

Saved to Serve

The Church does not exist for itself but for others. God wants His saving gospel to be shared person to person throughout the world, so that everyone may have the opportunity of making the choice to follow Jesus and know Him as Lord.

We express this belief in "Vision 2020" ~ our mission is to "Bring life to the heart of 1066 Country ~ and beyond."

Our BAYEUX statement written into Vision 2020 declares the focus of Battle Baptist Church. The "X" declares our intention of going the eXtra mile in love and care of one another, and we certainly would never achieve anything if many church members and friends did not give hours of voluntary time and effort to the activities of the Church.

This leaflet is designed to help maximise the time and energy you invest in this mission. It will be an opportunity to acknowledge what you do at the present time, but also to review and consider any new offers of service you may make having recognised your giftings. There are many activities and opportunities to serve. Showing the love of Jesus to other people is most often achieved by serving them.

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

John 13 verses 12 ~ 17

God has equipped you with natural and spiritual gifts that can be used for His glory and to develop you as a believer. We wish to help you use your gifts to the full, to build and strengthen both your faith and the church both locally and further afield.

Write down on a separate piece of paper the various ways in which you use God's gifts now. Praise Him for the ways He has used you in the past ~ and ask for His guidance in the ways He can use you in the future.

We all experience "seasons" in our lives when we can offer more or less of our time and energy in different ways. What you could once do is now not possible. What you may offer in the future is now not practical. Please look at these areas of service listed below, and if you feel that God has placed a gifting in you, then please be honest about it!

Catering (such as cooking for our discipleship courses)

Hospitality (perhaps offering your home for events or for visitors to stay)

Creative Arts (e.g: being involved in drama or banner production,)

Discipleship Courses (could you host or help deliver a course?)

House Groups (such as host a group, or lead, lead worship, etc)

Musical (can you sing, teach an instrument, etc)

Outreach (helping with leaflet distribution, publicity for events)

Pastoral Care (are you able to visit members at home or hospital)

Children's Work (help with Parent & Toddler Group or Sunday Clubs)

Sunday & Mid Week Worship Meetings (provides a wide range of opportunities to enable these meetings to happen)

Youth Work (helping on Friday evenings)

Other vital ministries such as.....

- able to offer transport
- language skills
- practical craftsmanship
- football player
- administrative skills

Remember—don't be modest about your skills and talents. Please complete the table over the page with the areas of Church life that you would like to get involved with, including the time that you can give to the activities. You are not being asked to sign up forever—it may be that this is just for a short season. The information will be passed on to the Leaders for the activities you have listed, so they can get in touch with you about the help you have kindly offered.

Activity / Area of church life	Past experience Yes / No	What time can you offer	Exact type of skill or help offered
<p style="text-align: center;">EXAMPLE</p> <p>Children's work with under 8's at Sunday 9.00am</p>	No	Twice a month on the second and fourth Sunday in each month	Good at crafts and at telling stories.