

the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:11–16 (ESV)

Serving brings glory to God.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV)

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

What are my excuses?

1. I already served my time.
2. I don't know enough to serve.
3. I am too busy to serve.
4. I just don't want to get involved.

How should I respond?

1. **Serve others relationally** - Get involved in a Life Group.
2. **Serve others practically**. Let us help you find a way to serve in the church.
3. **Improve your ability to serve**. Take the SHAPE class during Faith University.

October 13 - Fingerprint - Gospel
October 20 - Fingerprint - Outreach



What makes Faith Church unique?

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Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25 (ESV)

Why are we committed to authentic relationships?

1. Inauthenticity keeps the entire body from growing.
2. Inauthenticity is living a lie.
3. Inauthenticity is unloving.

Serving one another honors Christ in the life of the church.

God created us to fit together.

1. Legos are designed to be different.
2. Legos are created to connect.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with



Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 1 Corinthians 12:12–26 (ESV)

1. Everyone has a part to play in the body.
2. God gave us the gifts he wanted us to have.
3. The parts of the body that look weaker are indispensable.
4. We succeed and fail together.

Everyone grows in Christ when we play our role in the body of Christ.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by