (minus July and August). This group began in 2015, knitting and crocheting hats for children who were undergoing chemotherapy, and to date, they have donated over 6,400 hats and 515 blankets! The ministry has since expanded and is making a variety of items for the NICU and for older children. They sew blankets, quilts, burp cloths, sheets, and various cuddle items for children.

Flexible Opportunities

Help Us Support Unhoused Neighbors

► Fig Tree is a place to be seen and known, offering a variety of services, as well as a gathering place for friendship and community. While striving to create a safe community for everyone, they prioritize the most vulnerable neighbors. They offer showers, laundry, computers, hot meals, and other community resources. For more information and to learn all about how you can serve, please visit <https://connectioncenter.tv>.

Additionally, Target and Walmart gift cards are always a huge help, allowing their volunteers to purchase exactly what their guests need. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a big difference.

If you're part of a group interested in serving together, consider preparing a meal for their Saturday morning outreach. It's a wonderful way to give back!

For more information, to sign up to serve, or to arrange a drop-off, please contact Kristine Townsend at kristine@cokebury.tv

Isaiah 117 House: DCS Love Day

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

LEADER: Jackie Gunter



► As a way to say thank you for all that they do for our community, we will be putting together goody bags for the staff at our local Department of Children’s Services agency. For those interested, we will also be delivering the bags to the DCS office when we’re done, as well as praying over the building and staff while there.

Note: Transportation to and from the DCS office will be provided in our CSPC church van as space allows. Please reserve your spot in the comments section when registering online for this event. Note that the DCS crew may return to CSPC a little later, depending on what time we finish with the bags.

ABOUT: Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support for children awaiting foster care placement. Our Knoxville chapter is also committed to supporting, loving, and encouraging our DCS case workers. They regularly partner with churches and organizations to provide treats for these local heroes around the 17th of each month.



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

-1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)



Wednesday, June 17

Mission of Hope: Packing with Purpose

Mission of Hope Warehouse, 6030 Industrial Heights Dr. NW, Knoxville, TN 37909

SERVICE TIME: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Tom Gunter



► We will be joining Mission of Hope in their initiative to pack and provide hygiene bags for students throughout Appalachia. Every bag packed represents more than just items; it represents hope, care, and the promise of a brighter future. By ensuring these children have what they need, you are helping them face the school year with confidence and dignity.

Note: We will be packing the items at the Mission of Hope Warehouse, but parking can be an issue. The church van will provide transportation for those interested. We will leave CSPC by 8:40 a.m. and hope to be back at the church by 12:20 p.m. Please reserve your spot in the comments section when registering online for this event.

ABOUT: Mission of Hope strives to serve those in dire need in counties designated as distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission in Northeast Tennessee and Southeast Kentucky, and to bring hope to the people of rural Appalachia through an evangelical Christian charitable ministry.



Monday, June 22

Joni & Friends: Camp Prep / Lunch N' Learn

Joni & Friends Office, 410 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Kathryn Ann Laux



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 Tuesday, June 23

FISH Food Pantry: Pantry Stocking

Church of the Savior (basement), 934 N. Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, TN, 37909

SERVICE TIME: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 12 & Up

12+

LEADER: Stewart Asbury



► Friends with muscles and strong backs, we need your help to restock the FISH Food Pantry! We'll be unloading and organizing boxes of food items brought in on pallets by Second Harvest.

ABOUT: FISH Hospitality Pantries operates four pantries in East, South, Northwest, and West Knoxville. They currently provide food to more than 8,000 families every month. Rather than being concerned with who is deserving, FISH responds with respect to anyone who asks for food. They seek to nourish both the bodies and the spirits of those they serve.



 Thursday, June 25

Compassion Coalition: "Creating Space" Training

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

16+



LEADER: Mary Bond Holt



► Are you a mentor, ally, or simply a friend to someone who is experiencing challenging times, perhaps due to financial strains, a lack of resources, or maybe they're just feeling "stuck?" Relationships can be challenging as you walk with someone struggling to get by or who needs encouragement when life's road becomes rough. The Creating Space training focuses on building safe, judgment-free environments rooted in God's Word. Learn how creating trust-filled spaces allows you to better serve and walk alongside neighbors in times of need.

Note: This is a fantastic training for anyone interested in serving on the Cedar Springs Local Mission Team, Local Outreach Team, Good Samaritan Ministry, Stephen Ministry, or for those desiring to volunteer more deeply with our local ministry partners in the future.



ABOUT: Compassion Coalition is a network of compassionate churches, organizations, and businesses who recognize that we can do far more together for our city than we can apart. Their mission is to inform, equip, and connect their members to not only transform lives but also transform our community. Their collaboration bridges the gap to make a difference in our city.

INDEPENDENCE DAY Break

We will not have any scheduled events during the week of the 4th of July as we take intentional time to rest and celebrate with family and friends. We encourage you to use this week to slow down, make memories, and enjoy meaningful time with those around you.

At the same time, we recognize that holidays can feel lonely for some. If you have room at your table, on your porch, or in your plans, please consider inviting someone who may need community and connection to join you. A simple invitation can make a lasting difference.

We look forward to gathering again the following week, refreshed and grateful for the ways you care for one another.



Monday, July 6

Knoxville Legal Ministry: Dinner & Dialogue

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Michael Houbre



► “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow’s cause.” Isaiah 1:17

As followers of Christ, the Bible is clear that we are to seek justice for our vulnerable neighbors. The Knoxville Legal Ministry (KLM), in partnership with Administer Justice, provides a unique opportunity to help our neighbors facing confusing legal issues. KLM is a monthly free legal advice clinic. Both attorney and non-attorney volunteers are needed for this ministry. Come learn how you can be part of this important community outreach and advocacy opportunity.

ABOUT: Knoxville Legal Ministry, located at Cokesbury Church, provides free legal advice clinics for low-income residents, typically held on the second Saturday of each month. In partnership with Administer Justice, volunteer attorneys offer 45-minute consultations on civil matters, including family law, housing, and immigration.



Wednesday, July 8

KARM: Serving with a Smile

Knox Area Rescue Ministries, 418 N. Broadway Street, Knoxville, TN 37917

SERVICE TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Frank & Deb Smith



► Serve a delicious dinner to the residents of KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries), and learn about the ways that God is at work in the lives of our homeless neighbors in Knoxville.

ABOUT: KARM’s mission is to seek to rescue the poor and needy of the Knox area by providing recovery services in Jesus’ name. They provide emergency overnight shelter and meals. They also offer innovative training programs that seek to end the cycle of homelessness.



 **Friday, July 10**

KARM: “Every Bed, Every Day”

418 N. Broadway St., Knoxville, TN 37917

SERVICE TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome



LEADER: Lindsey Houbre



► Did you know that every person who spends the night at KARM, Knoxville’s rescue mission, is prayed for every single day? That’s right - Every Bed, Every Day (EBED). While we don’t know who will spend the night in these beds, God does, and this incredible ministry wouldn’t be possible without faithful volunteers like you! Join us as we pray over each bed that our unhoused neighbors will sleep in that night. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a card of encouragement to leave on the beds as well.

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AGE RANGE: Middle School & Up

12+

LEADER: Duffy Stowers



► Sharing food is an opportunity to create true community where all are welcome, everyone is treated with respect, and the voices of the marginalized are amplified, recognized, and valued. To achieve this goal, FISH provides food to people in a way that respects their human dignity, and we’d love to have you share in this experience with us! For this outreach, you will meet at the West Knox FISH Food Pantry for a brief orientation before joining an experienced delivery team on their route to deliver food to those in need.

ABOUT: FISH Hospitality Pantries operates four pantries in East, South, Northwest, and West Knoxville. They currently serve more than 8,000 families every month, providing bags of groceries containing a 2-3 day supply of food staples.



Monday, July 13

Joni & Friends: Family Camp Fun Day

Fort Bluff Camp, 370 Fort Bluff Camp Rd, Dayton, TN 37321

SERVICE TIME: 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up



LEADER: Anne Martin



► Joni & Friends Family Retreats provide inclusive worship, biblical teaching, fun, age-appropriate activities, and meaningful connections for families who understand the unique joys and challenges of life with disability. We have the opportunity to serve these incredible families for a few hours at camp! We'll arrive at Fort Bluff Camp by 9 a.m. for a special time of worship, then from 10-12, we'll observe camp programs, help set up for the afternoon's activities, and have lunch. Then we'll serve snow cones and help with other activities from 1-2 p.m. and plan to arrive back in Knoxville by around 3:30 p.m.

Note: Lunch will be provided. When registering, please comment if you'd like to carpool or if you have extra room in your vehicle to offer a ride for a volunteer or two.



ABOUT: The mission of Joni & Friends is to glorify God as we communicate the Gospel and mobilize the global church to evangelize, disciple, and serve people living with disability. Joni & Friends Family Retreats offer a safe and accepting Christ-centered environment where people get to fellowship with other families who face similar challenges, building lasting memories and renewing their hope in God.

Thursday, July 16

FISH Food Pantry: Grocery Bagging

Church of the Savior (basement), 934 N. Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, TN, 37909

SERVICE TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 8 & Up

8+

LEADER: Stewart Asbury



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CSPC Local Outreach: School Mania Staging Day

Knoxville Dream Center, 1444 Breda Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918

SERVICE TIME: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. OR 1:00-5:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 13 & Up

13+

LEADERS: Dan Green (8-12) and Lois Newton (1-5)



► In conjunction with Mayor Glenn Jacobs' School Mania initiative, Cedar Springs will be purchasing, filling, and distributing 500 backpacks filled with school supplies on July 25. In preparation for this outreach, we will be participating in a staging day, where volunteers will help set the foundation for a smooth and efficient packing event. Responsibilities include arranging and organizing tables to create an effective workflow, stocking each station with school supplies, and ensuring materials are evenly distributed and easy to access. We will also assist with unpacking and sorting bulk supplies and preparing everything needed for packing day. This preparation will help ensure the event runs quickly, safely, and successfully.



ABOUT: Thanks to area businesses, churches, and generous donors, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' "School Mania" will provide 6,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to those in need throughout Knoxville. The list of supplies being distributed was curated with the help of Knox County Schools to include as many general school supplies as possible. Bags are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last at various pickup locations around town.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13 (ESV)



📅 Friday-Sunday, July 17-19

Isaiah 117 House: Lemonade Stand Challenge

Your neighborhood, place of business, the park... or wherever else you can sell lemonade!

SERVICE TIME: Whenever you choose

AGE RANGE: All Ages Welcome

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LEADER: Jackie Gunter



► Help us change the way foster care begins for children in our community by participating in the Isaiah 117 House Lemonade Stand Challenge! We will provide you with a yard sign and some brochures about Isaiah 117 House so that you can share the mission with those who purchase your lemonade (and/or other goodies, if you decide to diversify). Many other churches and community members will also be participating in the Lemonade Stand Challenge, all to support the Knoxville chapter's home.

ABOUT: When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their welfare, they are usually brought to the Department of Children's Services offices to await placement with a foster family. This wait can be several hours, sometimes even to include an overnight stay in the office if no foster homes are immediately available. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing.



Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting home where these children can be brought to wait - a place that is safe, with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while DCS staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good foster placement.

📅 Saturday, July 18

Mission of Hope: Scott Co. Outreach & Distribution Event

Scott County Schools (exact location will be shared upon registration)

SERVICE TIME: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 12 & Up

12+

LEADER: Tom Hudson



► Mission of Hope is preparing for their next big Outreach Event and Food Giveaway in Scott County. This will be a drive-thru event, where people will pull up in their cars, and volunteers will load their trunks with much-needed food, hygiene items, and first aid kits.

Note: Depending on the exact location, we will probably be serving about an hour away from the church. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:00 a.m., the event begins at 10:00, and it should finish around 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

ABOUT: Mission of Hope strives to serve those in dire need in counties designated as distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission in Northeast Tennessee and Southeast Kentucky, and to bring hope to the people of rural Appalachia through an evangelical Christian charitable ministry.





In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- ACTS 20:35 (ESV)



Collegiate Abbey: UT Staff Connection Brunch

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 9:30-10:45 a.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Steve Moldrup



► Current or retired University of Tennessee staff, administration, and faculty, we invite you to join us for a time of connecting with Collegiate Abbey and each other! Our guess is that there are close to 100 current and former UT employees who attend CSPC. During the 9:30 service hour, you'll have the opportunity to get to know each other, enjoy a light brunch, and find out more about our ministry partner, Collegiate Abbey, who serves UT staff, admin, and faculty in unique ways. You'll also hear about ways that you can connect with others, not just at CSPC but on campus as well.



ABOUT: From the people that are in the offices, to the people that clean them, Collegiate Abbey serves the faculty, admin, and staff at UT Knoxville. They host large gatherings, such as their University of Tennessee Prayer Breakfast (hosted at CSPC), and they also meet with staff one-on-one. Their mission is to help cultivate the shalom/peace of God among UT's campus community by sharing the light, love, and hope of the gospel.

Do you see an event or activity that you'd love to participate in, but the timing just doesn't work out for your schedule? If so, please let us know! We would love to connect you to the ministry or help facilitate the service opportunity on a day and time that works for you. We're also happy to help you organize an opportunity for groups of friends, small groups, or Sunday school classes to serve together!



Joni & Friends: Family Camp Fun Day (Abbreviated)

Fort Bluff Camp, 370 Fort Bluff Camp Rd, Dayton, TN 37321

SERVICE TIME: 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up



LEADER: Kathryn Ann Laux



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Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

- 1 John 3:18 (ESV)

Monday, July 20

CSPC Local Outreach: School Mania Packing Day

Knoxville Dream Center, 1444 Breda Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918

SERVICE TIME: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. OR 1:00-5:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 13 & Up

LEADERS: Matt Fishbaugh (8-12), Rachel Kimrey (1-5)

► In conjunction with Mayor Glenn Jacobs' School Mania initiative, Cedar Springs will be purchasing, filling, and distributing 500 backpacks filled with school supplies on July 25. In preparation for this outreach, we will be participating in a packing day with the community. Tasks will include assembling and packing school supply bags, organizing completed bags into boxes for easy transport, and keeping supply tables stocked throughout the event. Volunteers will also assist with breaking down empty boxes and packaging materials, ensuring items are properly recycled, and the workspace remains clean and efficient.

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Tuesday, July 21

KICKO: "Christmas in July" Wrapping Party

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Watershed, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 10 & Up

LEADER: Alisha Ballenger

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► Christmas may be a ways away, but it's never too early to work on those wrapping skills. Join us as we wrap presents that will be distributed to inner-city kids as part of KICKO's "Sidewalk Sunday School" during the Christmas season.

Note: Wrapping paper will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring scissors and tape.

ABOUT: KICKO is a mobile ministry that builds relationships and develops faith with Knoxville's city kids. Their mission is to transform the inner city by equipping and empowering Knoxville's children to fully realize their potential and discover their God-given destiny.



Saturday, July 25

CSPC Local Outreach & Sarang Church: Community Backpack Giveaway

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Gym, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

SERVICE TIME: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (distribution open to public 9-11)

AGE RANGE: 13 and up

LEADERS: Matt Fishbaugh



► In conjunction with Mayor Glenn Jacobs' School Mania initiative, Cedar Springs will be distributing 500 backpacks filled with school supplies on July 25. We are still working out the details of how this distribution is going to look, but what we do know is that we'll need several people to make this event a success. Our hope is to not only hand out backpacks but also to show our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and always welcome at Cedar Springs. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, please sign up, and we'll email you the details as we get closer to the event.

Note: If you're interested in helping us prepare for this event, please check out our staging and packing day opportunities on July 17th and 20th.



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Wednesday, July 29

KARM: Serving with a Smile

Knox Area Rescue Ministries, 418 N. Broadway Street, Knoxville, TN 37917

SERVICE TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

AGE RANGE: 16 & Up

LEADER: Frank & Deb Smith



► Serve a delicious dinner to the residents of KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries), and learn about the ways that God is at work in the lives of our homeless neighbors in Knoxville.

ABOUT: KARM's mission is to seek to rescue the poor and needy of the Knox area by providing recovery services in Jesus' name. They provide emergency overnight shelter and meals. They also offer innovative training programs that seek to end the cycle of homelessness.



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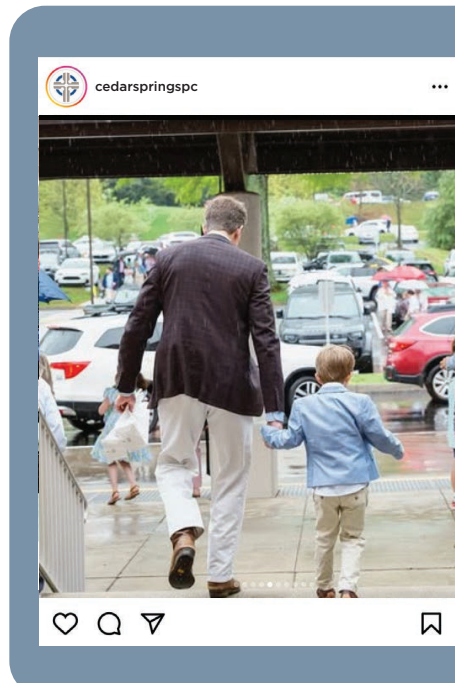
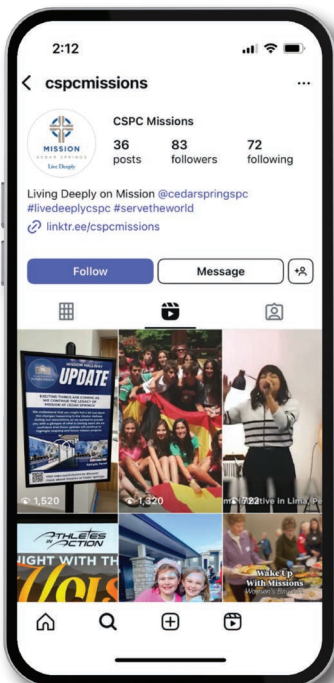


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#cspcserves

We want to see where you’re serving this summer! Post your pictures on social media and use **#cspcserves**.

We’d love to share your posts, so please tag us **@cedarspringspc** and **@cspcmiissions**. Let’s show our community what **Living Deeply** looks like this summer!



Still Looking For Ways To Serve This Summer?

Not sure where to start? Whether you're looking for simple, meaningful ways to make a difference this summer or hoping to use your unique gifts and talents to serve, there's always a place for you. Beyond our scheduled projects, there are countless opportunities to love and serve our city whether you have an hour or an afternoon. You can also reach out to Kathryn Ann Laux at KathrynAnn@cspc.net. She would love to help you find a place to plug in and serve.

Provide a Meal

► Many of our ministry partners host regular meetings, programs, and training sessions and they need meals. Grab a few friends, your community group, or a neighbor and sponsor a meal. It's an easy way to show appreciation and care to both participants and staff.

Encouragement Cards

► You can brighten someone's day by creating or coloring a card with a note of encouragement. This is a great activity for individuals or families, especially with young kids who love to draw or write kind messages. These will be used to either encourage a member through the CSPC Caring Ministry, or they'll be distributed when we go to KARM to pray over each bed (through their e-bed program).

Explore More Opportunities

► Each partner featured in this booklet has a website. Take a few minutes to explore! You'll find ways to get involved through Amazon wish lists, upcoming events like pickleball or golf tournaments, luncheons, seminars, and hands-on ways to serve. These small steps can help build long-term partnerships and make a lasting impact.



Clean Out • Declutter • Donate to KARM

► Summer is the perfect time to clean out your home, and your donated items can do more than clear your space. When you **donate to any KARM Store and list CSPC as your church**, you're directly supporting our efforts to serve individuals and families in need right here in our community.



How It Works

KARM tracks every donation made in the name of CSPC. Each quarter, they send us **KARM gift cards** based on the total value donated. These cards are then given to people in crisis or transition, providing them access to essential items with dignity and choice.

What can you donate?

- **Furniture** (beds, dressers, tables, etc.)
- **Clothing, Shoes, and Jewelry** (all sizes and seasons)
- **Household goods** (dishes, linens, décor, bed sheets)
- **Children's items** (toys, books, baby gear)
- **Small appliances & electronics**
- **Medical equipment**



Be sure to mention **CSPC** when you are donating. Every item helps us serve more people!

Bonus: Got a truck or trailer?

We sometimes need help picking up and delivering items like furniture. If you're willing and able to serve in this practical way, we'd love to add you to our "on-call" list.

Questions?

Contact Kathryn Ann Laux at KathrynAnn@cspc.net.



REGISTRATION

To register for these events, please sign up by visiting cspc.net/news or by scanning this code.



QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ann Laux at KathrynAnn@cspc.net in the Local Mission Ministry.



Did You Know?



In addition to our Come Serve with Us summer program, we also host an annual Come Serve with Us: Holiday Edition!

Each year, we provide opportunities to serve during the holiday months, especially when children are out of school. Our Thanksgiving Box Drive is one of the largest in Knoxville, allowing us to provide over 1,250 families in Knoxville with a delicious Thanksgiving meal. We also host or help with multiple Thanksgiving celebrations for our neighbors who are being served by our ministry partners throughout the city.

In the month of December, we participate in Bags of Hope, host several Christmas parties for local families, and volunteer with various outreaches throughout our city. Be sure to “Come Serve with Us” this upcoming holiday season!



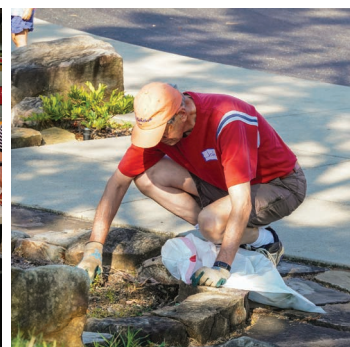
Are You Ready?

Here at Cedar Springs, we're committed to helping you LIVE DEEPLY, and an important part of that is a deep commitment to God's call to love our neighbors and make disciples of all nations.

We'd be honored to help you walk through the process of discerning where God is uniquely calling you to serve in missions. A great way to get more deeply involved is by participating in the **Global Mission Group**. This group of Cedar Springs members actively and intentionally walks alongside our local and global missionaries and ministry partners throughout the year, providing friendship, encouragement, and accountability through regular communication, short-term mission trips, and general ministry oversight.

We believe that you can be "on mission" anywhere, and being part of the Global Mission Group is one way to find a deeper purpose in life through loving others and serving the world. The Mission Ministry will be hosting an informational meeting and open house in the fall for anyone interested in learning more about the Global Mission Group and the many opportunities to serve on one of its teams. Be watching the [CSPC News & Events page](#), or email Susie Isaac at susieisaac@cspc.net to be added to the email list for details!





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If you have any questions about these or any other local service or outreach opportunities, please contact Kathryn Ann Laux at KathrynAnn@cspc.net or feel free to call the Cedar Springs church office at (865) 693-9331.