

12 Ideas to Help Build a Strong Christian Community for your Family

Followers of Christ were not intended to be the “Lone Ranger.” We were designed to be part of the Body of Christ. We need Jesus most of all. We also need fellowship with other believers.

1. Seek to join a Bible-teaching, Bible-living, Spirit-filled church. *(Like Calvary!)*
2. Get yourself and your children involved in small-groups every week where there is time for Bible teaching, worship, and time for fellowship. *(i.e. - Sunday school, youth group, Life Group, Women’s/Men’s Bible study)*
3. Invite other families of believers over to your home for a few hours on Friday night or Saturday. Or have a bonfire or cookout at a park. Everyone can bring part of the meal.
4. Get other wives’/mom’s or husbands’/dad’s cell numbers and stay connected through the week.
5. When wonderful things happen in your believing friends’ families, go celebrate with them! Take them food when a baby is born. Go to each other’s birthday parties. Do fun things together.
6. When painful things happen, be there for each other. Go get groceries for a family that just experienced a death. Offer to help take care of each other’s kids when someone is sick or grieving.
7. While the kids have a playdate in one room, invite parents to connect in another room nearby. Talk about what God is doing in your lives.
8. Pray together with the other couples over your families, your church, the country, and/or the world.
9. Share prayer requests during the week and pray for each other individually.
10. Invite the kids to pray together (especially if they are older) or include them with the adults to pray for specific things.
11. Consider doing a service project together as a cluster of families—something that the kids can be actively involved in, too. Clean-up a park. Sing carols at a nursing home.
12. Invite different families over to your home, or to meet up at a park, so you can build an even bigger community of blessing.

Building a strong community of believers takes time. It requires intentionality, initiative, courage, and sacrifice of other things. But it is SO worth it!

Praying for God to open doors to each of us to build a stronger community of believers around us and in our church.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb. 10:24-25