BE THE CHURCH SUNDAY 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Be The Church Sunday?

Be The Church Sunday is our opportunity as disciples/followers of Jesus to not just come to church but to be the church. In scripture, Jesus is found outside of the temple more than inside shocking people with His extravagant love. We want to be like Jesus spreading love and serving others beyond the walls of the church, just as He did. In light of that, on Sunday, May 18th, we will not have our NORMAL WORSHIP service BUT will SERVE God through community service to impact over 30,000 lives.

When is Be The Church Sunday?

Be The Church Sunday will be Sunday, May 18, 2025

Why are we raising money?

- We are raising funds and mobilizing 500 disciples/followers of Christ, to impact over 30,000 lives locally and globally. In order to impact thousands of lives, we will need funding for the following activities:
 - Gas Giveaway at Royal Farms Resources will be used to bless over 300 families with free gas
 - Meal Packing Resources will be need to pack 20,000 meals to bless families overseas who are in need
 - Grocery Packing Resources will be used to bless 100 seniors at a local complex and 100 other families who are in need locally who will be able to come and pick up their grocery bundle at our church
 - Beautifying Neighborhoods Resources will be used to give back to our community by providing lawn beautification services for senior residents in the neighborhoods across the street from our church
 - Neighborhood Block Parties Resources will be used to host a lively celebration of fellowship, fun, and faith, featuring a community-based clothing drive to support inmates reentering society in partnership with the PG County Department of Corrections.

What are the hours of the event?

We will be serving the community between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

If people are in need of assistance, what resources are available?

- · Individuals in need of gas
 - 300 families will receive free gas at the Royal Farms beginning at 10 am 5351 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
- Individuals in need of groceries
 - 100 families will receive a free grocery bundle at can can pick up those items at our church beginning at 11:00 am
- · Individuals in need of job assistance
 - Employ Prince Georges will be on our property helping all who are looking for opportunities for employment

Why are we not having church service that Sunday?

We are not having service on Sunday, May 18, 2025, so that we can come together as a unified body of believers, united in faith, to actively do the work of the church in our surrounding community.

How will we serve the community?

- There will be 4 stations and 5 serving opportunities for people to serve our local and global communities.
 - Station 1 Royal Farms
 - Activity 1 Pumping Gas for over 300 families
 - Station 2 Greater Saint John Cathedral
 - Activity 2 Packing 20,000 Meals for people in need globally
 - Activity 3 Packing 200 grocery bundles for seniors and families in need locally
 - Station 3 Old Marlboro Pike Communities
 - Activity 4 Cutting grass, planting flowers, and picking up debris in the community across the street from our church
 - Activity 5 Organizing activities, serving food, picking up debris (nails, trash, other harmful items), and engaging families at our neighborhoods across the street from our church

How long will I need to serve?

This will depend on the service activity. Once you sign up, information on the time commitment will be provided closer prior to the day of the event. It is our desire to ensure that most people serving will only be serving between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Nevertheless, we are open to working with whatever number of hours people can serve.

How do I sign up to serve?

Click <u>Be The Church Sunday Sign Up</u> to sign up for one of the service areas. Each person serving will receive a T-Shirt to wear that day. Please indicate your T-Shirt size in the comments section, when you sign up.

Can children participate in a service activity?

Yes, children can participate in a service activity. Please ensure that children who are under the age of 13 are supervised by a parent or serve with their parent during the activity. Click <u>here</u> to sign up your child(ren) for a service activity.

If I am not a disciple (member) of Greater, how can I help?

- Anyone and everyone can participate! You can do the following;
 - · Make a financial contribution here;
 - Sign up for a service activity here; or
 - Fast and pray with us, using the <u>Daniel Fast</u> on Tuesdays from 6am to 6pm

I don't live in the area, how can I participate?

- We would love you to partner with us by doing the following:
 - Make a financial contribution here; or
 - Fast and pray with us, using the <u>Daniel Fast</u> on Tuesdays from 6am to 6pm

How can I participate if I am an older adult or I have limited mobility?

- We have two ways you can participate. You can do the following:
 - Make a financial contribution here; or
 - Sign up <u>here</u> for packing meals for overseas needs or packing meals for seniors or local families in need. These service activities were specifically implemented as options for older adults and those with limited mobility.
 - Fast and pray with us, using the <u>Daniel Fast</u> on Tuesdays from 6am to 6pm