

Growing the Forest

January 2018



Forest Park
Christian Church
Growing Christians

2018-The Year of Shared Ministry

Welcome to 2018! As the new year gets underway, people have begun making and working on their resolutions. Have you, like many others, adopted some resolutions for this year? Do they involve the ever popular “get in shape/lose weight” or “quit a vice” or “spend more time with friends and family.”

There are so many great resolutions that we can all make and hopefully stick with, but I would like to challenge everyone to include one resolution relating to shared ministry. Maybe you would like to serve, but don’t know where to start-I challenge you to contact me so that we can talk about how you can serve. Maybe you haven’t been serving much and you would like to get more involved-I challenge you to pick an area that you would like to serve in and commit to giving more of your time and gifts. Maybe you have an idea for something new at church that you would like to see started-I challenge you to talk to us about it and start working on making it a reality. Maybe there is a volunteer opportunity in the community that you have been considering-I challenge you to take that first step and make contact with the organization. Whatever it is, resolve to take that step in 2018 to make sharing your ministry an important part of your year. And once you’ve made your resolution, let’s work together to stick with it and make it happen.

I’m wishing you all a great 2018 and I look forward to serving together!

~Terisa

Why Volunteer?

Everyone has their own reasons for volunteering and their own response to the volunteer experience. I volunteer because I like to feel like I am making a difference, not just at church, but in the community and world as a whole. I also enjoy being able to make a difference by doing the things that I am good at and having a chance to put those gifts to use. One of my favorite volunteer experience was when I oversaw the programming for the residence halls at OSU. It gave me a chance to use my gifts, hone my skills and have a lot of fun with a great group of people!

Now, we want to hear why you volunteer-what’s your favorite thing about it, why do you do it, what do you get out of it? Also, what has been your best volunteer experience and why? Email Terisa at terisacunha@hotmail.com with your comments or leave a note in the Shared Ministry box at church and it may be featured in a future newsletter.

Upcoming Events

January 13-Undeck the Halls
10am

January 28-4th Sunday Potluck

*Be sure to check the calendar board at church and your Pew News for information on other upcoming and ongoing events.

Event Highlights

UnDeck the Halls

Help us take down the Advent decorations at 10am on January 13th.

Women’s Group Events

Make plans to join one of the new women’s groups

Book Study Group beginning January 14 at 4pm at the church. They will be studying the book “Enough” by Adam Hamilton. Contact Carol Nichols at cnichols@aol.com for questions.

Movie Group beginning January 21 at 5pm at Tapestry in Tulsa. They will be watching the movie “God is Not Dead” followed by discussion and a meal at Panera at 91st and Memorial. Contact Susan Myers at San.Myers@hillcrest.com for questions.

Looking for ways to share your gifts or figure out what your gifts are? Contact Terisa at 918-814-2670 or terisacunha@hotmail.com. And remember-it’s never too late to begin serving or to fill out a Shared Ministry Interest Survey.