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# The *Welcome Wagon*

*Filled with God's Word. Shared with God's love.*

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A Christian welcome ministry for any church,  
any street, and any willing pair of hands.



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# Community *Matters*



*"Church is not simply something we attend.  
It is a family we belong to."*

The welcome wagon is as old as neighbourhoods themselves: a basket at the door, a name learned, a newcomer told without words that they belong. Churches used to run on it. Somewhere along the way the wagon stopped rolling.

The Welcome Wagon is that simple kindness, rolling again, in Jesus' name. It belongs to no single congregation. Any church family, small group, or circle of friends can hitch up and go: filled with God's Word first, then sent out to share His love in ways people can hold.



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## VISION

# Where community *becomes family*

The Welcome Wagon is a ministry of welcome, centred on building authentic Christian community by showing God's love in practical ways.

Our desire is to create a welcoming place where people are seen, known, and encouraged in their walk with Christ. We gather around God's Word and prayer, and from there we move naturally toward the doors He opens: the new neighbour, the new baby, the empty chair at a widow's table.

We believe ordinary moments delivered to a doorstep can become opportunities to grow in faith, build lasting relationships, and show God's love in simple, practical ways.

*Growing in God's Word. Showing God's love.*

# From God's *Word...*

BEFORE WE CAN POUR INTO OTHERS,  
WE MUST FIRST ALLOW GOD TO POUR INTO US

Every welcome begins around God's Word, because we believe lasting kindness starts with Him.

Together we open the Scriptures, sit with what He is saying, ask honest questions, and encourage one another as we learn to follow Jesus more faithfully. We pray together, celebrate what God is doing, and carry one another through life's joys and burdens.

As we spend time in His presence, He gently shapes our hearts, deepens our faith, and reminds us that we are first His children before we become His hands and feet.

The simple gifts we prepare are never the main event. They are simply the overflow of hearts that have first been filled by Christ.

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path."*

PSALM 119:105 (NIV)



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## *...to* God's Love

GOD'S LOVE WAS NEVER MEANT TO REMAIN WITHIN  
US.  
IT NATURALLY OVERFLOWS INTO PRACTICAL ACTS OF  
KINDNESS

After we have been filled by His Word and encouraged by one another in prayer,  
we follow where He leads.

Together we prepare a simple gift with care and gratitude. We write a handwritten  
card. We pray over the recipient by name. Then we quietly step into our community  
to bless someone who needs to feel seen, supported, and deeply loved.

In these ordinary moments, God uses our willing hands and open hearts to remind  
others that they are never alone and that Christ is near.

His Word *changes us.*

His Love *changes others.*

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth."*

1 JOHN 3:18 (NIV)  
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# How a *Welcome* Rolls

*A simple rhythm centred on God's Word,  
meaningful relationships, and sharing His love with others.*

O1

MATTHEW

4:4

Gather Around God's Word

We begin together in the Scriptures before we carry anything to anyone. This is a time to listen, learn, and grow in truth together. Everyone is welcome. Every voice matters.

O2

ACTS 2:42

Pray Over Every Name

Every welcome starts as a name prayed over. We ask God who He is placing on our hearts, and we pray for them before a single cookie is baked or card is written.

O3

GALATIANS

5:13

Prepare With Love

We gather around a kitchen table to prepare something simple and homemade: muffins, cookies, soup, a meal, or another thoughtful gift. As we work side by side, conversation flows, laughter comes easily, and we encourage one another.

O4

MATTHEW

5:16

Deliver the Welcome

We write a handwritten card, pray over the gift one more time, and deliver it, in pairs, with warm smiles and no strings attached. Whether it is a loaf of fresh bread, a simple meal, or a note of encouragement, the gift itself is never the destination. The person is.

# Those We Hope *to Encourage*

A simple act of kindness can become a beautiful reminder that someone is seen, remembered, and deeply loved.

## NEW PARENTS

Welcoming families during one of life's most joyful and demanding seasons. A homemade meal, fresh baking, or a simple note of encouragement tells exhausted parents they are seen, prayed for, and never walking alone.

## THOSE NEW TO FAITH

Every new believer deserves to experience the warmth of genuine Christian community. A simple act of hospitality becomes an open door to belonging, friendship, and spiritual growth.

## WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Grief can feel incredibly lonely. Through practical acts of kindness and gentle companionship, we hope to remind them they remain deeply loved and remembered by their church family.

## SENIORS AND ELDERS

We want to honour those who have faithfully walked before us. Sometimes the greatest gift is simply knowing someone remembered: a visit, a card, and a reason to brighten their day.

## THOSE FACING ILLNESS

Illness often brings uncertainty and isolation. A quiet meal dropped at the door, a prayer offered, and a card given gently remind someone to rest, breathe, and be deeply loved by God and by their church family.

## NEW NEIGHBOURS AND NEW MEMBERS

Some names God places on our hearts directly. We watch for the moving truck, the new face in the foyer, the veteran, the single parent, anyone at all. No one is a stranger for long where the wagon rolls.

Every act of kindness becomes another opportunity to reflect the love of Christ. Our prayer is that every person we serve walks away knowing they are deeply loved by God and cared for by their church family.

# Go *in* His Love



*Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for inviting us to gather around Your Word  
and around one another.*

*Fill every home that welcomes with Your peace.  
May every conversation point us closer to Jesus.  
May every prayer strengthen weary hearts.  
May every meal prepared become an expression of Your generosity.  
May every gift remind someone they are deeply loved by You  
and remembered by their church family.*

*Help us never lose sight of why we gather.  
Form us into disciples who love well, serve humbly,  
encourage faithfully, and reflect Christ in both  
ordinary and extraordinary moments.*

*As You fill us with Your Word, send us into our community  
ready to share Your love with open hands and willing hearts.  
May everything we do bring honour and glory to Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

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