

A greeter should:

- Have a servant's heart
- Have an authentic excitement to meet people and impact them in a brief interaction for Jesus
- See this ministry as an opportunity to invite new comers to want to be part of the body of Christ
- Be mindful that each encounter is important and so please be considerate (Hebrews 13:1-3)
- Pray each other and the ministry (James 5:16)



Interested in participating?

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A Church Greeter's Prayer for a Positive Attitude

Lord Jesus, I confess that sometimes I do not want to volunteer. I do not want to serve. I do not want to put on a happy face and welcome people to our church. I confess that my negative attitude keeps me from offering hospitality without grumbling to our church members and first time church visitors. Even when I complain about having to get up early, having to make extra effort to get the family to church early, I know that my heart is not in the right place. Forgive me for my negative attitude. I confess that such an attitude is not helpful to the work of Your kingdom.

Renew my mind today so that I can walk in your perfect will. Help me today to serve as a greeter without grumbling or arguing. Change my heart O God; make it ever new. Help me to be blameless and pure in my attitude today. Clothe me with kindness, compassion, humility, gentleness, and patience with people. Let your Word judge my attitude if I think about complaining about serving as a greeter this morning.

I will not let unwholesome or unhelpful talk cross my lips. I will speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs. I will clothe myself with Your kindness instead of criticism since it's Your kindness that leads to repentance. May the kindness I express to our visitors impact their faith in Christ. I will not let my attitude be a negative stumbling block to a church visitor or member.

I will clothe myself with compassion instead of complaint that I may see any unexpected needs and meet them. Give me the eyes to see those needs that I may be a helpful servant.

I will clothe myself with humility instead of hubris that I may serve willingly as a servant instead of thinking, "I am more important." Lord, help me to be content as I serve, and help me to see the blessing of following You in this act of service today. Let me discover a cheerful heart through my service as a church greeter this morning.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

GraceWay's Greeter Ministry

Consider being part of this important team!



Welcoming each person who enters through our doors

Things to Remember:

- Do your best to arrive 30 minutes before each service you are assigned
- Contact someone if you are going to be absent; folks get use to your presence
- Wear your name tag and smile for real
- Look and smell nice; your appearance is important
- Read the bulletin to keep informed of upcoming events
- DO NOT FAKE IT if you are unsure of something
- Know where particular ages meet; if needed, escort new comers where necessary
- Escort those with children's ministry questions, to security desk, introduce, and return to area
- Keep conversations short when possible
- Use coffee fellowship, class, or greeting time you are NOT scheduled as opportunity to reconnect with those who tried to deeply engage you
- Look for the free greeter near the information desk and have them cover your area if someone needs to talk
- Greet children, too; be sure to encourage these future church leaders
- Honor the elderly; treat and assist to their comfort level

Please Avoid:

- Asking if someone is new or if it's his first time
- Asking "Where have you been?"
- Leaving post unattended for long periods
- Long conversations; try to redirect politely
- Speaking unkindly of anyone
- Blocking walkways, doorways, stairs
- Asking where someone attended church prior to GraceWay
- Making negative comments about prior church's rituals, denomination, or teachings; it cause folks to become defensive and makes us look bad
- Asking women with children about their husbands (husbands are important, but we do not know circumstances, and it may be the first time she has engaged in a church due to judgment)
- Touching anyone or standing directly in front of them without their permission. We do not know what a woman, man, or child's past is and if there has been abuse. Physical touch may be scary; a confrontational posture such as standing in front of them may be a threat as it blocks their exit.



Our Approach to Regular Attendees:

We all have comfy shoes or comfort foods that just help make the day sweeter. Let's not forget to happily greet our regular church family. No one is old hat! You may just be that person that reminds them of how special they are to someone.



Recruit:

Recruit! We can always use extra greeters as back-ups for absences and for vacations. If you know of someone who has a warm, friendly personality by nature, introduce him/her to the leaders of the greeters.

Colossians 3:12

"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."