# Holiday Guide

#### Household Wells: Neighboring During the Holidays

## Start Here

**STEP 1: PRAY** 

Pray for your neighborhood, your heart, and for an ability to see your neighborhood through God's eyes.

Ask God for the discernment to see how He wants to use you and your family in your neighborhood, and for the courage to follow through.

#### STEP 2: DREAM

Brainstorm ways that your household can reach out to your neighborhood in love and friendship.

-All ideas are good during brainstorming!

-Dream big.

-Dream little, too.

-Include everyone in the dreaming process.

### Step 3: Reflect

-What ideas from your list give you energy and create a sense of anticipation?

-What ideas fit the culture of your neighborhood?

-What works in your household's budget/time/ resource limits?

-Who can you ask to partner with you and household?

### December Ideas List

- -Host a neighborhood cookie exchange.
- -Invite neighborhood kids over to decorate cookies.
- -Host a pizza/movie night for neighborhood kids so parents can have a date or go shopping.
- -Set up a progressive dinner.
- -Organize a neighborhood collection for a charity.
- -Invite neighbors to carol with you at a local nursing home.
- -Ask neighbors to work with you to bless staff at a local school.

### November Ideas

- -Invite someone to share
  Thanksgiving with your family.
  -Is a neighborhood college
  student home for a visit? Gift
  them with a gas gift card to fill
  their tank
- -Host a pie party.
- -Summer in November. Invite neighbors over to grill out, bundle up, and play a game of football.
- -Shovel/rake a neighbor's yard.

### Step 4: Commit

- -Start with 1 idea.
- -Set a date.
- -Do 1 thing to get your plan in motion.

### Step 5: Invite

Invite others to:

- -Pray for your endeavors.
- -Use their gifts to help you.
- -Hold you accountable.

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