

October 2013: Welcome Home Month

Goal: Encourage Sunday School Classes to reach out to inactive members and prospects

SEPTEMBER PREPARATION – SOME THINGS YOUR CLASS CAN DO TO GET READY.

- Begin praying for every member – active and inactive
- Have members contribute to a list of names who are prospects for the class
- Begin planning a class get together for the week of October 20 and invite all class members and prospects
- Ask: How can we strengthen relationships with each other and build relationships with prospects?

SEPTEMBER 22, 6:00 PM

- Sonya Tucker, state missionary who specializes in assimilation, will be at Bethsalem during our evening worship service, to share ideas on how to close the back door – how to keep people engaged and active in Sunday School.
- In October, we will have a chance to put what we learn into practice.
- The Goal: to have every SS class represented in the training. This is not just for SS teachers...it is for everyone.

OCTOBER 6: How can we pray for you?

- Leading up to the 6th - Contact all members by phone or personal visit and have them submit a prayer concern that can be shared with the class on the 6th.
- Sunday – Spend some class time praying for all members using the prayer list gathered. NOTE: It would be helpful if someone could be designated to compile a class prayer list that could be distributed in SS on the 6th.

OCTOBER 13: Offer concern for absentees

- Leading up to the 13th - attempt to contact all absentees by Tuesday (the 8th).
- Don't focus on their absence as much as you focus on the class need to stay in contact with members.

OCTOBER 20: Make prospects feel welcome

- Leading up to the 20th - attempt to contact class prospects and invite them to SS on the 20th.
- Plan a class fellowship for some time during the week and encourage prospects to attend as a way of getting to know others. It is all about building relationships.

OCTOBER 27: Everyone is wanted

- Leading up to the 27th - make an all-out blitz to members and prospects. The Bethsalem Trunk or Treat (Fall Festival) may be a ministry project the class could adopt as a way of providing candy for children.
- Our course, we won't just provide candy! The event will be used to identify church prospects and re-claim inactive members.

Welcome Home! A month designed to build/strengthen relationships through SS. It is a chance to let people know that we care about them and want to minister to them and with them.