

**Hospitality: Utilizing the Home for Ministry**  
**Wikner-Chesemore BIG Meeting**  
**April 28, 2011**

1) What is hospitality? – Literally: loving strangers (philos – xenos)

Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

2) What are the present needs we can meet today with Hospitality?

- Friendship and fellowship
- Love and care
- A relationship with God through Jesus Christ

3) Hospitality a norm in the Christian life

- 1Pe 4:9
- Romans 12:13
- 1Tim 5:10
- 1Tim 3:2 and Tit 1:8

4) Putting hospitality to action

- For families: nothing more strategic, with greater potential for good than serving in and through your home and family
- Start one person, one family, one need, one situation, one day at a time.
- Put it in your calendar – reserve the date
- Look for those new to the church or who might be in need of friendship and care.
- Think Luke 14:12-14 When you give a dinner or banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.
- Think: simple

Alexander Strauch – Through the ministry of hospitality, we share our most prized possessions. We share our family, home, finances, food, privacy, and time. Indeed, we share our very lives. So hospitality is always costly...but, unless we open the doors of our homes to one another, the

reality of the local church as a close-knit family of loving brothers and sisters is only a theory.

#### 5) Benefits of giving hospitality

- Blesses and serves others
- Get to meet, connect with and know others
- Helps train your children to love, serve and relate to others
- Helps fight selfishness
- A means for our continued sanctification and growth
- Honors the Lord and builds his church