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The Foothills Flyer: Keeping the Church on Mission

Support and Prayers needed for our Hospitality Team

Value: Hospitality without Exception

by Pastor Joe Eastman

As we wrap up the summer and turn our attention to the fall, I wanted to take a moment and ask you to pray for our hospitality ministry. We are gearing up to start on August 9th. The Hospitality ministry has two facets. A visitor specific facet, and a fellowship specific one.

The plan for the visitor facet is that it would serve as a point of contact with our visitors. Of course, we all know that our current greeters do a great job. So, the role of the visitor ministry is to take what the greeters do a step further. To interact with visitors one on one and provide them with some visitor specific information. In accordance with that vision, the limited amount of coffee and treats offered during that time will be reserved for visitors to make sure we have enough.

The fellowship facet plan is to provide a few light snacks and drinks (mostly lemonade and water) to encourage folks in our congregation to spend a little time after church chatting and fellowshiping. Of course, this is also a great time for regulars to get to know visitors and answer their questions. During that time we will also be taking donations to help cover the cost of the food and supplies, so if you can please bring a small donation. (You can also give to the ministry during offering time as long as you mark your offering in some way) The vision of the fellowship time is for everyone to be able to partake in some light refreshments. Since our service end time is now closer to lunch I didn't feel that we should offer too much as people are getting ready to go to lunch.

The fact is, many people who are exploring what it means to follow Christ will either be drawn in or repelled by how they see us interacting with each other and how we interact with them when they visit. Jesus Himself said that people would recognize that we belong to Him by our love for each other (John 13:35) and I believe that working as a church to be hospitable is one of the clearest way we can communicate this to the world around us.

As we get this ministry up and running please let me know if you feel called to participate. Right now we are blessed to have six teams working but the ultimate goal would be having eight teams of two so that any team only has to work once every two months or so. Thank you for your prayers, help, and ideas as we get moving.



Prayers for Security Team

Value: Unity in Community

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In order to make things run on any given Sunday a lot of behind the scenes work has to be done. Of course, you have the Pastor who spends many hours during the week studying, praying and working to organize the service and sermon. You have the worship leader who is working to select songs, get the team together and mentally prepare to lead the congregation in worship. Not to mention, the folks behind the sound, the ushers, those who do the custodial work, those who count the offering, and those who spend time during the week making sure that the grounds and building are in good shape. The fact is many people have a role to play making sure those who come to worship can focus on God. However, there is one team who in this day and age is especially important, the security team.

Every week, there are a team of men who make sure that all the goings-on in the church are done safely. They take time during service to check the halls, check on the kids and checking to make sure nothing threatens our ability to safely worship. So, during the month of August I would ask you to pray about and consider not just saying thank you but also (considering all the recent issues in churches) spend time diligently praying for the security team and for the safety of us all. Moreover, if you would like more information on how to join this very important team please let me or Shannon Koons know.



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OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshiping community of God's people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God's kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship