

Waterview Women's Ministry Directory

*"Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord, because you know that your
labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

I Corinthians 15:58

**Women Serving
the Body of Christ**

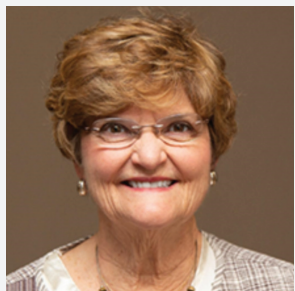
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Artist at Work Art Class

Many have admired the many mural canvases that decorate the children's wings of the building and have wondered about the source of these inspirational paintings. The answer is that a group of men and women artists as well as amateur learners meet every Tuesday at 9:00 AM in a classroom in the church building to serve others by creating works of art. This informal group works with various art forms such as painting with oils, acrylics, watercolors, or pencil drawings. Their creations are often used in encouraging ways such as painting faces on the dolls created by the sewing Sisters in Service to give to hospitalized children or Alzheimer patients and producing scenic props for the church's vacation Bible school. No lessons are taught and no fees are attached. Just willing workers who enjoy art forms. Volunteer artists are welcome to participate in this noble cause.



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Baptistery Dressing Area

One of the most important rooms in a church's building is the area designated for baptisms. Waterview's women have displayed their love for decorating and supplying the dressing rooms a place of honor. The rooms adjoining the baptistery have been supplied with the needed items and reflect the serene moment that is taking place. ShawnAlis is the individual who checks the area for replenishing supplies as well as washing towels and bathrobes as needed. Volunteers can serve as a substitute when a temporary fill-in is needed.



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Birthday Bash

Do you enjoy birthday celebrations and like to plan parties? Well, you might enjoy helping plan the Waterview Ladies' Birthday Bash. The Bash is held every four to five years and is a celebration of the birthdays of all Waterview ladies. Lindy Bell is the coordinator of a team of volunteers who plan and execute this fun event that promotes comradery and fellowship among ladies of all ages. Join us in planning this fun time for Waterview ladies.



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Books for Missionary Schools

Each year a book drive provides an opportunity for books to be collected for preschool children in international schools that are sponsored by the Church of Christ. Books are solicited through the Wednesday morning ladies' class and Waterview's Christian Preschool. Donated soft-back books in English or in Spanish are mailed or shipped to locations like Nicaragua that are challenged to obtain books for very young children. The hope is that book access will enhance the love for learning as well as elevate literacy among children who are being taught God's Word while at school. Monetary contributions and donated soft-covered books make this initiative possible.



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Bible Classes for Young Children

There is a place at Waterview for those who love teaching what was once referred to as "Sunday school" to two, three, four and five year olds. Volunteers teach 45 minute classes on a three month quarterly basis: September – November (Fall), December – February (Winter), March - May (Spring), June- August (Summer). These classes occur prior to the Sunday AM worship service as well as the PM Wednesday evening service. Each class has a teacher and an aide - which allows some couples to enjoy working as a team. The curriculum is provided and thus requires little prep work. Openings for teachers and aides are always in demand and much appreciated by the church at large as well as by the parents and the children. The only requirements are a love for teaching children God's Word and a security clearance.



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Breakfast With Santa

Breakfast with Santa is an opportunity for children from the church, Waterview preschool, and the community to have breakfast, make a craft, play games, and have their picture taken with Santa. Toys are collected for the Christian Works' Becoming Mom program. Volunteers can sign up to bring food, help setup and tear down decorations, and help the children make crafts on the day of the event. Volunteers are welcome to help in any of the above areas.



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Building Hall Monitors

Hall monitors are stationed in the preschool's hallways of the church building each time classes are in session (Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings). The monitor is equipped with a walkie-talkie for notification if assistance is needed by a teacher, a child, or if a safety issue arises. Monitors are scheduled monthly according to the times volunteers are available. The only requirement is that volunteers go through a background check. This is an important area of service that is appreciated by all.



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Christian Care

Christian Care is the name given to facilities begun by members of the Church of Christ to serve the elderly whose needs are better met living in a resident home, an apartment, or reside in an area providing full-time care. The elderly residing at Christian Care facilities are not forgotten by ladies at Waterview. Each week a group arrives on campus where residents look forward to playing games, anticipate special treats, or simply enjoy a visit with someone who keeps them company by listening to and talking with them in conversation. Volunteers can join in the weekly visits, provide game prizes such as travel size toothpaste, Kleenex, hand wipes, hand lotion, etc., and help with fundraisers.



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Building Decor

Decorative napkins, soap dispensers, and Kleenex tissues don't just appear in the ladies' and children's restrooms without a servant's heart's contribution. Seasonal decorations throughout the building in the form of flowers, candles, and potpourri add touches of "welcome" to the building. Cleaning the silk plants in the hallways and auditorium also are a part of this good work. Cheryl Travis would welcome anyone who enjoys shopping, purchasing and assisting with refurbishing when such is needed.



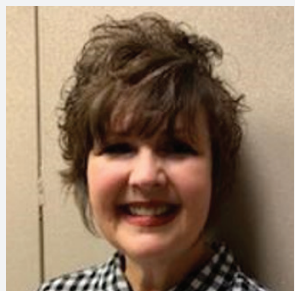
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ChristianWorks

Christian Works is a non-for-profit organization originating through members of the Church of Christ whose mission is to represent the goodness of God to children and their families by continuing Jesus Christ's example of service to those in need of spiritual and emotional support. There are many fascists of outreach in the organization, but one area that many at Waterview are involved in is through the GriefWorks area. This is a division of work designed to provide free counseling services to children who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their life. Often those left to care for the child are included in the counseling. Monetary and prayer support are appreciated.



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Church Library

What is one of the oldest women's ministry at the Waterview congregation? The answer is the church's library! Situated next to the office, the library houses over 4,500 books and resource materials! The shelves hold books ranging from Christian reference books, Christian fiction, children's books, marriage and family life books, Bible reference books, devotional books, as well as secular history books. All are available for checkout during church hours and during office Cheryl Travis hours. Contact Cheryl Travis if you wish to donate gently used books, want to donate a book in memory of a loved one, or simply want more information about the use of the library.



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Church of Christ's Lifeline Chaplaincy

Members of the Church of Christ are active in the Lifeline Chaplaincy which is an organized endeavor to minister to the area's hospitalized patients. Lifeline volunteers make short visits to area hospitals to offer prayer, scripture, and encouraging conversation with patients who have had surgery or are overcoming an illness. The once a week visits by the volunteer are focused on brightening the patients' day by letting them know the love of Christ and that there are those who are praying for their recovery. Training is required. This effort is not time consuming nor labor intensive and is very rewarding for both the volunteers and the patients. Volunteers are very much appreciated by both Lifeline Chaplaincy, the hospitalized patient, and by the patients' families.



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Christian Works for Children

There are many women in the Waterview congregation who have a heart for children, but one woman stands out in particular and that woman is Pamela Patterson. Pam has been on the ChristianWorks for Children board for 12 years. She has served as secretary, vice-chair, as well as chairman. She works in GriefWorks - which is a free program for children who have lost a parent or sibling. GriefWorks for Children as well as KidsWorks provide support for children of divorce. Volunteers can join Pam in helping with fundraising events as well as serve as help in the office as needed. Training can also be provided for those interested in working with hurting children whom Jesus loves.



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Cradle Roll

The Waterview congregation loves their babies and toddlers. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings we have classes for infants and children up to two years old. We also have two separate tended nurseries... one infant nursery (0-12 months) or till walking and one for walkers until they are two years old. The lessons taught are short and repetitive and are filled with singing, hands on learning, and visuals designed to teach about God's love and His beautiful world to these very young hearts. Volunteer teachers or teacher aides who love little ones are invited to help in this important endeavor.



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Friends of the Kitchen

Have you ever wondered how kitchen resources just magically are replaced, replenished, and restored? The answer is that the magic happens because of dedicated women like Grace McIntyre and Wyngene Akins who keep a watchful eye on the needs of the kitchen as they arise. Any who have a heart for making sure that the kitchen inventory stays updated can be a part to this important ministry by contacting either Grace or Wyngene.



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Grief Support

The loss of a loved one may often feel overwhelming. While every loss is unique, as is each person's grief unique, this support group can offer a place to process loss and be given support, information, and empathy. Waterview is blessed to have a qualified counselor who volunteers her time and training to meet with a group on a weekly basis to facilitate the sharing of common struggles due to the passing of someone dear. The group meets on Wednesday nights at the church building. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. Use this resource yourself or support this effort by making others aware of this free service.



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Friends of the Atriums

The Waterview building has open areas specifically designed to bring the beauty of the outdoors into the building. The two atriums are located at the north and south ends of the building. Each are graced with plants, flowers, and trees below the open sky. Both atriums enhance the elegance of the building. Volunteers are needed for their upkeep. No expertise in plant life is required. Those who enjoy working in the outdoors or who wish to occasionally contribute a seasonal plant will find volunteering as a Friend of the Atriums a rewarding experience.



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Helping Our Heroes

A little taste of home and cards of thanks and appreciation are being sent approximately every 7-9 weeks to military service members, some with direct connections to Waterview and also as an outreach. Boxes are being sent to those who are friends, husbands and wives of co-workers, sons or daughters of neighbors, etc. of Waterview members. These valued service members receive boxes filled with a variety of necessities, variety of snacks, puzzle books, cards, holidays items etc. If you know of someone in the military you would like to receive a box, please submit their name and shipping address to Lindy Bell. Your help also is needed by donating items (a list is provided), sponsoring a box (\$25 each) or assembling the boxes for shipment. Words of appreciation are received from these service members and their families, but the tremendous outreach is the greatest benefit of all.



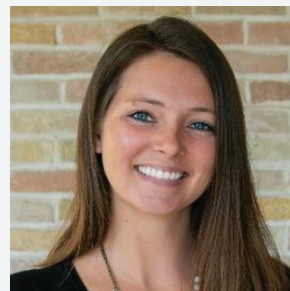
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Ladies' Day

Ladies of the congregation look forward each year to the annual ladies' day! This well-planned and well-attended day begins at 9:00 in the morning and lasts until 2:00 in the afternoon. The day features intense Bible study, delicious snacks/luncheon, impacting speakers, and robust table discussions. Activities to edify and encourage fellowship among the attendees are also embedded into the day's activities. Attendees are gifted mementoes at the end of the day designed to capture the message and memory of the day's Biblical lessons. Volunteers are needed to lead prayers, facilitate table discussions, lead the singing, and help with clean-up duties at the end of the day.



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Ladies Friendship Dinners

The Ladies Friendship Dinner is a ministry to disciple others, to grow your friendships within the church and to serve and encourage your neighbors. The primary way to participate in this ministry is to host/cohost a table of eight. What does this mean? Well, you will use your creative talents to decorate the table any way you like; with your favorite china or everyday dishes or any theme, have fun with it. Then, you would invite friends in the church you would like to get to know better and/or neighbors or other friends beyond our walls to join you for a meal - a time of fellowship and a lesson from God's word. Other ways to serve, including assisting with the pre planning of the event, planning the menu, theme or scheduling a speaker. Or maybe you are creative and can assist in designing the invite or help with setup/clean-up or manage the table assignments prior to the event. I Thessalonians 5: 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are doing.



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Knitting and Crocheting With a Purpose

Ladies who enjoy conversation, snacks, fellowship, knitting and crocheting meet at the church building the third Monday of each month as a part of the Sisters in Service initiative. Baby blankets, hats, as well as fleece blankets, and lap blankets for Parkland Hospital, Medical City children as well as hospice centers are just a few of the outreach products produced. In addition, they knit hats for chemo patients at Presbyterian Hospital, hats for the school bell program, as well as items for Network, a local resource center, and scarves for a safe house for women. All are just some of the good works this group produces. Encouraging notes with the church's address are included in each gift of love. Those interested in knitting or crocheting for the Lord are encouraged to join this warm group of volunteers.



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Meals for the Bereaved

Whenever a member of the Waterview congregation passes, a group flies into action to provide a meal for the bereaved and extended families. This meal usually occurs prior to the funeral service in the south end of the church building. These meals serve as a means of comforting the grieving family. This is a very rewarding service. Volunteers help in the form of room set-up, table decorations, kitchen help, room clean-up, and food preparation. Added help in these areas is always welcome.



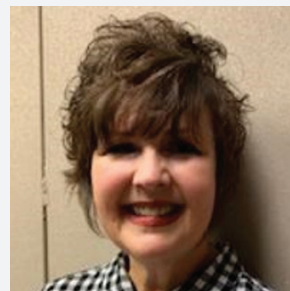
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Mentoring Jackson Elementary Students

Mentoring a 3rd-5th grade student at Jackson Elementary School in Plano is a program that is dear to many hearts at Waterview. This initiative focuses on developing friendships of encouragement and influence with a student who faces challenges in their young lives. It involves a once-a-week visit with the child at the school's 30 minute lunch time. Volunteers can bring lunch and eat with the child or play cards, read a story book, play a game, or just sit and chat. As friendships grow, an "underpinning" of support develops that says, "I'm in your corner." Research shows that one person can make such a huge difference in a child's life. This initiative is perfect for anyone who desires to make a difference in a child's life.



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Mothers of Young Children

On the first Tuesday of each month from September through March, mothers of young children gather in the south wing of the church building at 6:30 PM to enjoy a delicious light meal. Childcare is provided for pre-school through 12 years old children. After the moms visit while eating, a lesson concerning parenting God's way is taught by guest speakers and through group discussion. Those who enjoy providing childcare, food preparation, table decorations, door prizes, or video recording will find a place of service in this very important monthly endeavor.



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Meals on Wheels

Waterview has been involved in the Meals on Wheels program for over forty years. The Visiting Nurse Association prepares meals for the elderly or disabled residing in the community. Volunteers drive to a pick-up point where they are given the meals and their route for that day. Upon arrival at each destination, the volunteer greets the recipient with a warm smile at their residence and transfers the meal into their hands. This endeavor assists others in experiencing loving kindness to those in need. Waterview's MOW team covers one route for one week each month. Individual volunteers are assigned one route for one morning each month and deliver in pairs.



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Pre-school Boosters

The staff at the Waterview pre-school serve by teaching not only children of Waterview members but also children of the community. A strong curriculum is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays with emphasis on the Word of God. As one mother stated, "I chose this pre-school because of the emphasis placed on teaching the Bible." Each month Booster volunteers provide a special treat to the staff and twice a year (once in the fall and once in the spring) a luncheon is provided as a way of thanking these dedicated teachers for their commitment to excellence. Food contributions, food servers, and monetary gifts are solicited to make this initiative possible.



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Quilting

One avenue for service through Waterview's Sisters-In-Service initiative is through quilting for others. On the first Monday of each month, ladies gather in Waterview's sewing room to piece together fabric to make small blankets for Waterview's new babies, nursing home residents, individuals in the congregation suffering with extended illnesses, and for hospital patients. Those who love to sew on a sewing machine are welcome; however, involvement in this altruistic endeavor requires no experience in sewing because performing uncomplicated tasks are necessary such as putting together the batting that lies between two layers of fabric, pressing fabric, or having an eye for selecting pieces of fabric that go together harmoniously.



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School Bell Program

In June and July opportunity is open for members to participate in the sponsorship of the School Bell Program. This initiative is an out-reach endeavor that provides school supplies to families in need, so their children's school year begins in a positive way. Waterview members and Jackson Elementary staff nominate families who cannot afford to buy basic school supplies. Receiving families come to the church building on a specific day in July to meet the volunteer church members who man posts to help with the distribution. This effort connects children and families with the love and care of the body of Christ. Volunteers are needed on the day of distribution as well as monetary contributions and school supply donations prior to the distribution date.



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Prime Timer's Luncheons

Each month after the Sunday morning worship service, a special potluck gathering is held in the south end of the church building for our Prime Timers, those who are 60+ years old. This is an amazing time of fellowship and sharing a meal together. Linda Little keeps the Prime Timers abreast of all things happening within the Prime Timers through a monthly newsletter. There are many opportunities to serve in the form of table set-up, clean-up, table decorations, kitchen help or simply bringing a dish to share. The Prime Timers especially love seeing the young kids help serve drinks and clear the tables. This ministry falls under the Congregational Assimilation deacon group but is primarily spearheaded by Andrea Danielson with help from her husband Michael, along with the entire Chapell family, the Nabers family, and Robert Lauderdale.



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Senior Tea

An afternoon tea honoring the young ladies at Waterview who are graduating high school seniors is held each spring in the home of Marla Alexander. This annual event features scrumptious food delicacies, family and friend guests, photo shoots, conversation, take-home mementos and most importantly prayer for the graduates and their families as this new phase for both the graduate's and the parents' lives soon will begin. Volunteers can be involved by contributing monetarily, serving refreshments, being door greeters, or sending invitation mail-outs.



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Sisters in Service

On the second and fourth Mondays of each month, individuals meet at the church building to produce and deliver comforting items to adults and children who are confined due to age, illness, or hospitalization. So far this year multiple items have been made: pillows (for hospice as well as cancer, heart, knee, shoulder, and back surgery patients), bibs for nursing home adults, ouchie babies (for Alzheimer patents and children with anxiety), shadow buddy dolls (doll figures for doctors to draw on to comfort the child in knowing where their surgery area will be), as well as producing newcomer bags for new members. Items are tagged with the Waterview name and address so recipients can know the origin of their gift of love. Volunteers do not need to be seamstresses for there is always a need for those who can cut out fabric pieces, stuff sewn items, and deliver products.



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Spring Fling

The Prime Timers host an annual Spring Fling that senior citizens aged 60+ look forward to each year. A catered meal is provided by Ann Dean, and live entertainment is enjoyed by all! The Prime Timers enjoy getting their picture made and being waited on by the Waterview teenagers. Help is always appreciated in the form of decorations, clean up, entertainment, and kitchen help.



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Shining Star Ministry

In the Shining Star ministry widows, widowers and shut-ins (our Shining Stars) who would like to participate are 'adopted' by a Waterview member, couple or family. 'Adopters' make a minimum once a month contact with their Shining Star by way of a call, card, visit, flowers, etc. There is no limit to the creative ideas for ways to reach out and let these sweet Shining Stars know they are being thought of, remembered and loved. A luncheon will be held periodically in order to bring everyone participating in the program together for some good food and even better fellowship. For Shining Stars who can't make it to the luncheon, a festive meal will be delivered to them along with a nice visit. The monthly contacts being made, no matter how minimal, have a far greater impact than imagined. If you would like to adopt a precious Shining Star, you would be greatly welcomed and guaranteed to receive far more than what you give.



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Teacher Workroom

Waterview's Teacher Workroom is known as an example of a well-organized and efficient dispenser of teacher resources. The room serves not only the needs of the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes for children, but also provides resources for Waterview's week-day pre-school. Andrea Danielson is on staff to oversee the room and uses her many talents to provide the bulletin board designs displayed throughout the building. She assists those needing workroom resources by locating items they are requesting.



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Wedding and Special Events Closet

One of the most appreciated services at Waterview resides in the Wedding and Special Events Closet. To help with celebratory events, the closet offers resources for members of the church who are planning/executing a special event. Items such as linen tablecloths, candles, tableware, vases for floral arrangements, etc., help in making such occasions memorable as well as less costly.



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Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

Each Wednesday morning at 9:45 from September through April, ladies of all ages meet in the south end of the church building for fellowship and Bible study. Childcare is provided for young mothers. Coffee and morning refreshments are followed by a short devotional in the chapel. After chapel, attendees then break into small groups led by knowledgeable women who facilitate discussion of the assigned lesson. In addition to studying from God's Word, the class members frequently enjoy luncheons as well as participate in service projects both for Waterview and for the community. This weekly class is a perfect place to meet and get to know visitors and fellow sisters in Christ. Childcare is provided. Volunteers read scripture, lead prayers, lead singing, provide breakfast food, purchase/mail get-well cards, help with meal set-ups, serve food, and clean-up after luncheons. Additional help in any of these areas is always appreciated.



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Waterview Christian Pre-School

Each Tuesday and Thursday from September through May, the church parking lot is filled with pre-school age children being dropped off to attend classes from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The school draws many children not only from the church but also from the church's surrounding neighborhoods. The staff is made up of Christian teachers who love serving children and their parents. Volunteers can help by becoming paid substitute teachers and assisting teachers with special projects from time to time.



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Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

There are three months (March through May) that hold a very special place for the ladies of all ages in the congregation. The much anticipated and well attended Wednesday evening class is the perfect setting for ladies in all stages of life to hear the Word of God. Speakers bring "meat" for the Bible scholar as well as "basics" for guests who may need "milk." One bonus for this class is that all women of the congregation get to know each other better by being together. Volunteers can help with room set-up, assisting with advertising, being a guest speaker, leading songs, video recording, leading prayer, providing occasional refreshments, and setting up the room's sound system.



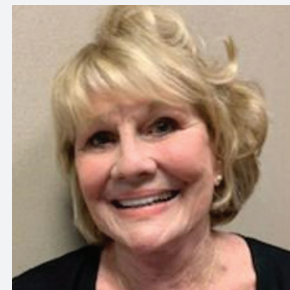
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"Who Is My Neighbor?" Ministry

America is now composed of people who have come from lands of unbelief. Some who live next door or down the street from members of the church come from countries that do not believe in a living God. Some come from countries that believe in false deities. Both populations are just like the people Jesus and His apostles had compassion on and therefore taught the message of the real and living God. Wilena Grigsby and her husband Jim have such a heart and are embracing the hope that all can respond to the Word of God and become believers. Their study groups especially with Muslim friends can expand if volunteers will partner with them in this worthy effort.



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Woe2Wow

Woe2Wow provides Kiosks with Scriptures of encouragement and wisdom in businesses around the metroplex. These are intended to touch the lives of those who are having a challenge in their life or in the life of a loved one and to encourage believers. Resources to meet the specific needs of the solicitor along with commentaries are available at the Kiosks (by scanning a QR Code). The prayer is that individuals experiencing crises in their lives will be impacted as they seek guidance and hope through God's Word. Volunteers with an interest in social media, writing devotionals, and setting up Kiosks in businesses are always appreciated.



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Welcoming and Information Desk

Sometimes there are simple questions that need an answer such as: Where can I go if my child starts to cry during service? Not only does the individual at the Welcoming and Information desk answer questions, but also places church bulletins on the tables near the auditorium entrance, gifts visitors with a gift bag of mementos and information about the church, assembles Biblical handouts to occupy young children during the worship service, and refurbishes the candy dish on the counter placed there as a gesture of welcome. For those who have a ready smile, volunteers can serve as a substitute when a temporary fill-in is needed.



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Individual Good Works

Individual good works abound among the ladies of Waterview:

- One-on-one Bible studies are a frequent occurrence in homes and at the church building.
- Baby and Bridal showers are an ongoing happening hosted by ladies of all ages.
- Community nursing home endeavors and visits are made by women of the congregation allowing residents to sing in a choir or just enjoy an outside conversation sharing news in each other's lives.
- Numerous women cook and deliver meals to homes of the sick.
- Designing picture collages for graduating seniors' gift tables is an annual contribution that women make.
- Through Leadership Training for Christ, many women volunteer to coach other young women in the art of public speaking, signing for the deaf, song leading, scripture reading, bulletin board designing, Bible bowl, etc.
- Many ladies teach a rotation that serves children in grades 1-5 in Journey Land classes.
- Vacation Bible School offers many opportunities for service: teachers, aides, and preparation of learning aids.

All of these individual good works (and more) offer opportunities for involvement that are important and valued by not only the Waterview Church of Christ congregation but more importantly by our Lord and Savior.

The ladies in the church office will be most helpful in answering questions concerning any of the above areas of service. Call 972-238-4700.



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