

volunteer opportunities

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Volunteering at Morning Star Church

Let's get a couple of things out in the open from the start:

1. This catalog is NOT about filling volunteer slots at Morning Star. This catalog is a tool to help you explore God's purpose for your life. Yes, He has a purpose for your life! And He gifted you with talents and skills and abilities to accomplish that purpose. Really.
2. This catalog is NOT about making sure your life is full-to-the-brim with activities and scheduling complications and "have to." It's about "get to." It's about helping you find your sweet spot so you can be absolutely giddy with the soul-level satisfaction that comes from serving exactly how God designed you to serve.

Here's how to use this catalog:

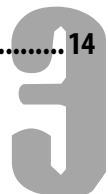
1. Check out the Table of Contents. If a general category of opportunities whispers to you (or hits you over the head), go directly to those pages. Don't hesitate. Don't bother looking anywhere else first.
2. If nothing in particular strikes you, just start flipping pages. Read the opportunities that sound interesting, and skip the ones that don't. This is not a cover-to-cover read.
3. When you find an opportunity you think you'd like to try, contact the person listed. Or, if you're a little shy, drop us a note on your Communication Card that's in your bulletin every weekend . . . and we'll contact you!
4. When you try a volunteer role for the first time, we call that a "First Serve." It's a no-strings-attached experiment. So, if you discover that it wasn't exactly what you were looking for, you don't have to do it again! If you don't like it, let the leader know, and try something else. They won't be mad. Nobody will think you're a slacker. The point is this: No one will expect a commitment until YOU make that choice.



If you look through the book and you're feeling stuck or overwhelmed, please contact Ken Willard at 636-561-5680 or ken.willard@mscwired.org. He'll be happy to talk with you about your interests and suggest a place or two to start exploring.

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Care and Recovery

Care and Recovery Network

The Care and Recovery Network views Morning Star as a family—and being a part of a family includes celebrating and supporting people through the joys and trials of life.

1. Care Call Ministry

Care Callers contact people who have been absent from worship services to help discover if there is some way that MSC can support and encourage them.

Keith Scarborough, 636-561-5680 or pastor.keith@mscwired.org

2. Care Team

Through greeting cards, meals, and occasional transportation assistance, the Care Team provides care and encouragement to people going through a crisis or special circumstance.

Denise Ponte, 636-379-5383 or pontedm@aol.com

Christy Wilson, 636-922-2457 or christywilson188@hotmail.com

3. Hospital Visitation Ministry

Our Hospital Visitors provide care and support for those experiencing a hospital stay.

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4. Prayer Team

The Prayer Team supports MSC members, attendees, and the ministries of the church through the power of prayer. Team members can participate as prayer partners (face-to-face prayer before and after worship), by joining a team that prays before each worship service, and/or by joining our email prayer chain.

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Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry seeks to build excitement in children to learn about and live like Jesus Christ and to team with families to bring children into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

6. Children's Registration

Volunteers seeking a position that combines hospitality with children's ministry will feel right at home serving in the registration area, checking in children and helping our guests get registered.

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7. Early Childhood

Volunteers in our Early Childhood programs work with children in our nursery, twos, and preschool programs during weekend services. Volunteers may also work behind-the-scenes gathering and preparing materials for lessons.

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8. Family Event Planning Team

Children's Ministry offers several family-friendly events throughout the year, such as our Easter Egg Hunt and Kidz Blitz programs.

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9. Kindergarten-5th Grade Programs (K-5)

Our K-5 program offers perhaps the broadest range of opportunities to volunteers: teaching large-group lessons, leading small-group discussions, acting, leading worship with the Pump Up the Praise Team, running the media and sound boards, and more! Volunteers can also serve in behind-the-scenes roles such as gathering materials needed for weekend lessons.

Carole Sweeten, 636-561-5680 or carole.sweeten@mscwired.org

10. Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School program offers short-term, but highly rewarding, volunteer opportunities, from crew leader to snack coordinator and everything in between.

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Grow Ministries

Morning Star's mission is to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We're intentional about meeting people wherever they are on their spiritual journey and helping them to take their next steps. Grow Ministries is a part of that next-step taking, providing opportunities for people to learn and to connect with others.

11. Grow Class Facilitator

Many of our class-based discipleship programs are led by volunteer facilitators, including Starting Point, Membership Class, Disciple, and Good Sense. Facilitators must be members of MSC.

Ike Patterson, 636-561-5680 or ike.patterson@mscwired.org

12. Men's Ministry

The mission of the Men's Ministry is to develop men into fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ and equip them to become spiritual leaders. Volunteer roles include facilitating small groups, planning and coordinating events, and more.

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13. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) strives to meet the needs of all mothers with children ages birth to kindergarten who share a common desire to become better moms and stronger women of influence in our communities. The vision of MOPS at MSC is to educate, support, and love mothers in all walks of life, glorifying God in all we do. Volunteers can serve by caring for children during MOPS meetings or by mentoring moms through the program.

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14. Open Mike Night

Pastor's Chat is an opportunity for people who are new to MSC to meet Pastor Mike and hear about our mission, vision, and core values. Pastor's Chat volunteers coordinate snacks and hospitality for the session.

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15. Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry helps women see how God made every woman special and helps women flourish in every season of life. Volunteers can serve in several different capacities: planning and coordinating events, assisting with specific elements of women's ministry events (such as music, crafts, or media presentations), assisting with event registrations at the Connection Center, and more.

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Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere for guests attending worship services.

16. Greeter

Greeters welcome attendees with friendliness and sincerity. They're our first-impression team! Greeters also answer questions and assist people with finding classrooms and the worship area.

Chris Long, 636-561-4334 or chris.long@graybar.com

17. Java Bar

Java Bar volunteers provide hospitality and encourage fellowship by serving coffee and juices to our guests.

Deb Tiihonen, 314-369-8654 or debra@susanbrewer.com

18. Parking Lot

Our parking lot attendants direct people in the lot and offer a special welcome to first-time guests.

Jim Brady, 636-300-1960 or jamesebrady@aol.com

19. Resource Center

The MSC Resource Center supports the spiritual growth of attendees by offering resources for purchase (small group materials, message CDs, Bible studies, music CDs, and so on).

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Hospitality Team - Outreach Ministry

20. Usher

Ushers provide a positive impression to those who enter the worship area. They distribute bulletins and provide assistance with seating, communion, and the offering.

Chris Long, 636-561-4334 or chris.long@graybar.com

21. Welcome Center

Welcome Center attendants create a welcoming informational area for newcomers to ask questions and get answers. They also assist as back-up greeters in directing people to classrooms or the worship area.

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Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry offers opportunities to serve as the "hands of Christ" by meeting basic needs in our community and church family.

22. Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Team produces special events, such as the annual MSC Family Circus, designed both to reach out to our unchurched community and to enhance fellowship within the MSC family.

Keith Scarborough, 636-561-5680 or pastor.keith@mscwired.org

23. Local Outreach

The Local Outreach Team works to introduce Christ to those outside of our church through service projects on the local and regional level. The local outreach team also coordinates assistance programs at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Stacy Eikermann, 636-332-0704 or eikermannstacy@hotmail.com

24. OASIS Food Pantry

MSC supports OASIS Food Pantry in St. Charles by providing volunteers and ongoing food donations. Currently, we have teams on the first Thursday evening and the second Thursday morning of each month.

Stacy Eikermann, 636-332-0704 or eikermannstacy@hotmail.com



25. Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

MSC regularly sends VIM Teams to serve the needs of our regional, national, and global communities.

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Small Groups

One of the ways people develop in their faith is in the context of fellowship with—and commitment to—others. Enhance your spiritual life by “living life” with people in a small group setting—and they will become your family.

26. Small Group Coach

Small Group Coaches act as mentors for a group of five small group leaders, guiding them through the joys and challenges of small group leadership. MSC Membership is required for this volunteer role.

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27. Small Group Leader

Small Group Leaders facilitate a small group through fellowship and study. MSC Membership is required for this volunteer role.

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Sports and Recreation

The Sports and Recreation Ministry plans and executes activities that introduce non-members to MSC and provides members with ways to grow through fellowship.

28. MSC Annual Golf Tournament

The MSC Annual Golf Tournament is a one-day event to help raise money for St. Charles Habitat for Humanity and our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) teams. The event acts not only as a fundraiser, but also as a fellowship opportunity and a good vehicle for introducing people to MSC.

Dave Glendinning, 636-561-5344 or david.glendinning@penske.com

29. Recreation

Recreation volunteers help to coordinate adult league sports, our annual Family Fun Weekend, and more.

Pastor Ike Patterson, 636-561-5680 or pastor.ike@mscwired.org

Support Ministries

Support Ministries include a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including both administrative and creative options.

30. Bookkeepers

Volunteer bookkeepers serve for four hours on Monday mornings to help process the offering. Duties include sorting, counting, preparing the deposit, and some data entry.

Patty Beseda, 636-561-5680 or patricia.beseda@mscwired.org

31. Church Administration

MSC's Administrative Boards provide leadership, guidance, and oversight to ensure that all ministries and actions of the church are reaching toward the goal of developing fully devoted followers of Christ. These volunteer opportunities require MSC membership and nomination by the Lay Leadership Team: Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Finance Team, Lay Leadership (Nominations), Staff Relations, and Trustees.

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32. Communications Team

The Communications Team presents MSC's news, culture, and mission through print and electronic media. Skilled volunteers can serve as graphic artists, copywriters, and proofreaders. We also welcome people who aren't afraid of playing around with websites.

Kelley Hartnett, 636-561-5680 or kelley.hartnett@mscwired.org

33. Connection Team

The Connection Team invites and places people into meaningful MSC volunteer opportunities. Volunteers on this team help make sure that no potential volunteers "fall through the cracks" in two ways: by contacting MSC attendees to invite them to deeper participation through volunteering and by encouraging, supporting, and holding accountable ministry team leaders.

Ken Willard, 636-561-5680 or ken.willard@mscwired.org

34. Facility Maintenance

The Facility Maintenance Team provides a safe, well-functioning, and attractive building in order to support our greater mission. Volunteers can participate on the landscape team, paint team, small maintenance team, building security, and safety/medical response team.

Jack Hartnett, 314-807-2309 or jhartnett@larsongroup.net



Support Ministries – Worship Arts

35. Information Technology

The Information Technology team provides technical assistance and training to all ministry areas requiring computer, audio, or video technologies. IT volunteers minimize costs and maximize efficiency and security of MSC's computer systems. Volunteer positions include network administrators, software trainers, telephone administrators, computer/telephone wiring assistants, and so on.

Darin Warren, 636-265-0858 or dewarren72@gmail.com

39. Office Support

The office support team works directly with MSC's receptionist to help with administrative tasks in the church office, such as answering phones, making copies, stuffing bulletins, and so on.

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Worship Arts

Worship Arts teams work in both technical and creative areas. Members of these teams have a passion for creating unique worship experiences.

40. Camera Crew

Camera operators serve during weekend worship services and special events. Volunteers need a steady hand, a long attention span, and the ability to remain cool during live presentation.

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41. Communion Team

Volunteers serve communion during weekend worship services (often the first weekend of each month).

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42. Drama Team

The Drama Team enhances our worship services by performing three- to five-minute sketches (live or video-taped) centered around the message or series topic. Volunteers can serve as actors, writers, and/or directors.

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43. Lighting Crew

The Lighting Crew uses creative lighting design to enhance the overall worship experience. Volunteers can serve as crew members or board operators.

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44. Media Production

With the Media Director's guidance, media production volunteers create graphics and shows for presentation in worship services, the lobby, and special events.

Production may include generating concepts, planning and storyboarding, compiling and/or creating images and artwork for composition, creating PowerPoint shows, shooting photos and video, video editing, and more.

Jason Nichols, 636-561-5680 or jason.nichols@mscwired.org

45. Music Ministry

The Music Ministry uses the power and influence of music to reach people exactly where they are to help them reach up to God. The music ministry holds auditions twice per year for skilled instrumentalists and vocalists.

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46. Presentation Software

Volunteers operate the presentation software during worship services (song lyrics and message slides). This position requires attention to details, the ability to remain cool during a live service, and the ability to stay with the singer or speaker.

Jason Nichols, 636-561-5680 or jason.nichols@mscwired.org

47. Props Team

The Props Team creates set pieces and props to be used as part of our worship services. These props are also used as part of live or videotaped performances or to enhance the message topic.

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Worship Arts - Youth Ministry

48. Sound Ministry

Our Sound Ministry supports the worship experience and special events through operation of the soundboard. Volunteers also burn message CDs for the resource center and upload files for podcasting. It's helpful for volunteers to have some knowledge of signal flow and sound technology, a passion for great-sounding music and audio, attention to detail, and strong focus.

Mitch Aldridge, 636-561-5680 or mitch.aldrige@mscwired.org

49. Technical Direction

Volunteer Technical Directors work with the Media Director to coordinate the technical elements supporting worship services, serving as the go-to person for PowerPoint, Lighting, and Camera crews.

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Youth Ministry

MSCYM exists to reach youth and connect them with other one another so they may grow in their faith, discover their purpose, and honor God with their lives through Christ-like choices.

50. Youth Praise Band

Youth are invited to audition for our youth praise band, which leads worship at *Experience 6:22* on a regular basis.

Marty McClanahan, 636-379-3415 or the6macs@charter.net

51. Youth Programs

Our Youth Ministry is multi-faceted, offering various programs throughout the week. Volunteers can serve at *Experience 6:22*, our Sunday evening program; as facilitators for the *The Gathering*, our Sunday morning program; as leaders for our mid-week small groups; or by coordinating or chaperoning special events and activities. Volunteers can also serve as mentors for youth experiencing the Confirmation program.

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Notes

