

# Serving As A Family

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As we begin to close 2022 and start the fresh new year of 2023. I want to both encourage and challenge you. First, I want to encourage you by taking a moment as a family to sit down and write out some struggles you had as a family and individually. Then write out ways that God brought you through those hard times. As you do this, it is my prayer your faith will be strengthened as you see the faithfulness of God.

The challenge. As a family write down ways you want to serve others (elderly, the church, the community, the schools, etc.) Plan out what you want to do and when you want to do it. As you do this it will bring your family closer together.

Here are some examples:

Encouragement:

- 1) This year we went through some serious financial trouble. Everyone had to give up something. The boys had to give up playing flag football. Dad had to give up the extra ice cream on the grocery list. (God was faithful in that we got to spend more time doing crazy things together as a family. Because we didn't have to be running to practice and we got to invent new snack ideas. Like the weekend camping trip where we made black bean brownies. Not the best snack, but what a memory).

Challenge:

- 1) This coming year, let's make cards and a craft to take to the nursing homes
  - a. Day: Saturday
  - b. Time: 10am
  - c. Place: Greenville Nursing Home

Don't let this be a stressor. Have fun with and remember the most important thing is serve and worship God as a family.