

- To offer hospitality is a Christian virtue required of all, but especially of spiritual leaders.
- > It is one of the good works with which a godly woman is to be adorned. Hospitality is service, not performance, so keep it simple.
- > Use tried and true recipes.
- > Stay within your means.
- See that guests are well served.
- > Be relaxed, friendly, and good listeners.

~ Edith Boyd

- Hospitality doesn't depend on size or supply. If the heart is big enough, so is the table and so is the house.
- Hospitality demonstrates love for others: friends, lonely, hurting, homesick, college students, troubled, large family who seldom has a meal or visits away from home, visitors or new attendees at church, new neighbors or co-workers, elderly, sorrowing, ones in life crises, foreign students, servicemen, etc.
- > Hospitality is service, not performance. Fellowship has the priority.
- > Each meal need not be an ego trip or grand production that wears to a frazzle.
- > Table clean, well-set, need not be elaborate, just let it say, "I care."
- > Meal simple, tasty, nourishing, yet economical, requiring little preparation or preparation made ahead of time.
- > Be creative, experiment.
- > Keep necessities available for spur-of-the-moment invitations or unexpected guests—impromptu meals often are the most enjoyable.
- > Invite people for just tea, coffee, and dessert.
- > It is an excellent teaching experience for the children.
- > Eating out is usually expensive and often a poor substitute.

~ Bettie Dreisbach

Panel Discussion

Ellen Howell, Jeanne Keck, Paige Miller, Pam Freeman (Moderator)

1. Preparing Hospitable Hearts

2. Preparing Hospitable Homes

3. Being Hospitable

Possible Ways to Show Hospitality:

bridal showers, baby showers, children's Bible club, church committee meetings, College & Career fellowships, farewell dinners for member leaving or for missionaries leaving, fellowship dinners, host a mission team, providing lodging for hurting relative, missionaries, MK's, sick MK's, strangers, those in need (abuse, power outage, fire), those moving to or from town, travelers, visitors to church, Whetstone guests, new home shower for singles, outreach to lost, reaching contacts from husband's work, Sunday school fellowships, weekly Bible studies, youth group fellowships, youth group sleepovers, young mothers' fellowships

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