

RELATIONSHIPS

Believers in Christ are called to connect with other believers. Hebrews 10:24 instructs,

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Did you catch that? In our daily lives, especially in these difficult days, we are to connect with other believers to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Almost every aspect of church activity benefits from believers joining together with one heart and one mind to enlarge God’s kingdom. This kind of fellowship results in church growth, such as described in Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37, and 5:12-26.

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Suggestions

DEVELOPING LOVING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.

1. Read the book of Acts in the New Testament to learn how the early church grew through their fellowship with each other.
2. Make a commitment to worship together regularly with other believers, being intentional to meet new worshipers at each visit.
3. Find a prayer partner or prayer group of other believers with whom you can truly unite in spirit and pray with regularly.
4. Participate in a Sunday School or Small Group.
5. Initiate contact with church friends and with people you would like to connect to our church by finding common interests and making time with them. Some ideas are:
 - Attend a concert together.
 - Play golf with some buddies from church.
 - Go on a picnic with other families.
 - Join them in an overnight campout.
 - Attend a ball game together.
 - Go fishing together.
 - Join a group of families and visit the Houston Children’s Museum, the zoo, or other children’s activities.
 - Invite someone to lunch after church on Sunday.
 - Invite someone to your home.

6. Learn more about connecting by reading a book on the subject.

A. For Women

- I. *Friendship for Grown-Ups* by Lisa Whelchel
- II. *The Friendship Factor-Why Women Need Other Women* by Brenda Poinsett
- III. *Grown-Up Girlfriends* by Erin Smalley & Carrie Oliver

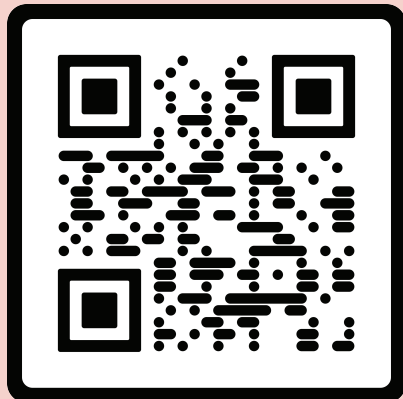
B. For Men

- I. *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge
 - II. *Fathered by God* by John Eldredge
 - III. *Four Pillars of a Man’s Heart* by Stuart Weber
7. Invite several other couples to begin a monthly supper club.
 8. If you are a senior adult, get involved with monthly fellowship meals, Bible studies, luncheons and trips hosted by Memorial Baptist Church.

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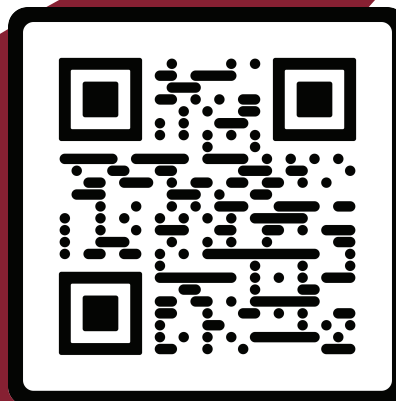
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