

Getting Ready for Sunday

Devotions for the week of June 5 through June 9

Monday: The Bible says: *“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God.”* Romans 15:7 A key ingredient for a healthy church is friendliness! As we come to the worship services each week, plan to be prayerful, welcoming, and friendly with a smile on your face?

Tuesday: Jesus said, *“God into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”* Mark 16:15 Do we welcome and invite neighbors to Christ and to church? Neighborhoods are mission fields, too. There are so many hurting, lonely people in the world who are waiting for kindness, a witness, God’s love, and a welcome. What will you do?

Wednesday: God welcomes people from every race and background. Someone said, “I serve a God who is color blind!” The Bible says *“so God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”* Genesis 1:27

“God so loved the world (of people) that He gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

In Christ’s name welcome people regardless of race or background.

Thursday: “Welcome Sinners” would be a good sign over the entry to churches. Some people think they are so bad that the roof of the church would fall in if they went to church. NOT TRUE! The church should be a place where lost people can find hope, forgiveness, and peace in Christ. Love people and pray for them! Welcome them! Each of us is lost from God until we repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. Then welcome others. The ground is level at the foot of the cross. See Romans 10:13

Friday: Welcome Home! I like home. Someone said, “There is no place like home.” I agree. The song goes, “This world is not my home. I’m just passing through; my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue”. Life here is so temporary, with its trials, sicknesses, heartache, joys, and many challenges. BUT, just think, one day, as Christians, the Lord will call us home to Heaven. Joy! Peace! Eternal life! No more dying. Jesus said, *“I go to prepare a place for you.”* John 14:12 So live for Christ that you will hear the words: *“well done my good and faithful servant”*