

### CHURCH of christ

# 2023 MINISTRY CATALOG



One of the key components of being a follower of Jesus is service. Jesus' life and commands make this clear to us throughout Scripture. In response to his example, the MJ Family engages in many ministries to serve those in our church, community, and all over the world. We hope this ministry catalog gives you an idea of the many different opportunities you have to grow in Christ, love one another, and serve others. After taking time to examine the different ministry opportunities, we hope you'll sign up to serve in some of these ministries via our form at **mtjuliet.org/ serve** or visit the Involvement Center to fill out a paper copy.

In this catalog, you'll find a brief description of each ministry, as well as opportunities to serve. The work of God's church can't happen without you!

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

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#### **MJ KIDDOS**

This ministry exists to plant the truth, nurture godly relationships, and cultivate spiritual growth for children (birth to 5th grade) and their families. We seek to both teach and show love to our children to help lay a strong foundation for their faith and discipleship.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Teach or assist in a children's Bible class
- Help reach children in our community through VBS
- · Lead or help in other large and small group children's events

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#### **NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

New Kids on the Block is a part of our children's ministry built specifically for our littlest MJ Kiddos. We open up our nursery once a month for moms and their babies to come enjoy lunch and fellowship together. It's a great way for relationships to be built and needs to be served during this transitional time in a family's life.

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#### 4TH-5TH GRADE

The 4th-5th Grade ministry focuses on educating and fellowshiping with our 4th-5th grade children as they mature and prepare to enter the youth group. Our emphasis is on listening to what God tells us through His Word, building our faith in Him, and applying those teachings to our everyday life.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Host a monthly devotional in your home
- · Help chaperone the annual retreat in November
- · Help with the annual Christmas Caroling event

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### MJ KIDDOS & MJ YOUTH GROUP

#### **BIBLE BOWL**

This ministry is designed to prepare children of the congregation (K-12) for the annual Bible Bowl in Cookeville, TN, each fall. This ministry provides classes and study materials to students and their families each year as they strive to learn more about God's Word. The goal is to help our children learn and have fun at the same time.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Help with practices
- · Assist with lunch on Bible Bowl Day in Cookeville

#### Jason Kirby | biblebowl@mtjuliet.org

#### YOUNG LADIES/SOLDIERS SERVING CHRIST

This ministry trains 2nd - 8th grade girls and boys in the various aspects of worship, leadership, and service. It introduces Christian involvement targeted to age and skill levels. Students also participate in service projects to develop skills and knowledge to help them serve Christ, the church, and the community.

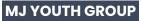
#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Teach a class
- Encourage students by attending class, providing feedback and interaction
- · Assist with service projects and events

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# MJYG





The youth ministry helps students (6th-12th grade) commit, connect, grow, serve, tell, and thrive. Everything we do—from events, to Bible classes, to retreats—revolves around these core purposes. We want students to fall more deeply in love with the Lord, His Word, and His church.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Chaperone on retreats and trips
- Drive a bus for events

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#### **CIRCUIT RIDERS**

Circuit Riders builds future church leaders by working with our high school young men to lead all aspects of worship at surrounding congregations. In addition, it helps to connect the MJ congregation to other local congregations through these efforts.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Attend worship services led by our Circuit Riders to encourage them and the local congregation
- Assist in teaching/training

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#### HISTEP

This program trains baptized, high school students how to teach either an adult or teen class. A specific curriculum guides the student through five principles on how to teach Scripture, and develop an introduction, three main points, and finally, a conclusion.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Listen and provide a critical review for students
- · Be present when students teach to encourage them
- Review and help update/evolve the curriculum

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#### **UP GROUPS**

This youth mentoring program pairs one adult with three same age/gender youth group members. Up Groups require a commitment of 12 days a year to spend time connecting with our teens, mentoring them, and participating in scheduled activities.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Sign up to be an Up Groups mentor
- · Help plan and execute the scheduled events
- · Edit and evolve the Up Groups curriculum

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# MT. JULIET YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE

#### **MJ YAC**

Our YAC ministry exists to help those who are in a transitional period in their lives continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus. This group desires to seek intentional, godly relationships with other like-minded Christian young adults. YAC is active in fellowship events, serving the church and community, and facilitating intentional discipleship with the rest of the congregation.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Host an event in your home
- Volunteer to work and build relationships at one of our retreats

#### Shannon Buckner, Jamie Gillespie, & Blaine McKinney | yac@mtjuliet.org

## MT. JULIET SENIOR'S MINISTRY

#### **MJ SENIORS**

MJ Seniors is designed to lend spiritual, emotional, social, and physical support to our members 65 and older. Part of this ministry is providing opportunities for seniors to grow spiritually through fellowship and service. We also strive to connect our congregation to those 65 and older for fellowship and opportunities to provide them support.



#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assist with driving for monthly outings and events
- Serve in various capacities as needs arise for seniors, such as yard work and housework
- Write cards to seniors in our congregation and those who may be sick

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## MT. JULIET MEN'S MINISTRY

#### **MJ MEN**

MJ Men serves men of our congregation through opportunities for Bible study, fellowship activities, and relationship building. Our goal is to build relationships that enable men of our congregation to live out Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."* 

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Lead or assist with men's ministry social events
- Help plan and run Father-Son or Father-Daughter retreats
- Lead or assist with small group men's Bible study

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#### **MJ WOMEN**

The purpose of our Women's Ministry is to seek God first, to surrender to His will, and to serve each other in love. There are countless opportunities for the women at MJ to grow closer to God, each other, and in their service to others, including women's Bible classes, fellowship activities, retreats, wedding and baby teas, and more. Our key verse is 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Help with and/or attend the Women's Retreat,
- Mother-Son, and/or Mother-Daughter Retreat
- · Coordinate or attend a ladies' fellowship activity
- Help with and/or attend a wedding or baby tea
- Help with sewing projects
- Help greet newcomers

#### Kim Buckner | women@mtjuliet.org



### **MINISTRIES DURING WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASS**

#### ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education program focuses on providing people an opportunity to learn more about God's Word. Through diligent preparation, our talented and dedicated teachers faithfully teach classes every Sunday and Wednesday. This ministry is committed to helping students improve their understanding of the Bible, learn more about God, live an obedient Christian life, and teach others what they have learned.

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#### COMMUNION

This ministry ensures that communion is provided for everyone at our worship services and the pews are stocked with Connect/Next Steps cards.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Prepare communion for services
- Assist with Connect/Next Steps cards in the pews

#### Ray Alley | communion@mtjuliet.org

#### GREETERS

As a part of our guest ministries, greeters focus on making everyone feel welcome and at home while worshiping with us, especially those who are new. Greeters are stationed at our auditorium entrances and Welcome Center at each of our Sunday services.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Greet before your preferred Sunday service
- Serve in the Welcome Center

#### Donn Freudenthal | greeters@mtjuliet.org

#### INVOLVEMENT CENTER

The Involvement Center is part of our Communications Ministry. The Center is located in the main foyer to help encourage congregants to discover ways to get involved in the work of the church, such as signing up for ministries and events or seeking general information.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

· Join the team to work at the Involvement Center

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#### **MJ LIVE**

This ministry utilizes technology to spread the Word of God to anyone with an internet connection. We live stream worship services and Bible classes at mtjuliet.org and via our phone system at 615-212-9925.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Operate the live stream system during worship services
- Set up the live stream system before worship services and Bible classes

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#### **RESOURCE TEAM**

This team helps ensure the safety of our congregation during worship and at various events. Along with security-related functions, the resource team also maintains a list of medical professionals to respond if a need arises.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Monitor security cameras during gatherings
- · Identify yourself as a medical professional for the responder's list
- · Work as security at various events

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#### USHERS

This ministry strives to help every visitor feel loved, welcomed, and comfortable. Ushers assist in greeting and helping people find a place to sit for worship.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

· Volunteer once a month to help usher during one of our worship services

#### Mike Welch | ushers@mtjuliet.org

#### WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This ministry handles the scheduling for the men in the congregation who lead in worship including prayers and presiding over the Lord's Supper. The Worship Assignments Ministry maintains a database of all of those who have signed up to serve and ensures these positions are filled each week.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Lead opening/closing prayer
- Preside over the Lord's Supper
- · Assist with check-in before services

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#### WORSHIP A/V

Worship A/V uses technology to aid during worship in three key areas: audio, visuals (slides), and video. These are used in-house to provide audio and visuals to our auditorium, simulcast, and monitors throughout the building. A/V also allows us to live stream our services so we are able to continue to spread the Word to all.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Run the sound station during worship or class
- Setup and run ProPresenter (slides) during worship or class
- · Provide technical skills or knowledge, if familiar, with the technology used

#### Wesley Harris & Jerry Sircy | av@mtjuliet.org

#### BENEVOLENCE

The mission of the Benevolence Ministry is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ by meeting or assisting with their basic needs in a time of crisis or transition.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Volunteer to work on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 am to noon
- · Contribute items to our food pantry requested each week and published in the bulletin
- Notify the church concerning someone you have been in contact with who needs financial assistance

#### Ron Barnes | benevolence@mtjuliet.org

#### COMMUNICATIONS

This ministry focuses on using digital and print media to build up, equip, and grow the body of Christ locally and beyond. We are heavily involved with social media, mtjuliet.org, ministry communication tools, sharing the vision of the church visually, the church directory, and much more.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Help with technology at church-wide events
- Archiving live streams
- Take photos

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#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This program provides multiple churchwide events focusing on outreach. Some opportunities focus on creating a welcoming environment where our church family can invite friends or neighbors, while others are focused on serving our community.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assist with setup or the food lines for Worship in the Park
- · Lead one of the community projects during Serve Others Week
- Clean cars or paint nails for Single Mom's Car Care Clinic
- · Serve breakfast at Veterans Day Breakfast
- Monitor an inflatable or help with food at VBS Family Night

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#### COUNSELING

We bring hope, help, and healing to the whole person. We believe that counseling must treat the mind, body, soul, and spirit as we provide a safe place for adults, children, and families. Our experienced counselors want to show the compassion and care that Christ showed and utilize a variety of approaches to meet needs. Learn more and reach out at mtjuliet.org/ counseling.

#### Laura Jenkins | counseling@mtjuliet.org

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT GROUPS**

These intergenerational gatherings of fellow Christians meet monthly from August through April for a time of fellowship. Groups of 10–15 people share a meal together and receive a list of people to encourage that month through cards, phone calls, and visits.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Coordinate an encouragement group
- Host a group in your home for a meal

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#### FACILITY DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

This ministry focuses on the role of the building in the work of the church at Mt. Juliet and the church's stewardship of that blessing. It is important for the building to support the works and ministries of the congregation and be well-suited to accommodate all of our guests.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assist with building improvement projects and maintenance, especially if you have areas of expertise, experience or skills
- Serve as a project manager for small miscellaneous projects (painting, electrical, plumbing, exterior, etc.)
- Pick up and deliver construction or project materials from the hardware store, lumber yard, etc. (availability of truck is necessary)

#### Jay Keopf | facilities@mtjuliet.org

#### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

This program provides multiple churchwide events with the purpose of promoting fellowship and intergenerational relationships within our church family. Family Day, MJ Opry, and a Dinner and Singing night are the current events led by the Fellowship Ministry.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Lead an activity for Family Day
- · Help with setup and take down for MJ Opry or the Dinner and Singing Night
- Assist with serving and providing food for the fellowship events

#### Greg Arnold & Seth Rozell | fellowshipevents@mtjuliet.org

#### **FRONT PORCH**

This ministry focuses on reaching out to and encouraging those who have recently visited the church. The goal is to make a personal connection with our guests at their homes and offer gratitude for their willingness to visit our church family.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

• Deliver a loaf of sourdough bread (provided for you) to a recent guest's home and thank them for visiting

#### David Glasscock | frontporch@mtjuliet.org



#### GIVING

This ministry ensures that each week's contribution is counted accurately and deposited. The Giving Ministry also maintains accurate records and transfers of all of our online giving funds and systems.

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#### GRIEF

The Grief Ministry supports individuals in our church family whose lives have been touched by death as a way of showing our love and concern during a very difficult time. A series of four publications is sent during the first year after the death, at appropriate times during that year.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Write sympathy cards to each family
- · Attend funeral home visitations when appropriate
- · Make phone calls or home visits to those who need to be encouraged

#### Gene & Thelma Griffin | grief@mtjuliet.org

#### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

The goal of this ministry is to strengthen marriages and families by offering biblical education and mentorship. Periodically, we offer marriage and parenting workshops, Financial Peace University, and other activities to strengthen and encourage families within the church.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Volunteer to help with an event
- Mentor

#### Chris Haynes | marriage.family@mtjuliet.org

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Meals on Wheels provides a meal each Thursday to shut-ins and those who may have a need. Our team consists of individuals who cook and are willing to deliver the meals. Each December, we also assemble and deliver around 100 holiday gift baskets.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Join a team to lead, cook, plate, or deliver meals
- Assemble and/or deliver holiday baskets in December

#### Joe Partin | mow@mtjuliet.org

#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

This committee manages several mission points and assists organizations who are making disciples and sharing the Gospel all over the world. You can view a full list of current mission points at mtjuliet.org/missions and learn more. Each year, several mission trips are also conducted under the oversight of this ministry.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Serve on the committee and attend monthly meetings
- Participate in short-term mission trips
- Pray actively and encourage our missionaries and mission points

#### David Burka | david.burka@mtjuliet.org

#### **MJ PRESCHOOL**

The mission of the MJ Preschool is to teach God's Word and share His love through a fun learning experience that prepares children socially and academically for school. We offer preschool programming two days a week (Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs) from 9:00am-1:30pm for children ages 2 years old through Pre-Kindergarten. Learn more at mjcocpreschool.com.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assist with minor projects (painting, changing lightbulbs, etc.)
- · Participate in the adopt a grandparent program
- Work as an aide or substitute in the preschool program

#### Tina Edwards | tina.edwards@mtjuliet.org

#### NEWCOMERS

This ministry hosts fellowship meals for those new to our church family throughout the year. Our goal is to facilitate developing connections with other Christians as we welcome them into our congregation.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Invite new people to join us at the next scheduled lunch
- Bring a dessert
- · Serve and visit with newcomers at the lunch

#### Rick Stephenson | newcomers@mtjuliet.org

#### **NEW MOVERS**

This ministry focuses on reaching families who just moved into our community. Our goal is to make contact with the family when they are considering where to worship in our city.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assemble welcome gifts once a month
- Deliver one of the welcome gifts once a month

#### Bryan LeMasters | bryan.lemasters@mtjuliet.org

#### **OPEN HOMES**

Open Homes serves orphans both locally and globally. We provide practical support to foster and adoptive families in the form of meals, childcare assistance, prayer support, and more. Our goal is to surround foster and adoptive families as they provide for children.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Become a foster or adoptive parent
- Partner with a specific foster or adoptive family
- · Assist with childcare or meals at events or training

#### Clint Haynes | openhomes@mtjuliet.org



#### SCHOOLS

This program serves the students, teachers, and staff at Mt. Juliet Elementary. Our goal is to show God's love through volunteering, acts of kindness, and encouragement.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for the teachers, students, and staff on a regular basis
- · Volunteer for scheduled school events
- · Help with periodical acts of service to teachers and staff

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#### **TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

This ministry provides direction, support, and leadership for all information technology needs across campus, including the preschool and the chapel. We work with our staff and other ministries to ensure all IT systems work together across our platforms. No IT experience is required to serve in this area.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Assist with mounting equipment technology installation
- Testing and deployment of new technologies, as needed
- Those with IT experience may be called on to help with training and workshops

#### Cary Chapman | cary.chapman@mtjuliet.org

#### TED E. BEARS

This outreach ministry makes teddy bears for children in uncomfortable situations. Bears are given to our local police, first responders, emergency rooms, and nursing homes.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Cut out bear patterns
- Sew bear patterns
- Stuff and/or paint faces on bear patterns

#### Patty Willoughby | bears@mtjuliet.org

#### TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Ministry is responsible for driver training, maintaining an approved list of drivers with our insurance company, as well as servicing and repairing our fleet of vehicles. This ministry primarily exists to meet the transportation needs of other congregational ministries. This is accomplished by ensuring our vehicles are safe and functional and approved drivers are available to serve.

#### Tim Martin | transportation@mtjuliet.org

#### TREASURY

The Treasury Ministry, under the direction of our elders, handles the daily financial tasks and responsibilities for our congregation. They manage payroll and expense tracking for the many ministries of the Mt. Juliet church. Their diligent work ensures we are good stewards of the resources we are given.

#### Sean Owens & Kristina Kirby | treasurer@mtjuliet.org

#### WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

This ministry cares for and shows love to our widows and widowers as the New Testament teaches. We seek to help support them in many areas including physically, socially and spiritually. We do a monthly lunch every 2nd Sunday, as well as additional activities throughout the year.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Help with occasional physical needs at their homes
- · Host or co-host one of our monthly Widows & Widowers lunches
- · Assist with transportation for special situations

#### Scott Humphrey | widows@mtjuliet.org

#### WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

WBS uses postal mail, and the internet to share the Gospel and promote diligent Bible study around the world. Using published course materials and the Bible, our members act as study helpers, building relationships by writing personal notes of encouragement to their students, as well as grading their lessons. We offer a 7-course Master Series, plus supplemental courses on specific Bible topics. Many of our students are in jails and prisons in the USA, as well as in the community and in foreign countries.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- As a postal mail teacher prepare printed WBS lesson booklets for mailing to your assigned students, grade the student answer sheets returned by mail, write notes of encouragement, and prepare their next lesson booklets
- As an internet teacher access the WBS website, claim a waiting student(s), follow their progress as they complete lessons online, and write online notes of encouragement

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#### WORSHIP OUTREACH

This ministry focuses on encouraging those who are no longer able to attend worship due to physical limitations. On Sunday afternoons, they visit shut-ins and nursing homes to worship with them. This includes praying, the Lord Supper, and sharing some thoughts from the sermon.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- · Take communion occasionally to members that are temporarily hospitalized or at home
- Visit local nursing care facilities

#### Jamie Gillespie | worshipoutreach@mtjuliet.org

# **Ready to serve?**

## We're here to help you make that step.

We love that you are interested in connecting and serving alongside your fellow Christians here at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ. There is a place for you to make a difference. If you need help getting involved in a ministry or have questions about signing up or volunteering, please get in touch with our Communications Minister, Blaine McKinney. You can also stop by the Involvement Center, and someone will be there to assist you.

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