



## “Love Your Neighbor” Month *February 2023*

### Possible ideas to help begin relationships with neighbors

Determine a deadline to begin real conversation with a neighbor

Begin prayer walking on a regular basis in your neighborhood, specifically asking God for opportunities

Submit to God your relationships with neighbors

Map out your neighborhood and keep notes on neighbors/conversations and follow up

Offer to pray for a neighbor

Become a good listener and hear neighbors' concerns; learn their “story”

Write out your testimony (briefly) and memorize it; then begin sharing it

Cook an extra casserole/main dish and give it to a neighbor

Buy an extra dozen donuts and give them to a neighbor (unless they're diabetic)

Organize an effort to help take care of elderly in neighborhood and involve a neighbor(s) who you have noticed enjoys working in the yard/house

Become a regular at your neighborhood park and meet people

Offer to help neighbors for free on projects they are working on

Ask longtime residents to help you learn about your neighborhood

Find out your neighbors' birthdays and take them a card and baked goods on it

Start a walking/running group in the neighborhood

Start hosting a play date weekly for other stay at home parents

Collect “Goodwill” store items and offer to take them to Goodwill (or other place that receives items)

Start a neighborhood Facebook/Twitter/Google + group

Start a playgroup with other stay at home parents

Ask your HOA or apartment complex if they need help with anything and ask a neighbor to help you

Use Hoffmantown yards signs and car decals to begin conversations (to be distributed soon)

Cut a neighbors' lawn

Service a neighbor's evaporative cooler

Retrieve the neighbors' trash bins when they blow away (good for spring)

Give away produce from your garden (good for summer)

Complement parents on their children (be genuine)

Allow a neighbor to borrow a tool

Offer to wash a car

Send a note in the mail offering encouragement

Meet new neighbors, right away, and go with a welcome basket

Discover benevolence needs and connect pastors to these needs

Possible ideas to move your relationship with neighbors to a gospel witness

(These are for neighbors you already know somewhat)

Invite neighbors to join you at church

Host a coffee and dessert night

Organize and host a ladies' night

Offer to babysit neighbors' kids so they can have a date night

Host a regular Saturday morning breakfast potluck

Host a sports game watching party (February 12<sup>th</sup> is open!)

Setup a meet your neighbors' night with refreshments your driveway/front yard (involve neighbors you know in helping with this)

Host a neighborhood block party on your street.

Invite neighbors without nearby family over for a special meal (Easter is coming; get to know singles, internationals, divorced or widowed neighbors)

Coordinate a Bring your Own Main Course night (supply the grill, and everyone brings their own meat or veggie dish plus sides and drinks/desserts)

Offer to host a weekly discussion group or Bible Study (invite Christian and non-Christian neighbors)

If your neighborhood has kids, organize a scavenger hunt with prizes – fun!

Develop "Fire Pit" conversation evenings (if you have a fire pit!)

Take a family out to a local restaurant

Look for neighbors' activities and events they share with you and attend one

If students are in your neighborhood (especially internationals), adopt them for the semester/year

Schedule a time for a pastor/elder/leader to go with you to support you and help you share the gospel with a neighbor (we are ready to help)

After February when it is warmer:

Have a front yard ice cream party in the summer

Throw a July 4<sup>th</sup> block party

Distribute homemade gifts to your neighbors at Christmas time with a gospel card

Conduct a Backyard Bible Club during the summer for neighborhood kids.

Host a baby shower for a neighbor who is expecting

