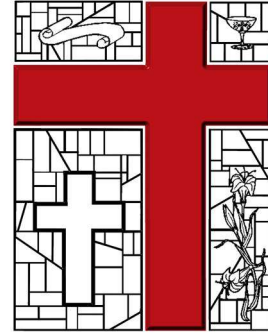


Grace Church of Central Point



Just what is Helping Hands? Well it is an outreach ministry of the Grace Church Youth Group just as the name implies. Our Youth Group lends their physical attributes to those who need them. As with every ministry at Grace Church, the foundation is laid out in Scripture.

Since the beginning of time being a helper was important in God's plan as the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." (Gen 2:18). In small ways this ministry teaches our youth, that to be a helper to others in need is one thing God expects of one who is walking in the Spirit. This willingness to help also brings glory & happiness to God. "And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God." (Heb 13:16).

In Hebrews 13:5 it is written: Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." The world teaches our youth and us to always reach for the golden ring, to get something better than we already have. But, I feel that until we help someone else who is unable to help themselves, or that that person is worse off than we are, we won't feel content with what God has blessed us with. There will always be someone looking up when we look down. Through the Helping Hands our youth see that their situations are not as bad as they think they are.

Instead of reaching for the golden ring, my hope is that through this ministry our young will reach instead for the Golden Rule found in Matthew 7:12: "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you." If we expect or want God to help us then we must also be willing to help others.

If you need some help that our youth can provide, please contact Pastor Fred Devos, Pastor Howard Glosser or me and I will try to coordinate a solution. I want to emphasize that this ministry is at no cost to those who need help. If you do wish to compensate the young people for their work, we ask that you kindly make a donation to Grace Church and designate gift for the Youth Group.

James Hibbs, Youth Group Leader (John 3:16)