

# **NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH**

## **An Organized Neighborhood Outreach Strategy of Mims Baptist Church**

### **PURPOSE:**

For members of Mims Baptist Church to reach out to persons in their own neighborhood with a variety of fun, creative, and exciting ways to meet their neighbors and build meaningful relationships with them. Plus, it provides opportunities to share Christ's love through words and actions and to help promote the ministries of Mims Baptist Church to persons in your own neighborhood.

### **STRUCTURE:**

**Members Identified By Subdivisions/Areas** –Volunteers within a specific subdivision/area will join their neighborhood team to assist with neighborhood outreach efforts in their own neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Captains** – Each subdivision or geographical area will have a neighborhood captain. You may call the education office (936-756-0065) to receive the name and phone number of your captain. Volunteer to be on your neighborhood team!

**Neighborhood Volunteers** – Volunteers (Mims members) within a specific subdivision/area will assist with outreach efforts of the church, such as – neighborhood blitz with door hangers, new resident visits or other potential efforts described here.

### **Advantages of the 'Neighborhood Outreach' approach:**

- Economic Sense – with the rising cost of gas, this approach is practically cost-free!
- Provides the church the opportunity to cover a greater geographical area in outreach efforts.
- Volunteers can develop relationships with their own neighbors, which provides in-roads to invite them to church or to share Christ with them.
- Volunteers within the same subdivision/area can pray that God will do a great work within their own neighborhood.

### **OUR STRATEGY:**

**Neighborhood Blitz** – Two to four times a year neighborhood teams distribute door hangers, depicting upcoming events/activities/ministries of Mims.

**New Resident Visits** – All neighborhood outreach participants should keep a watchful eye for persons moving into a new home in their neighborhood so a visit can be made to the new resident.

**Sunday School/Worship Guest** – Periodically a team captain or volunteer may visit someone who was our guest in Sunday School or Worship who lives in their neighborhood.

**'Who Do You Know?' Referrals** – When a prospect is discovered you may make a referral for someone to make a visit.

**Fellowships For Mims Members In Your Neighborhood** – This is a great way to get to know better other Mims members in your neighborhood.

**‘Inreach’ To Church Members** – In most cases, there are several Mims church families living in the same subdivision/area as you. Part of your ministry includes getting to know them and encouraging them to enjoy the benefits of being actively involved with the body of Christ (Mims).

**Catastrophic Events** –In the event of a hurricane, tornado, fire, flood, etc., persons on the neighborhood outreach team can check on Mims members in their assigned geographical area to see if there are any needs discovered.

**Other** –Feel free to generate additional ideas regarding how your team may minister to persons in your assigned geographical area.

### **ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH IDEAS**

**PRAYER-WALK** – As you walk in your neighborhood, pray for the persons in each house as you walk by them. This is a great thing to do prior to a door hanger distribution or a planned ‘get to know you’ activity. Pray for God to specifically bless your outreach efforts to your neighbors.

**MOVING DAY** – As soon as you see or learn of a new family moving into a home, find ways to help or welcome them on their move-in day.

**NEIGHBOR BBQ** – Give a special invitation to specific neighbors close to you to join you for a BBQ. This provides a great opportunity to build relationships, which can pave the way to spiritual conversations. If Mims is having an event soon, plan the BBQ before the event and invite everyone to attend the event.

**LADIES TEA PARTY** – Help the women in your neighborhood escape from endless errands one Saturday afternoon by hosting an intergenerational, ladies only tea. See your team captain for information on implementing this event.

**NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY** – This provides a great opportunity for Christians and non-Christians to share together in a group. Many times God will use this type of small group Bible Study to bring about salvations.

**BE CREATIVE!** – It may be that you think of other ideas of building relationships with those in your neighborhood. Develop relationships with the neighbors next door, across the street or down the block. Find ways to show Jesus’ love to your neighbors by the things you say and do. Look for opportunities to witness and to invite persons to Mims Baptist Church.

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Leviticus 19:18*

**These are a few examples of how we can help reach our neighbors for Christ and His Church. You can volunteer now to be a part of your neighborhood outreach team! Please call the education office to receive the name and phone number of your neighborhood captain.**