



## Practical Neighboring Tools

### How to Connect with Your Neighbors!

There are several ways to reach out to your neighbors. The most effective is simply talking to people and getting to know them and what they think of the neighborhood.

#### Start Small!

- Pray! Ask God to help you take the next small step to know your neighbors.
- Grab your Love Your Neighbor Map and write out the names of people you know.
- Sit out in your front yard instead of the backyard so you can see people.
- Walk your dog; be open to waving at people and beginning conversations.
- Join the neighborhood communications! Facebook group, e-newsletters, flyers for invitations, or postcards for name and number exchange.
- Community personality - what's in your neighboring community?
  - HOA
  - School
  - Apartment complex
  - Neighborhood calendared events (participate or serve)
  - Other



### **Keep Going!**

- One-minute conversations: when you see people outside, say hello and introduce yourself. Ask their name and remember it.
- Borrow an egg or flour
- Compile a neighborhood directory of people you meet.
- Food and Fellowship!
  - Drive-way dinners each week/month or Happy Hour
  - Book Club
  - Progressive dinners
  - Tea-time & playdates
- Invite one neighbor or family over for dinner once a month.
- Organize a service project in your neighboring community

### **Neighbors to Friends!**

- Do hobbies together
  - Golf
  - Walking/running club
  - Sew
  - Cook/meal prep
  - Etc.
- Serve each other
  - Help with childcare
  - Bring a meal
  - Run errands
- Celebrate special occasions!
- Vacation together
- Hospital visits
- Start a weekly small group!