

Living Life Together.

“Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.” - Romans 12: 13-16

Coming to Uni can often be a daunting experience. Entering a new environment and meeting new people often gives rise to struggles with identity and belonging and with it, overwhelming feelings of isolation and loneliness. It can be all too easy to get caught up in the multitude of things demanding our attention and oftentimes, we feel stressed and alone. However, we weren't made to face these challenges alone. We are relational beings created by a loving and understanding God. Life is meant to be lived together.

Romans 12:13 instructs believers to “practice hospitality” within our communities, no matter our circumstances. However, when it comes to practicing biblical hospitality, our demonstrations of biblical hospitality are often limited to a friendly smile and light conversation before Friday Large Groups. We want to stop simply *welcoming* people into the fellowship and instead continually *invite* them into a community where strive to walk through the hills and valleys of life with one another.

This upcoming school year, we believe that God is calling Hospitality Ministry to encourage the CCF community go further and deeper in their relationships with one other. By looking to Jesus as the ultimate example of hospitality, we seek to explore the importance of hospitality to the Christian walk and invite the community to extend acts of hospitality beyond CCF gatherings and into their everyday life. Through continual engagements of fellowship outside of fellowship, we will strive to cultivate more intentional relationships founded on and strengthened by the unconditional love of Christ.

Hospitality Ministry 2018-2019 hopes to foster a culture of biblical hospitality by not only continuing to greet newcomers before Large Group, but also by initiating meetups outside of fellowship programs. We will check up on members to make sure no one feels overwhelmed or overlooked as well as encourage accountability and continuous prayer among members. We will seek to demonstrate hospitality in our everyday lives through casual daily activities, such as studying together, grabbing a meal together, and prepping snacks together, as well as larger activities such as preparing care packages for the community during exam times. We hope to keep the program flexible to allow the ministry to evolve to meet the changing needs of community.

We want to emphasize that fellowship is not just something that occurs at a certain place or time, but is an ongoing process with God in the center. The Hospitality Team will allow for welcoming newcomers and regular members, as well as taking extra initiative to reach out to fellowship members to ensure that no one goes unnoticed. It is Hospitality Ministry

2018-2019's vision to create a loving, close-knit family, united through thick and thin, only possible through the redeeming love of God.