



## **Honoring Christ through Community Service in the Junior High**

Community Service in Maranatha Junior High School provides opportunity for the student 1) to model Christlike behavior through serving another, 2) to receive the blessing that comes from giving in the Name of Jesus, and 3) to develop the lifelong spiritual discipline of serving Christ.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior High students complete four hours of community service each semester, thus eight hours each year. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior High students complete eight hours of community service each semester, thus sixteen hours each year. Community service grades are part of the “Projects” category with point value determined by the Bible teacher. Students document and submit completed Community Service forms with typed reflections one week prior to the quarter cut-off dates for the first semester and two weeks prior to the second semester cut-off date. Community Service must be done COMPLETELY, CORRECTLY, and ON TIME to earn credit.

Students may be required to share their community service experience through report or presentation reflecting what was learned and accomplished. This report or presentation is graded and is separate from the community service requirement.

Community service hours are to be completed during the school year and approved by your Bible teacher prior to service. The student may not receive pay for community service and should serve with the Christlike attitude of humility and pursuit of excellence. At least half of your community service hours must be Christ-centered by serving in a Christian church, Christian ministry, or outside of the church with an intentional evangelistic objective. Examples of Christian community service are childcare at church or Christian ministries, helping with church or ministry functions, mission trips, youth group service, MCS service, evangelizing, etc. Up to half of the required total hours may be community service projects, such as nursing homes, libraries, environmental endeavors, humane society, zoo, neighborhood service, food banks, child care, and other “Bible teacher approved” activities.

Junior high community service prepares the student for service in high school where accomplishments become part of the student resume, useful for future college and career pursuits. Lastly and significantly, junior high community service presents the student with the unique privilege of bringing honor and glory to Christ by serving in His Name.

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