



HOSPITALITY

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."
 "...Keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
 "Share with God's people who are in need."*

"Practice hospitality."

(Taken from Romans 12:9-13)



In the book of Romans, chapter 12, those who want to offer themselves sacrificially to God are given practical instructions. These will be visible signs that they have been transformed—that they are not shaped by the world's values. At the end of the list is a command that often is dismissed with a shrug and a quip, "That's just not my gift."

Surprisingly, this command to practice hospitality is not something that just a few of us will do in our homes, it is something that we all are called to. We can do it in our homes, but it can begin right here at The Orchard.

Every week, a dedicated group of people faithfully work at the Welcome Desks, watching for those who are new or have not yet found a way to connect. Theirs is a ministry of kindness, of understanding and of cheer. For many who come to our church, these servants are the love of Christ extended to those looking for a place to worship and a place to belong.

As a church, we celebrate them. We thank the Lord for all they are doing and we ask God to minister through them as they serve faithfully.

What we pray for them, however, we pray for ourselves as well. God has called all of us to "Practice hospitality." Each week as we enter The Orchard, at the Barrington Campus or at the Arlington Heights Campus, God asks us to reach out to those looking for friendship, looking to hear the Truth of God's Word and looking for a place to belong. We are God's hands and God's face of compassion.

As we think about God's command, let's be intentional about reaching out with love.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:8-10).



WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional, Sanctuary—Arlington Heights Campus

Sunday—8:45 & 10:30 AM

Contemporary, Gym—Arlington Heights Campus

Saturday—5:30 PM

Sunday—8:45 & 10:30 AM

Contemporary, Barrington Campus

Sunday—8:30 AM

Traditional, Barrington Campus

Sunday—10:30 AM

WEEKENDS IN MARCH

March 6-7 – Baptism

Sanctuary – Pastor Greg Norwine

Gym – Pastor Bob Warren

Saturday Night – Pastor Tim Baylor

Barrington – Pastor Kevin Meek

March 13-14 – Missions Weekend

"Responding to External Threats: The Jonah Reaction"

Jonah 4 – Roy Oksnavad

March 20-21

"Jesus Christ Our Lord" – Romans 12:1-7

Pastor Colin Smith

March 27-28 – Palm Sunday

"His Human Nature"

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