



Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry (Wake-Up Church Members and Welcome our Guest)

What is a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry?

A Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry is a fellowship and social time where beverages and food are served prior to the start of the Sunday School Class time.

What is the purpose of a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry?

The purpose of a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry is to provide a central gathering location for guest and members to socialize when they first arrive. It is a gathering of similarly aged groups for the purpose of extending hospitality and developing relationships. The ministry's ultimate purpose is to emphasize to our guest that their visit is appreciated, and that we welcome them to be a members of our church fellowship.

How is a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry structured within the church?

It is recommended to have four similar age related Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry gathering locations, one for children and Toddlers, and one for youth, adults, and senior adults. Churches with large Sunday School Ministries would want to add a young adult gathering location, and possibly need to add multiple gathering locations for adults and senior adults. However, the fewer gathering locations you have the more effective the ministry will be.

How is a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry organized?

Organizing a Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry is the responsibility of the different Sunday School Ministry department leaders. The department leaders will be responsible for coordinating with Sunday School teachers in their departments to make sure everything is set-up and ready to serve by 9:15am. All Sunday School teachers and class outreach leaders are to be present no later than 9:15am to welcome guest and members when they arrive. Sunday School teachers will want to be alert in recognizing guest and prepared to share information about their particular class. This is recommended to help guest with their decision in selecting a suitable and desirable class to attend. The more informed and more comfortable a guest is before going into a class the more likely it is that they will return to visit again.

What type of menu is recommended?

The menu can vary and it is up to you to decide. However, when you decide just make sure it is something simple and quick to set-up, and is easily consumed while standing and socializing. Continental breakfast style items such as coffee, juices, bottled water for your beverages, and pastries, cookies, and fruit for your food items are recommended for youth through senior adult stations. Items like juice boxes, milk, gold fish, cookies, and fruit for children and toddlers. Remember; just keep it simple, quick, and economical.

NOTE: Once the Wake-Up and Welcome Ministry is organized and up and going successfully you want to be sure to promote and advertise it in the same way you do all other Sunday morning activities.

Example: Wake-Up and Welcome 9:15am - 9:45am, Sunday School 9:45-10:50, Morning Worship 11:00am