

Hospitality Ideas

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All Year Round!

My mother is not considered a shut-in with her church. Mom doesn't drive now, so I pick her up and take her for lunch or dinner; I do her grocery shopping; pick up her medicine; take her to get her hair cut; etc. When it comes to going to her home church on Sunday, she feels like she is imposing on me. She wants me to attend my own church. Sometimes that becomes a burden to me!! I know she misses her friends and attending her church.



May I encourage you to remember there are others who are homebound - recuperating from surgery; young mothers or in the bereavement stage.

Romans 12:13, Hebrews 12:3 and Hebrews 13:2 tell us we are required to have a hospitality ministry in our hearts and in church family.

Romans 12:13, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (NJV)

Hebrews 12:3, "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (NJV)

Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (NJV)

So let's begin a **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** by using the following ideas for service and caring:

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| ◇ <i>Bread Ministry</i> – share loaves | ◇ <i>Music Ministry</i> – quartet | ◇ <i>Phone Call Ministry</i> |
| ◇ <i>Seasonal Ministry</i> – decorate their home | ◇ practice at their home | ◇ <i>Birthday Ministry</i> |
| ◇ <i>Meal Ministry</i> | ◇ <i>Card Ministry</i> | ◇ <i>Secret Pal Ministry</i> |
| | ◇ <i>Home Chore Ministry</i> | <i>And the list goes on!!</i> |

I found an excellent website: www.hometouchministry.com. Each week a personal care package is sent from the ministry team. They give three great ideas to put in the envelope (of which you can print a sample) to encourage the recipient. I would add one more item, such as your church bulletin. This is something you can use and expand on as you see the need.

*We are so creative with our hospitality gifts –
I look forward in the next months of hearing what you have started at your church!*