

FAQ about SERVEFEST 2020

(as of July 1, 2020)

The following highlights some common questions and answers surrounding this unique and exciting event in the life of our church and our community:

- **WHAT IS SERVEFEST?**
ServeFest is a unique and intentional “*Time of Service*” for the First B family to move outside the walls of our church building and BE the church in our local community. Our goal during ServeFest is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we seek together to live, love, and lead like Him in tangible ways.
- **WHEN IS SERVEFEST?** Over the past few years, ServeFest has taken place predominantly on a Saturday or a Sunday near the end of each August. In light of Covid-19 and the new challenges it brings, this year’s ServeFest will officially “launch” on **Sunday, August 30, 2020** and then continue on throughout the following 12 months. We believe this approach will allow us, and the organizations we serve, the flexibility needed to discover strategic times (and ways) to effectively and safely serve them.
- **WHY DO SERVEFEST?**
 - It provides our First B family with a unique opportunity to show the love of Jesus, as an act of worship, through meeting practical needs in our community.
 - It encourages, challenges, and leads us to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we continue to bring the church to our community, instead of waiting for them to come to us.
 - It gives “church service” a whole new meaning by reminding us in our individualistic, consumer-oriented society that “church isn’t all about me or us” and that it is far “better to give than to receive.”
 - It offers one more way we can “*let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*” (Matt. 5:16 ESV).
- **WHERE IS SERVEFEST?**
ServeFest takes place in various locations throughout our local community and beyond.
- **WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY SERVICES DURING THE SERVEFEST WEEKEND?**
At this time, First B offers an online Worship Service on Sunday nights (at 7pm) of our contemporary service.
- **WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS WILL WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH DURING SERVEFEST?**
 - Project options for all ages to enjoy – from children to really seasoned adults.
 - Project options for the skilled and unskilled, as well as, opportunities for those who are physically challenged.
 - Project options that help us live, love, and lead like Jesus.
- **HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THESE PROJECTS?**
Projects will be selected where volunteers can make a difference through loving acts of service, whether it be by pulling weeds, painting, picking up litter, visiting those in need, etc. Volunteers will be able to sign-up (via online) for specific projects in the weeks leading up to ServeFest. Volunteers will be mobilized and organized by a Project Site Leader who will help them to accomplish the task(s) they are committed to fulfill.
- **WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT ON THE “LAUNCH” DAY (SUNDAY, AUG 30) OF SERVEFEST?**

8:45	Gather at your project sites.
9:00	Begin serving at your project site as directed by your Site Team Leader(s).
Noon	Head home praising God for the opportunity to spread His love to our community (Some team members may choose to serve longer)
- **HOW DO I SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER?**
You can see available projects and sign-up at fbceugene.com/servefest. After you have registered to volunteer for a given project, you will be sent an email confirmation and/or be contacted by your Site Team Leader to confirm your registration. Throughout the year, available projects and sign-up opportunities will be listed on this webpage.

- **WHAT SHOULD I BRING FOR SERVING THAT DAY?**
 - Wear your ServeFest T-shirt.
 - Wear clothes for ServeFest that are conducive to the work you will be doing. For example, if you are on a painting or landscape project, wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
 - Feel free to bring with you any tools that will be helpful for your project. For example, you may want to bring gloves if you are doing yard work or a favorite paint brush if you are painting. With certain projects, the supplies will be waiting for you at the site. If you have any questions of what to bring, feel free to contact your project site leader.
 - If your project site allows the taking of pictures, bring your smart phone and/or a digital camera to capture the service project that you are doing. We would like copies of the pictures in order to put together a presentation soon after (please email him the pictures to servefest@fbceugene.com).

- **WHY DO WE WEAR SERVEFEST T-SHIRTS?**

ServeFest T-shirts allow us (and the organization) to easily identify who is serving on our Project Site Teams. The T-shirts not only express our like-mindedness in wanting to “*spread the love*” of Christ to our community, they also allow us to better look after the safety of our team members and the organizations we are serving.

- **CAN I USE A SERVEFEST T-SHIRT FROM PAST YEARS?**

Yes. Just make sure you are wearing your ServeFest T-shirt on the day of ServeFest or for any following ServeFest opportunity in the months that follow.

- **DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER AT FIRST B TO SERVE AT SERVEFEST?**

Absolutely not.

- **WHAT IF MY FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE NOT A PART OF THE FIRST B FAMILY WANT TO SERVE TOO?**

Excellent! They are more than welcome to come and serve. You may just want to invite them to serve with you at your project site.

- **WILL THERE BE CHILDCARE?**

No. While all projects will not be family-friendly, we do have various projects available to families with children so they can serve as a family as much as is reasonably possible.

- **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN LEADING A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS?**

To understand more about the important role of a site leader, review the [job description](#).

- **CAN I DONATE FUNDS AND/OR OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP WITH SERVEFEST?**

YES. Please visit fbceugene.com/servefest and click on the “Donate to Servefest” button.

- **HOW WILL SERVEFEST DEAL WITH COVID-19 GUIDELINES?**

ServeFest will seek to abide by all CoVid-19 guidelines under the umbrella of First B's CoVid-19 policies, procedures, and guidelines. We will also seek to abide by any additional guidelines that may be requested by an individual organization.

- **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M NOT FEELING WELL ON THE DAY OF (OR ON THE DAYS LEADING UP TO) SERVEFEST?**

You need to be symptom-free for 72 hours in the days leading up to ServeFest. If you are experiencing any illness symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.), please contact your project's Site Team Leader and let them know you will be staying home because you aren't feeling well. And don't worry, there will be more opportunities to serve in the days ahead

- **WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact us at servefest@fbceugene.com or [541-345-0341](tel:541-345-0341).