

Corner of River and Rhett

What Does Scripture Say About Welcoming Church Visitors?

Romans 15:7
Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Matthew 25:35
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Hebrews 13:2
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Galatians 3:28
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:13
Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 Peter 4:9
Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Psalms 122:1
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

3 John 1:5
Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are.

Galatians 3:26-28
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

~The Editor



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Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Master, preaching

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6:00 pm
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Mr. Brendon J. Branigin, preaching

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SEVEN THINGS YOUR CHURCH NEEDS FROM YOU

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Not too long ago I had the opportunity to speak to a gathering of young adults from several churches across our city. I chose to speak about how any Christian (not only young adults) can make a church better and stronger. Here are some of the things I came up with: seven things your church needs from you.

Your church needs you to...

...BE HUMBLE

If you want to learn humility, you need to act humble.

There is no character quality more important than humility. While humility does not come naturally to any of us, it can be learned, because here's the thing: Humility isn't a feeling or an attitude—it's action. If you want to learn humility, you need to act humble. Here are 3 quick tips on becoming humble:

Find mature Christians who exemplify humility and spend time around them. Learn from them and learn to be like them.

Volunteer for the lowliest of tasks. Don't ask to be in the public eye when you serve, but be content to stay in the back. Find joy in doing the lowliest jobs and do them when and where only Jesus will see.

Get to know Jesus. It was Jesus who said, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12). And it was Jesus who humbled himself the deepest and was exalted the highest.

...PRIORITIZE CHURCH

Every church has people who make the public gatherings of the church a low priority. These are the people who only come to church when it is convenient and who use any excuse to miss a day or miss a service. Every church desperately needs people who will make the public gatherings a top priority. Today is the day to begin elevating the importance of church in your life.

Let me give you two reasons:

First, you need your church. God made you part of your church for your good. You cannot do life on your own. You aren't strong enough, you aren't wise enough, you aren't mature enough, you aren't godly enough. Without the beautifully ordinary means of grace you encounter in the church, you won't make it. Without the support of your brothers and sisters, you won't make it.

Second, your church needs you. God made you part of your church for the good of others. 1 Peter 4 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God has gifted you to be part of your church, and those gifts are to be used for the good of other people. So prioritize church as an expression of generosity toward others.

...CONSIDER GIVING GOD A DAY

Why don't you considering setting aside an entire day of the week and dedicating it to the Lord in a special way? We believe that the Old Testament law has been fulfilled in Christ, though there is some disagreement among Christians about the implications. But even if you believe that the Sabbath command is no longer binding on us, there is still value in learning from it.

It completely changes Sunday when you give the entire day to the Lord and his people. Now you're not having to decide whether to take that class or join that club that meets Sunday afternoon. You're not skipping church during exam time because you've got studying to do. You're not leaving early to get home before the football game starts. Instead, you're leaving behind all the cares of life, and even many of the joys of life, and dedicating an entire day to worship, to fellowship, and to serving others.

...LIVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN ALL WEEK LONG

It is easy enough to be a Christian at church, but then you get

home. But then you go to work. But then you go to school. And then you're surrounded by people acting ungodly, and even worse, you're left along with your own thoughts and your own desires. Yet your church needs you to live like a Christian all week long.

Make your devotional life something you do not just for the good of yourself, but for the good of others.

Each of us faces different challenges and different temptations. But one key to living like a Christian all week long is spending time in Word and prayer every day. Make this a priority no matter how busy you are and no matter how crazy life seems. Make this something you do no matter how badly you've sinned and how little you feel like doing it. Pray day-by-day not only for yourself, but for your church. Take that membership directly and pray through it from A to Z, and then start over. Make your devotional life something you do not just for the good of yourself, but for the good of others.

...GET TO KNOW PEOPLE NOT LIKE YOU

Churches are involuntary communities—we don't get to pick who comes to them, God does. So what we have to do is learn to live with these people and learn to love these people, even when they are very different from us. "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." If your church is divided so that all the young adults hang out together and all the older folk hang out together, or if all the people with accents hang out together and all the people without accents hang out together, that makes a statement about the gospel—that the gospel is not big enough and powerful enough to really make people love one another even though they are different.

So commit to get to know people not like you. There is no reason you shouldn't be able to say that some of your best and closest relationships are with people who are very different from you.

...LEARN GENEROSITY

Few things reveal the heart better than money. Money has an amazing way of displaying what you really believe and what you really value. No matter who and what stage of life you are at, there is no better time than now to learn to be generous with your money. Here's what the Bible says: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." You must give, and you must learn to do it cheerfully.

Here are just two quick tips:

Remember that it's not your money. The money belongs to God—he just gives it to you to manage it. And he means for you to manage it well and to his glory.

Give to the Lord first. I know people who say they can't give to the church, and yet they've got a new cell phone and are carrying a cup of Starbucks into church every week. That doesn't compute. Learn to give the first and best of your money to the Lord. The harder that seems, the more you need to do it.

...BE A GREAT CHURCH MEMBER

Make yourself invaluable to your church, and do this by serving other people. I love reading about Dorcas, the woman Peter raised from the dead who was described as being "full of good works and acts of charity" (see Acts 9). "When Peter arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them." Dorcas was a great church member. She loved people so much, and did so much good to them, that the whole community mourned when she died.

Would that be you? Would the people of your church weep as they remember you for all the good you did to others? Find the place you can serve your church, and serve there without fail, without excuse, without requiring praise and accolades. Do it for the good of others and the glory of God.

This article is from www.challies.com/christian-living/7-things-your-church-needs-from-you



Martin Luther

I myself have been preaching and cultivating [the gospel of grace] for almost twenty years and still I feel the old clinging dirt of wanting to deal so with God that I may contribute something, so that He will have to give me His grace in exchange for my holiness. Still I cannot get it into my head that I should surrender myself complete to sheer grace; yet [I know] this is what I should and must do..



From *The Sum of the Christian Life*

Church Reformation Party

Wednesday, October 27 | 6:45 PM | Gymnasium
Join us for our annual family-friendly celebration!



Questions?
Contact Jeff Early
jearly@spcgreenville.org

Sapphire Sea Ball Community Outreach

Saturday, November 20
7 PM in the Gymnasium
Register Online

CarolinaEnglishCountryDance.com

Preparatory Dance Classes:
Oct. 26, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 at 7 PM

Contact Margaret Swait:
margaretswait@gmail.com



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday, November 7

Help generate a global wave of prayer by taking part in this year's IDOP for the Persecuted Church. This annual special prayer emphasis falls on the first Sunday of November within the liturgical period of Allhallowtide, which is dedicated to remembering the martyrs and saints of Christianity.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6–7

WIC International Thanksgiving Dinner



Friday, November 19 | 6 PM | Gymnasium

GO GLOBAL WITH US, LADIES!

COME ENJOY CUISINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Bring your favorite national heritage food:



- Entrée, vegetable, salad, dessert
- Holiday treats and goodies
- Please label your food
- Bring a copy of the recipe to share

Questions? Contact Chris Zimmerman
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October Birthdays

October 1	Nancy Clay, John McNicoll, Providence Spell, Jonah Windt
October 2	Brice Pratt, Ginny Ziegler
October 3	Mae Gamble, Barbara Steuben
October 4	Becky Briscoe, Mark Diggs, Donna Siemen
October 5	Evelyn Boudreau
October 6	Jake Korol
October 7	Jonathan Bacon, Judy Brigman, David Lichtenfelt
October 8	Emil Henning, III
October 9	Gabe Cornett, Jane Rainey
October 10	Chester Johnson, Joshua Luttrell
October 12	Hannah Bailey, Stephen Laughter, Kathy Maki, David Rainey, Nathan Tusing
October 13	Laura Fultz, Amelia Griffin, Loyd Hansen
October 14	Fred Johnson, Mariann McKenney, Mary Weiland
October 15	David Bragdon, Dave Hughes, Frank Mahon, David Walton
October 16	R. Wayne Andersen, Sylvia Long
October 17	Joan Burkhardt, Frances Duncan, Patrick Love, Jerry Rice
October 18	Lacey Allston, Lois McCall, Nathan Upton
October 19	Jim Church, Chuck Swope
October 20	Laurie Griffin, Irene Sasser
October 21	Kimberly Robertson
October 22	Gene Baillie, Ashley Maralit, Nicole Welch
October 23	Timothy Crunk, Lia Johnson
October 24	Jeremiah Johnson, Sheryl Plating, Spencer Player
October 25	Ethan Cancino, Jedidah Homan
October 26	Attee Leigh, Patrick Szrama
October 27	Samuel Bailey, Jason Korol, Joe Martin, Jr.
October 28	Ashli May, Rose Branigin
October 31	Margaret Atwood, Whyndell Grizzard, Vivian Janssen, Mary Jones



CHURCH CALENDAR
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Sunday, October 24

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
9:55 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
9:45 AM Diaconate Training
11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
5:00 PM Missions Prayer Time
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Monday, October 25

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:30 AM Rafiki Bible Study
7:30 PM Men's Basketball Night (with other churches)

Tuesday, October 26

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
7:00 PM English Country Dancing (Preparatory Class for Sapphire Sea Ball)
7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 (Martin Residence)

Wednesday, October 27

5:30 PM Christian Education Committee
6:45 PM Reformation Party
6:45 PM Diaconate Training

Thursday, October 28

9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study Video Series
7:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, October 29

12:00 PM Men's Lunch

Saturday, October 30

7:00 PM English Country Dancing (Preparatory Class for Sapphire Sea Ball)

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 112:4-6 (ESV)

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

Upcoming Events

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- Oct. 26, 30 English Country Dancing Preparatory Class
- Oct. 27 Reformation Party
- Oct. 31 Reformation Sunday
- Nov. 6 English Country Dancing Preparatory Class
- Nov. 7 IDOP for the Persecuted Church
- Nov. 19 WIC International Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 20 Sapphire Sea Ball Community Outreach
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Service
- Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Break (Church Offices Closed)
- Dec. 4 Chapel Class Christmas Party

Ann Brand is in Greenville Post Acute, Room 109D. Please send cards as no visitors are allowed in the facility:
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Pray for Our Country



Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Romans 13:1

Missing your church group event announcement?

E-mail these to Susan
by 9 AM on Thursdays the week prior
skindall@spcgreenville.org

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God in memory of

Opal Holbrook

by

Mark and Linda Holbrook

Remembering Our Shut-ins

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member, sending her a note of encouragement:

Lois McCall

142 Sweetbriar Road • Liberty, SC 29657

SAVE THE DATE

Chapel Class Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4
Details to follow...

Oswald Chambers

Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.

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Church Services: **Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Morning Worship - 8:30/11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Supper - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM