

CLASS HOST/HOSTESS

Genesis 18:2

“He looked up, and he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them...”

- GO to them! Don't wait for them to come to you.
- Recruit a core of enthusiastic people. Smiles are contagious!
- Offer training for host/hostess on who, when, where, why, and how to welcome guests.
- Change your language from “visitor” to “guest”.
- Offer name tags for members and guests alike.
- Make sure that food and drink are part of your hospitality.
- Don't be afraid to move around. Think less in terms of “stationary greeting places” and more in terms of “zone” welcoming.
- Operate in pairs. Togetherness contributes to individual confidence.
- Avoid smothering newcomers. Be authentic!
- Offer to sit with guests in Sunday School and/or Worship.
- Introduce guests to members as they arrive.
- Offer printed material about church, worship schedule, class and/or today's lesson.
- Help guests locate sanctuary, restrooms, and childcare facilities, if needed.