

Parking Team—Help serve on the team that interacts with guests as they first enter our campus while directing vehicle parking. Paul Griffin - wgriff@swbell.net

UPWARD Sports—UPWARD Sports is the world's largest Christian youth sports provider. UPWARD Sports is a uniquely designed total sports experience that adapts and expands as players grow in their personal athletic journeys. The 360 Progression program develops total athletes mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially – producing players who excel both on and off the field. We offer basketball, cheerleading, and soccer for boys and girls grades K through 6. UPWARD's mission is promoting the discovery of Jesus through sports. Tom Shade - tlshade@att.net

MOPS—MOPS gatherings (Mothers of Preschoolers) believes in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together. That's why we connect women of all ages and stages of mothering to help them become more brave, kind and honest, one gathering at a time. Whether you are a soon-to-be mom, first-time mom or seventh-time mom, you are welcome. Whether you are an adoptive mom, young mom, seasoned mom, foster mom, stepmom or any other type of mom, you are welcome. Lindsay Wooten - lwooten@firstmelissa.com

EHOP—ENERGIZE!~Hour of Power is a fitness fellowship group that encourages one another to be active and healthy so that we may bring glory to God through serving others. We pray, work out to uplifting music, enjoy fellowship and have lots of fun! Most of your monthly fee goes to charities and needs in our community. You get a great workout, make some new friends, and give back to our community! Linda Shipes - ehop@firstmelissa.com



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Did you know that your skills and passions can make a difference at First Melissa and in God's Kingdom? That includes people serving on the parking team, as Kids Ministry teachers, at Information Center, as worship team members, on the prayer team and much more. They all play an integral role in the work that God is doing through our church.

Worship Arts—Our vision in Worship Arts is to partner with God's servants to usher people into God's presence to celebrate His greatness. Seek transformation. We are called to use our gifting to help communicate who God is and help people fall more in love with Him. We endeavor to use music and the arts to connect people to God while enhancing First Melissa's topical, seasonal or thematic initiatives. Kevin Barham - kbarham@firstmelissa.com

Missions—First Melissa is striving to fulfill the Great Commission through our work with local and international mission partners. We should live a life that demonstrates and reflects Christ's concern for souls in our own neighborhoods, workplaces, recreation sites, country, as well as all around the world. Melissa McCombs - mmccombs@firstmelissa.com

Prayer—At First Melissa, prayer is not something we do, it is part of who we are. We know that prayer changes lives and we are grateful for the opportunity to unite with you in prayer. Lydia Fletcher - prayer@firstmelissa.com

Connections—If you love meeting and greeting people and making them feel welcomed, have a smile to share and a heart to embrace the idea that First Melissa is our home to welcome people into, then know this is a ministry, not just opening doors, and we need you! Bretta Graham - bgraham@firstmelissa.com

Adult Small Groups—Spend time in Bible study, continuously equipping one another to better live out our faith. These communities provide an environment where people get invested in one another. Getting involved in a small group is the best way to connect with other Christ-followers who will be your support team as we all reach

intentionally to the real world in which we live. Kyle Carleton - smallgroups@firstmelissa.com

Women's Ministry—First Melissa's Women's Ministry is devoted to connecting women to Jesus Christ and to one another to grow, belong, and be transformed through the Word of God and life-giving relationships. Lydia Fletcher - lfletcher@firstmelissa.com

Men's Ministry—Our vision is to see a biblical awakening come to the men of First Melissa and to empower leaders to fulfill Jesus' commission of disciples making disciples who make disciples. Our mission is to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with the Jesus Christ by providing information relating to home, work, and ministry, and provide an opportunity for men to fellowship, worship, share and encourage each other. Dan Goddard - men@firstmelissa.com

▶ How to use this guide

1. **Pray** about where God would have you serve.
2. **Review** the list of ministries.
3. **Contact** the individual ministry leader to learn more how you can get involved.

NextGen Ministries— Demonstrating a committed disciple making relationship for each child at every phase and stage from birth to grade 12. We have a strategic plan to maximize everyone's investment in partnering with the church to have their kids become disciples of Jesus. *Help Elementary Kids Trust Jesus.* Most people begin their relationship with Jesus before the age of 12. We believe one of the most important things we can do as adults is help kids see Jesus in every story of the Bible. This helps kids trust Him in every area of their lives.

Lead Preteens in Building an Unshakable Faith. While preteens are wrestling with peer pressure, relationships or authority, they are also looking for significance. Many don't recognize the unique challenges and emerging social needs of these students and force them into youth or kids' ministries. When this happens, preteens are turned off by their experience at church. We believe the right mix of adult mentoring and strong, biblical foundation will enable students to live as Jesus wants them to, even in the face of the many challenges the world throws at them. *Help Students Find Themselves in God's Story.* Many of our students are wrestling hard with issues like peer pressure, relationships and authority. They are finding it hard to discover who they are and what their life is meant to be about. They are searching for significance on terms they can understand and build on. We believe a successful student ministry will help teens understand themselves by allowing them to discover and release their God-given abilities and talents. NextGen Ministries - Kacie Baxley - kbaxley@firstmelissa.com

Hospitality—This Team helps make guests feel welcomed by providing refreshments like coffee and tea. The team sets up and cleans up the refreshment areas on Sundays and Wednesdays, as well as at various events throughout the year. Melissa McCombs - mmccombs@firstmelissa.com

Benevolence—Assisting members and attendees in a time of life crisis. We recognize that God can, and does, provide for His children in so many different ways. During a family crisis, His provision often comes through His church and His disciples. Our goal is to discern through prayer, God's Word, and wisdom the specific and tangible assistance a family may be provided through this local church. Susie Bessonett - queenb_designs@yahoo.com

Foster & Adoption Care—First Melissa currently has multiple families who are either foster homes or are pursuing licensing. Our church families are able to directly impact kids in need, provide a stable home environment and give them exposure to the Gospel message. God has also been building our teams that will provide ongoing spiritual and physical support for families once placements start occurring. Leanne Duigan - lduigan@firstmelissa.com

Hope Cancer Support—Battling cancer can be overwhelming...certainly for the patient, but for caregivers as well. Our Hope Cancer Support Ministry focuses on supporting those fighting cancer, family members and caregivers with the love and grace of Jesus. Jonnie Davis - jldcrafts@gmail.com

Disaster Relief—Join a team from First Melissa that participates with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief responding to a variety of emergency situations. We provide physical labor and logistical assistance, including feeding, childcare, cleanup, recovery and chaplaincy. Terry James - t_james78@hotmail.com

S.A.L.T.—(Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Ministry for Senior Adults (age 65 and over). It is our mission to ensure that the seniors at First Melissa have what they need to feel vitally involved in the ministries of our church. Our ministry provides support in areas including spiritual guidance, compassion, care and assistance when needed. Paula Hansen - threermin@yahoo.com

Emergency Response Team First Melissa's Emergency Response Team enhances the safety and security of our Church Ministry. The Team accomplishes its mission through the delivery of a comprehensive and integrated safety and security program, in partnership with our local emergency responders and church volunteers. Greg Byrne - gbyrnelexi@yahoo.com

Facilities & Operations—Do you like to turn a wrench or swing a hammer? We could use you as a facilities and operations volunteer. Tasks include: helping with scheduled maintenance items, small construction projects, painting, helping maintain facilities during weekly services, as well as computer network maintenance. Chris Shivers - cshivers@firstmelissa.com

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