

Ideas To Start Rebuilding Community



- 1) Invite neighbors to pizza or popcorn and a movie on your driveway or lawn using a projector.
- 2) Bring a specialty coffee or smoothie to a neighbor's door.
- 3) Create a small gift basket using items like a pound of coffee, a few muffins, fresh strawberries or grapes, a wrapped wedge of cheese, a box of crackers, and one of the tags below.
- 4) Hold an outdoor barbecue potluck, keeping it simple with compostable plates. Remember: The centerpiece is fellowship.
- 5) Start a book club. If you need to, keep it virtual until all members feel comfortable. (Consider clean fiction that touches on

real issues, but isn't overtly Christian. Hidden agendas are not recommended!)
Suggestions:

Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson.

Eden Mine, by S.M. Hulse.

No One Ever Asked, by Katie Ganshert.


The Remains of the Day, by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Light From Distant Stars, by Shawn Smucker.

When the English Fall, by David Williams.

The Mountain Between Us, by Charles Martin.

- 6) Ask permission to mow someone's lawn—making it clear you just want to be kind (not to take care of a neighborhood eyesore!).
- 7) Bring a cold beverage to someone working outside: construction workers, landscapers (or DIYers), neighbors mowing the lawn, etc.
- 8) Deliver small bouquets of flowers wrapped in brown paper, ribbon, and one of our tags below.
- 9) Send a handwritten note to someone who's struggling, hurting, or could be lonely.
- 10) Purchase an economy bag of dog and/or cat toys. Wrap each with a ribbon and deliver to pet owners with one of the tags below.
- 11) Create a "bike wash" for neighborhood kids using sprinklers, hoses, soapy water. Encourage them to wear their bathing suits or clothes that can get wet. And if it turns into a water fight, all the better!
- 12) Host a community garden at your house.
- 13) Bring a surprise pizza to a house of teenagers or college students.
- 14) Invite international students for dinner before they return to their home nations. Offer that if it's easy, they can bring a treat from their home country.
- 15) Invite kids from the neighborhood to draw on your driveway with sidewalk chalk you provide.
- 16) When the Fourth of July approaches, deliver ribbon-wrapped boxes of sparklers with the tags below.
- 17) Deliver packets of seeds or a small, easy-care plant, possibly bundled with an inexpensive trowel or pot.
- 18) For a friend going on vacation, ask if there's any way you can help with keeping an eye on the house, picking up the newspaper from the drive, etc.
- 19) Invite someone for a neighborhood walk—dogs and strollers welcome!
- 20) Plan a block party.
- 21) Invite others to community events with you: the farmers market, a festival at the park, an art walk downtown.
- 22) Deliver a small tree from the Arbor Day Foundation.
- 23) Coordinate a neighborhood cleanup day that culminates with refreshment at your house.
- 24) If you have small kids, coordinate with a mom in your neighborhood to attend library storytime together.
- 25) Invite a fellow dog owner to the dog park.

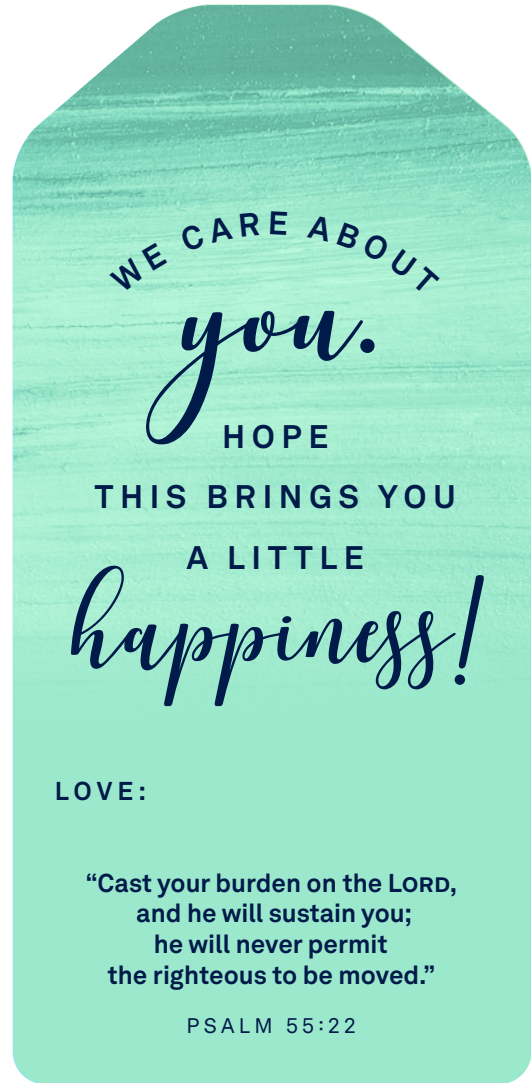


*We care
about you.
Hope this
brightens
your day!*

LOVE:

**“The steadfast love
of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”**

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23



WE CARE ABOUT
you.
HOPE
THIS BRINGS YOU
A LITTLE
happiness!

LOVE:

**“Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you;
he will never permit
the righteous to be moved.”**

PSALM 55:22



So thankful
you're our neighbor.
Hope this brings a smile!

LOVE:

**“...casting all your anxieties on him,
because he cares for you.”**

1 PETER 5:7