November ‘17:

GREETER MINISTRY

Part of GCI’s core identity, is inclusivity, as we reflect the nature of our Triune God. One way to make sure our churches are spaces for a real encounter with Jesus and one another is to have a well-organized Greeting Ministry. Having a greeter may seem like a minor detail, but it is a vital element of a missional church. Greeters help set the tone for a welcoming space, and also provide a means for members to engage and serve within the congregation.

1. **HAVE A TEAM.**
   Provide opportunities for multiple members to serve and share the responsibility.

2. **TAKE A FIELD TRIP!**
   Ask team members to visit a congregation that meets at a different day or time than your own. **Observe** how it feels to be a visitor and notice how their greeter ministry works. You might get some great ideas!

3. **TRAIN YOUR TEAM.**
   - Be on time
   - Be **positive** and **friendly** to all
   - Be **prepared** to answer questions and meet guests needs

4. **PRAY IN ADVANCE.**
   Ask the Spirit to help you **connect** with the people you greet, and show you ways to **encourage** visitors and members!

5. **REMEMBER THE GOAL:**
   To be **open**, **inclusive**, and **welcoming**!