

Simple, Purposeful Acts of Kindness

There are so many wonderful and personal ways you can impact peoples lives in the name of Jesus, these are just few ideas to get you started...

(General for Neighbors, Coworkers, Friends)

- Pay for someone's gas.
- Take out the garbage for an elderly or disabled neighbor.
- Deliver fresh-baked cookies or a meal to a neighbor, friend or coworker with a note, a prayer.
- Bring fresh flowers to someone.
- Mow someone's yard or shovel someone's driveway.
- Pay for someone's food behind you in the drive-through or groceries at the store.
- Send a note of encouragement to someone.
- Leave a big tip for your server at a restaurant.
- Help someone who you know is struggling financially like with a gift card.
- Bake goodies and take them to the police station, fire station, or hospital.
- Help tutor a struggling student.
- As you walk, bike, or jog around your neighborhood, pray for protection over the families of each household. Let your neighbors know you're praying for them.
- Run errands for those in the church who are unable to do it for themselves
- Take someone out for a meal and listen to their story.
- Ask someone "you okay?" and be prepared to listen.
- Buy a book for them to read or CD to listen that relates to something they are going through or helps them process a question they are wondering about.
- Honor a loved one by giving a gift to an organization of their choice or your choice who celebrated a big accomplishment, going through a challenge or perhaps someone who died. One great way is Gideon's International where you can donate a Bible in a person's name or through the gift catalog of a Christian ministry like World Vision, International Justice Mission, Compassion, etc.

(Ways to involve the family)

- Have them use some of their allowance to donate food to a food bank
- Send homemade cards to children or the elderly in hospitals or nursing homes.
- Have your kids draw pictures for your neighbors, write an encouraging note on the back, and drop them off in their mailboxes.
- Have your children handwrite a "thank you" to each of their teachers, being specific about why they are thankful for them
- Create thank you gifts for local law enforcement officers or fire fighters.
- Use paint/chalk to write Bible verses or their references on sidewalks/driveways/rocks.