**Getting Ready for Guests**

**Principles of Guest-Friendliness:**

1. **Everyone Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Their Friends** (Matt. 5:47)
* The truth: most churches are friendly…to each other.
1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is the Mark of a Christian** (Gal. 5:22, 1 Thess. 5:15, Heb. 13:1)
* Church ought to be where the unchurched receive the warmest welcome.
* People know when you are sincere.
1. **Remember What Your First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Was Like** (Ex. 22:21, Mt. 7:12)
* The longer you have been a member the harder it is to relate.

***10 Guidelines for Guest-Friendly Churches:***

1. **Post \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outside main entrances.**
2. **Use highly-visible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to direct guests to commonly used areas.**
3. **Provide quality \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and children’s space (clean, safe, bright).**
4. **Provide guest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
5. **Provide a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ center or packet.**
6. **Gather guests’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ info effectively.**
7. **Maintain a church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Facebook page.**
8. **Create an effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan.**
9. **Do everything with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
10. **Review and discuss guest-friendly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a church each year.**

***10 Guidelines for Guest-Friendly Church Members:***

1. **Refer to guests as *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*, not *visitors*.**
2. **Do not be afraid to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if someone is visiting** (& don’t be offended if asked)**.**
3. **Welcome *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* during welcome time** (go write down their name).
4. **Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School class** (introduce, learn names, extra chairs, no insider stories, etc.).

6. **Sit in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the pew.**

1. **Practice the “10-Foot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rule.”** (Say “hi” to everyone who gets within 10 feet of you.)
2. **Practice the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rule.”**
3. **Treat guests as if they were guests in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **Do not *act* glad to see guests…*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* glad.**

1. **DO NOT ask guests to move to a different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (invite them to sit with you)!**

1. **Guests Are the Easiest People to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Mt. 28:19-20)
* They come to your church voluntarily!
* If we don’t reach guests, we’ll never reach the unchurched.
* How badly do you want them?

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT GUEST?