



## Lend a Hand

I recently watched an online sermon from one of the fastest growing churches in America. This church had asked most of their volunteers to take an intentional break from serving on one particular Sunday, and called it "No Show Sunday." On this day, there were no volunteers to help navigate traffic in the parking lot, no greeters to welcome guests as they walked through their doors, no one to help direct newcomers on where to go or where to take their children and no one to help usher people in finding a seat in their crowded sanctuary. The Lead Pastor of this church wanted people to see what their church would look like, and how they would function as a ministry, without their volunteers. Needless to say, things didn't turn out quite as smoothly as they normally would on a weekly basis. During his message portion of this service, the pastor shared a story about how this idea of the "No Show Sunday," how it originated out of a personal conversation he had with someone who had criticized his church for being a "one man show." So this pastor devoted that Sunday in expressing his heartfelt gratitude to all of their volunteers for all that they did on a weekly basis, because knew that they could not do what they do without them.

Likewise, we know how valuable our volunteers are to our ministry. We are so very grateful for what they do each and every single week in making our worship services a reality.

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Want to submit an article? We'd love to hear from you! E-mail us with your articles/ideas at [connections@binnerriem.org](mailto:connections@binnerriem.org). Submissions must be made by the third Sunday of each month.

## Submissions

Want to serve in a different way? Join the Connections team! E-mail us at [connections@binnerriem.org](mailto:connections@binnerriem.org) for more information.

# Volunteer Ministries

Want to volunteer, but not sure in what capacity you can serve? We've made it easier for you by compiling a mini-guide to all the ministries. So go ahead. Why not pick one, or even two?

*If you'd like to meet newcomers, greet people and would like to take the first step in commitment, try...*

## HOST TEAM

About once a month, I get an email letting me know that I'll be serving on the Host Team for that Sunday's service. So what is it that the Host Team does exactly? Well, besides passing out bulletin to each person walking through the door in the mornings, we are also responsible for the offering bag during offering, counting the number of people in attendance, locating seats for latecomers and making sure everyone is comfortable and has everything they need to enrich their worship experience on Sundays.



*I am personally blessed in this role mainly because it gives me an opportunity to meet new visitors and old friends, even if it is brief. We are the first faces people see when they walk in, and I know as a new visitor to Binnerri not too long ago, a friendly face in a sea of unknown goes a long way. It gives me great joy in knowing that I am helping people feel comfortable and at ease while we all worship together as one body of Christ. Although it may seem like a small role being on the Host Team, it serves a great purpose not only for the church, but for personal fulfillment as well. - Melissa Chang*

## WELCOMING TEAM

*The Welcoming Team is about having a heart to make newcomers feel comfortable at a new setting - reminding and assuring them that this church hunt and Jesus stuff isn't as daunting as it appears to be. I think if you can smile, shake a few hands and somehow manage to put some faces and names together, you'd make a perfect welcomer. The truth is, most newcomers have really put themselves out there coming to an unfamiliar place and although many seem shy, they really want to connect and meet new people. Being able to meet that need and being a part of their first few steps in our church has really been awesome. - Tommy Choi*

*If you enjoy music, working with technical equipment, or being creative, try...*

## WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team seeks to lead people to grow into devoted followers of Jesus Christ by creating an environment that leads people to worship through a team that serves with passion and inside-out worship. The role of the Worship Team is to create an environment where people are able to express their worship. As a team we are working together toward the same goals and values. Serving passionately we are pursuing an inside-out worship from a life that has been touched by Christ.

*It is a joy and privilege to serve God on this team. I'm just grateful for every member and their dedication to practices and contribution of their time and talents. It truly is a humbling experience for me week in and week out. Everyone has their place, and no one else could fill it like they could. - Daniel Bae*



## **MEDIA TEAM**

The Media Team's role during Sunday worship is to provide the necessary behind-the-scenes support to create a freeing and exciting environment to worship our Lord and Savior. There are several aspects of the team: sound, creating the proper balance of each instrument and voice of the praise team and pastor; lights, creating an aesthetic color combination to invite people to freely worship and be stimulated when listening to the Word of God; PowerPoint presentation, allowing people to follow along by presenting lyrics, announcements and Bible scriptures; and camera, recording Sunday messages to allow people to go back and hear the message again or for others who missed a certain sermon.



*Serving on the media team has enabled me to appreciate more all the hard work and dedication that goes into preparing for Sunday worship. It is awesome to see when the worship, media and pastoral team are in sync, helping to create a more freeing environment for others to be drawn in by God throughout the service. Seeing my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ immersed in God's presence is a blessing for me. - Joe Nam*

## **CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER**

Keeping everyone up to date and connected with Binnerri EM is what Connections hopes to do. We do our best to keep up with members, church news and highlight special events. If you like taking pictures, writing or exercising your creativity, then maybe this ministry is for you!

*Being a part of the newsletter committee has been such a fun experience. One of the best things is getting to know other people through interesting interviews. The only downside? Having people run the other direction when Grace and I come towards them. Surely we aren't that threatening? - Mari Park*

*If you like working with the children or youth and would love to teach or influence others, try...*

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

In the education department there are opportunities to serve in classrooms with kids from first through fifth grade. Teachers lead small groups for 45 minutes each Sunday. Classes for first and second graders are scheduled from 10:00-10:45am, and classes for third through fifth graders are scheduled from 11:00-11:45am. Currently, the Children's Ministry is using the David C. Cook curriculum, which is very user-friendly for first time teachers.

*It's a blessing for me to make connections with the kids at Binnerri. When I walk around the halls and see kids I've taught and I can call them by name and just say hi, the smiles I get back make my day. And of course, in teaching, we always learn more, so it keeps me growing in my walk. - Casey Malarcher*

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Right now, I'm teaching 11th grade girls who have a lot of ambition and beautiful dreams. As their Sunday school teacher, I want to be a mentor that can provide them with valuable truths from the Bible and help them get through their obstacles. I feel that it is important for each of these girls to start planting the seed of faith as they walk on their journey with God so their lives are abundantly fruitful.

*Every Sunday, I look forward to seeing these girls, and I feel sincere joy when I hear their prayers requests have been answered. I am very blessed that God has given me this opportunity to teach. Moreover, my students act as a catalyst to help me remain close to God, studying His word so that I can be a good teacher for them. - Christy Lee*



# upcoming events

## November

11/14, Saturday @ 6:30am: Men's Prayer Meeting

11/21, Saturday @ 6:30am: Women's Prayer Meeting

11/21, Saturday @ 8:00am - 3:00pm: Do Justice

11/22, Sunday: Do Justice Sunday

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And more importantly, we firmly believe that God is being honored through their service to Him as they faithfully serve His people week in and week out. Whether it's playing an instrument on the praise team, or running the lights and powerpoint, to investing in the lives of the youth and children through Bible study, or even greeting people as they walk into our sanctuary, we know that each volunteer plays such a vital part in making our Sunday services happen. And we know that God is using each person and each act of service to bless others and to bring glory to His name. We gladly admit that we really can't do what we do without them.

There's something incredible that happens when we choose to stop consuming solely for ourselves and start living beyond ourselves. God not only blesses the recipients, He blesses the givers as well. He blesses those who choose to bless others with their time and their talents. It doesn't matter how small or insignificant it may seem to us, God can do something amazing with even the simplest acts of service. So, we want to thank all of you who are choosing to be the hands and feet of Jesus within our community every single week, but we also want to invite those of you who aren't currently serving to step out and to be a blessing others. And we believe that as you take this next step, the Ultimate Blessor will in turn use your life to be a blessing to others.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Andrew

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## Pastor's Corner



I think I have become a true Texan. I have always been a sports fan, but was never really that into football. Now, I not only love Sundays because of church, but also because I get to watch some football! I don't know what it is about watching grown men chase some pigskin, but there's nothing quite like it! One person describes football this way - "There are thousands of fans in the stands in desperate need of exercise watching 22 people in desperate need of rest."

But, as exciting as a football game is, what if each team got on the field, got into their huddles and talked about the routes and plays while the fans watched, and then stayed in that huddle for an hour? And after that hour, the team finally breaks the huddle, but to the fans' surprise, they take their helmets off and walk off the field as if the game is over. In fact, they thought the huddle WAS the game! As ridiculous as that might sound on a football field, many Christians do this every Sunday in church. They spend an hour in the huddle and hear about what to do, but afterwards, they break and just go home.

So here's the challenge: *get in the game*. Let's not just talk about what God calls us to do, let's do it. Let's not just hear about what a difference we can make, let's make one. Let's not just spend an hour in a huddle, but let's serve, volunteer and get involved so that we can live this game with purpose. It's time to break out of the huddle and get in the game, team!

Grateful to be your Head Coach,  
Pastor Kye