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Getting Ready for Company

If your house is like mine, when company is coming over, we clean, straighten, hide stuff in closets, etc. We want our home to be pleasant and inviting for our guests, plus we want to make a great first impression.

What about our church? Are we ready for guests to come through our doors? Are we ready for guests to come into our classrooms? Is there clutter? Are there piles of old literature and supplies in the corners, on the window sills,

or stuffed in desks? Are the tables in our rooms clean, straight, and presentable?

How do we greet people when they come over to our home? We normally greet them at the door with a smile and a handshake or hug as well as invite them inside. Does this come across in our classrooms at church, at our greeting stations, in the parking lot, and during worship?

As the host of a party we are the "includers." In other words, we try to

connect people to people, make sure all are engaged in the experience, and look for loaners. Does this happen within your small group on Sunday mornings?

Over the next few weeks think of ways you and your class can Get Ready for Company. Guests at CBC should be seen as company in our own homes. We would like them to come back.

Thank you for all you do as you teach people God's Word.

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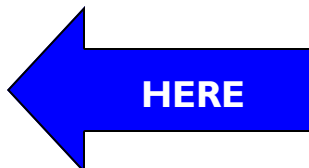
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5 Questions Guests Ask

When someone is looking for a new church home, many have a set of unspoken and/or spoken questions they need answered before they decide to join. The answers to these questions answer some age-old concerns we all have as adults. Here is such a list with the concern in parenthesis:

1. **Do I fit here?** (acceptance)
2. **Does anyone want to know me?** (friendship)
3. **Am I needed?** (value)
4. **What is the advantage of joining?** (benefit)
5. **What is required of members?** (expectations)

By knowing the questions and what the underlying meaning of the questions, it will help us as leaders to be sensitive to prospective members and guests.



Special points of interest:

•Check out the new EDLINK Blog page at:

campbellsvillebaptist-church.com

•Find the articles that will help you lead a Sunday School group to live out the vision of CBC.



“Find it Here” is a major evangelistic campaign to deliver the Gospel to 1.5 million households across Kentucky in the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday 2010. We have been assigned as a church 2000 homes here in Taylor County to have a direct impact.

There are three major sections of the “Find It Here” campaign:

1. **Prayerwalking.** We will have teams to walk the neighborhoods we have been assigned. (see more info below).
2. **Gospel Distribution and Media Campaign.** The Gospel Distribution will be conducted March 6-21, 2010, when church volunteers will distribute the bags and brochures to every household possible within their assigned areas. At the same time, NAMB and KBC will be airing a 30-second TV spot and a 60-second radio spot supporting the Find it Here campaign.
3. **Easter Sunday and Follow-up.** Everyone will be invited to attend a

church on Easter Sunday. A Gospel presentation will be given during each worship experience. Then, churches will receive vital information to follow up with each participant.

Where will you as a church leader plug in? As a church leader, where will help those you lead get connected?

**LET'S JOIN TOGETHER
TO REACH TAYLOR
COUNTY FOR CHRIST!**

Prayerwalking: Training, Practice, and the Real Deal

What is **PRAYERWALKING**? Is it walking and praying at the same time? Is it talking with other believers as you walk around a neighborhood? Is it what you do while you exercise?

Prayerwalking is a lifestyle of unceasing prayer.

It is centered in a relationship with Jesus Christ and provides an avenue for on-site prayer toward the Kingdom. It is ongoing and flexible because it is not dependent on a program or process. It is personal and adaptable to any situation or context because it is based on unbroken communion and fellowship with an all knowing, all powerful and ever-present God, not on restricting rules and geographical boundaries.

Prayerwalking is walking while praying.

It is a prayer method or approach. It is not the only way to pray but one way to pray. Thus it can involve all types of walking and all types of traveling from one point to another. Prayerwalking is therefore a term that is often used to describe field-based prayer.

Prayerwalking is intentional prayer toward the Great Commission.

It is focused on specific people in specific locations, neighborhoods, cities and nations. It is deliberate intercession on behalf of people who have spiritual needs. It is purposeful or purpose-driven prayer that is evangelistic in its focus.

Prayerwalking is spiritual warfare prayer.

When a believer prays toward God's redemptive work, he or she is storming the gates of hell through offensive prayer. The devil begins to tremble, the darkness is penetrated, and the Holy Spirit is unleashed in people, families and communities (see Acts 4:23-33). Spiritual strongholds of sin and bondage in people's lives come down as believers intercede for their salvation, spiritual health and spiritual needs (see 2 Cor. 10:4). Truly, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church as it is on the offensive through intentional prayer toward the Great Commission (see Matt. 16:18).

Prayerwalking is vision-oriented prayer.

It involves prayer that is on-site and visual. Prayerwalkers pray with their

eyes open. What they see as they walk in their world becomes specific prayer prompts or points for their prayers. Jesus saw the multitudes and then directed His followers to pray for the Father to send laborers into His harvest fields (see Matt. 9:35-38).

See dates below for opportunities to prepare yourself as we strive to reach our community for Jesus Christ through **Find It Here**.

CBC Prayerwalking Dates

Training Dates (pick one)

9/9 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
9/13 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
9/16 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Experience & Practice (pick one)

9/23 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
9/27 4:30—6:00 p.m.