Invitation Suggestions

The simple act of inviting friends and acquaintances to church can impact eternity. As God puts people in your pathway, will you intentionally invite them?

1. BE MY GUEST CARDS

Visit the resource table in the lobby of the church. Pick up a small bundle of these business cards. Carry them so that you are always ready to invite someone to church.

2. DOOR HANGERS

Visit the resource table in the lobby of the church. Pick up a small bundle of these door hangers and use them to invite people in the neighborhoods where you eat, live or play.

3. DIGITAL INVITES

Visit the Evangelism resource page on the website to utilize the digital resources for online or social media invites. There are digital invitations, as well as examples of social media posts and hash tags you can use for your posts.

4. DRIVE-THROUGH

When you grab lunch at a drive-through restaurant, give the person who takes your order a Be My Guest Card or printed invitation to church.

5. MAKE A NEW COMMITMENT TO INVITE PEOPLE EVERY WEEK

Make a checklist of people you often encounter: grocery clerk, boss, teacher, physical therapist, friend, yard guy, nail tech, relative, hair stylist, food server, dentist, mail carrier, employee, neighbor, etc.

6. WALK YOUR DOG. JOG. STROLL.

While doing any of these activities, you meet lots of people you can invite to your church.

7. YOUR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, ETC.) OFFERS A GREAT WAY TO INVITE PEOPLE

Post a photo, tell a story about how church impacts your life, link to the church website, or say "Join us Sunday at 10:00!" You never know who is reading.

8. SPEND TIME IN YOUR FRONT YARD

Water the lawn, sit on the porch, plant flowers, do projects, garden and visit with neighbors who walk by, get to know them, and invite them to church.

9. PUT A CHRISTIAN BOOK OR YOUR BIBLE ON YOUR DESK

When someone comments about it, chat about your relationship with God and your wonderful church. Invite them.

10. GO GARAGE SALE SHOPPING, BUY SOMETHING, AND INVITE THE HOST TO YOUR CHURCH

Or host a garage sale. Be friendly and give each guest a printed invitation to worship services.

11. SEND OUT AN "EVITE" OR CREATE A "FACEBOOK EVENT"

These are simple and effective ways to invite your friends and family and they will be able to RSVP to you, also.

12. INVITE SOMEONE WHILE YOU'RE ON THE WAY TO CHURCH

A neighbor getting their newspaper, an acquaintance at the donut shop, a student you pass in the dorm. Always be ready to invite.

13. USE THE CHURCH EVENT PAGE

Simply forward any of the upcoming event information from the church website to invite a friend to a church event, class, outreach, etc. When you visit the website event page at www.rayofhope.org, right-click on any of the event flyers to share, copy or even create a QR code to the event.

14. SPORTS EVENTS

When you attend local sports events, such as little league, high school, college, professional, baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc. Get to know other spectators. Invite them to church.

15. PURCHASE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S BIBLE FOR LOCAL POLICE (OR A BIBLE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR FIREFIGHTERS OR EMS WORKERS)

Write a note of prayer and appreciation inside along with an invitation to come to church on Sunday.

16. WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER OR TAKE A CLASS WITH A LOCAL ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY CENTER, INVITE NEW ACQUAINTANCES TO CHURCH

The group could be the PTO, book club, business or community group, board game group, golf league, exercise group, college class, etc.

17. DELIVER A WELCOME GIFT AND CHURCH INVITATION TO NEW MOVE-INS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

If you see someone moving into your neighborhood, deliver goodies or a gift with an invitation to church.

18. GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TEACHER, COACH, OR PHYSICIAN

If they don't have a church, invite them.

19. CREATE A BEAUTIFUL, BIG BASKET OF SNACKS, FRUIT OR WATER FOR THE TEACHER'S LOUNGE AT A NEARBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Deliver it during a teacher workday. Hang a prayer note and invitation to church from the handle or leave a bundle of Be My Guest Cards.

20. PLAN PLAYDATES WITH YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS AND PARENTS

Invite them to church, and plan to meet for lunch afterward. Get your children involved. They can invite friends to church just as well as you!

21. TALK ABOUT YOUR CHURCH IN EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS

On the bus, in the breakroom, at the beach, riding the subway, in the coffee shop, your knitting class, the Uber car, the grocery line, the waiting room. Just chat and invite naturally.

22. ADD AN EXTRA LINE UNDER YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL AUTOMATIC SIGNATURE

It might say "Check out my awesome church: www.rayofhope.org. Join me there next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



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