



Ways to Help From Home

Share God's peace in actions, attitude, and words. Show the hope we have in Him whether we are at the store, around the dinner table, or online.

Pray

Prayer "Walks"- Virtual Prayer Walk- [Google Earth](#), Neighborhood Prayer Walk, [Bless Every Home](#), Community Prayer Drive, Picture Prayer Walk-healthcare providers, first responders, essential businesses, and government officials

Adopt an [Unreached People Group](#)-learn about the culture, view the country of origin on Google Earth, play a game, make a food, or learn a few words in the language of your group

Pray for [Children who are waiting for Families](#)

Learn

How to Protect- [Child Protection Training](#), Signs of [Trafficking](#) and How to Report, Signs of [Child Abuse](#) and How to Report, Train on How to Care for [Vulnerable Children](#) (this will help you be involved as a baby sitter or respite provider for foster/adoptive parents in your church or begin foster care requirements)

How to Better Serve- Research an Area of Need and Learn about Volunteer Organizations and Opportunities that address that need within your community (see if they have needs now or plan how you will get involved at a later time), Complete a Small Group Study to better equip your staff or family to reach your community (*Missional*

Essentials, Gospel Primer, Tangible Kingdom Primer, When Helping Hurts), Practice Family Discipleship with [Faith Path](#), Participate in a Hunger Study ([WMU](#) or [World Vision](#))

Serve-

Support Local Hospitals- Parkland Opportunities: Provide meal donations to staff (Vishal Bhalla-Vishal.Bhalla@phhs.org) or supply donations such as masks and scrubs (Pamela Bryant-Pamela.Bryant@phhs.org), Donate Blood:1-800-RED-CROSS to find a local donation site, Pay for emergency Child Care for Healthcare and First Responder Personnel- sasbservices@YMCADALLAS.org
469-348-9622

CPS-Sign Up for [Care Portal](#) to Meet Specific Requests and Offer Use of Currently Unused Facilities- Email Chelsie chelsiehoard@dba.net

Fill Critical [Volunteer Needs](#)

Sew- [Masks](#), Headbands with Buttons for Healthcare Providers, Blankets for crisis pregnancy centers, Hats, Gloves, and Scarves for homeless outreach services such as [Our Calling](#) or the [Stew Pot](#). [Women helping women project](#), and Book Bags for [Literacy Conexus](#)

Serve Those Still Serving You- Make Thank you Notes, Baked Goods, Window/Chalk Messages for Postal Workers, Delivery Drivers, Sanitation Workers, Essential Business Employees

Give Grocery Store Cards, Amazon Cards or Meal Delivery Cards like Uber Eats to Neighbors, Elderly, or Others in Need

Give Financially to [Pandemic Church Assistance Fund](#), Churches' Benevolence Funds, and Non-Profits

Clean-Out Closet and Cabinets- Items can be dropped off at various donation sites

Mail or Porch Drop Boredom Boxes to Kids (be sure to particularly use them for single moms)

Provide Grocery Delivery, Prescription Pick Up, Lawn Care, and Cards to Vulnerable People

Family Coupon Books- Members of a family can help children learn to serve by making coupon service books for each member of the family (idea from Lauren Young at First Baptist Waxahachie)

Build Community

Get Resources and Vital Information Out- Make sure your congregation has information on resources individuals might need such as internet resources, food, school meal pick up location, unemployment resources, etc. (Email Chelsie if you need help finding this information)

Connect with other pastors to support and encourage one another (Zoom meetings)

Individually reach out to elderly, those who have lost jobs or wages, single parents, people with underlying health issues, those with mental illness or addictions, or limited transportation through Facetime, Notes, Meeting Tangible Needs, and Care Packages (Chalmers Center)

Counseling Services- Connect those in need and pay for online counseling programs

Provide Online Lessons- Have members of your congregation, neighborhood, or family host cooking, art, music, knitting, or sewing lessons, join community classes/exercise groups, host a story time for kids

Create Little Libraries to swap books, puzzles, games, even non-perishables (please make sure people know to sanitize items).

Continue to Support Local Business- Purchase Groupons or gift cards to local businesses and restaurants, Shop online or order take out, and Tip Well to delivery drivers

Continue to Build Relationships with people In Your neighborhood (Start a Facebook, Slack or text group or write words of encouragement with sidewalk chalk)

Driveway Fun- picnic, dance, or music party, walk with signs, host a bear hunt

Group Fun- Netflix Party Movie night, Normal meal or dinner party together with everyone online, Game Night over video (Charades, Pictionary, Scattergories), and Throw online birthday parties (Cesar Kalinowski)

Mail or Porch Drop Letters to Neighbors-Give out contact information and ask for needs

Resources

[30 Ways to Stay Connected](#) by Cesar Kalinowski

[5 Ways Your Church Can Respond](#) by Chalmers Center

[Mission Resources](#) by WMU

[Be A Neighbor Campaign](#) by VOMO