

76 Ways to Love Your Neighbor

"If you have a front porch or deck or area, go out and sit there when people might be walking by." – Liz

"I planned a yard project that I could have finished quickly – instead, I stretched it out over days so I could be seen present in my neighborhood!" – Bob

"Just walk the neighborhood! Everybody is walking these days." – Bill

"We go to dog parks to see more people who have plenty of time to talk." – Mike

"If I see a neighbor outside, I just walk up till I'm about six feet away and start talking to them." – Cary

"We did a mini campfire in our front yard and made s'mores." – Heather

"We invited our neighbors over for a BBQ." – Rex

"We've been meeting a lot of neighbors just by walking the dogs. Since you are wearing a mask, don't wear sunglasses so they can see your eyes." – Jamie

"We brought our BBQ to our front yard and have a weekly burger night for anyone once a week." – Jim

"We dropped off board games at our neighbors' doors, and that has been a conversation starter when we see them. Naturally, we started talking to them about more things." – Temree

"I no longer go out wearing headphones. Nothing says 'Don't approach me' like headphones." – Kyle

"Instead of walking around the block where I never encounter anyone, I've started walking around our apartment complex and smiling and saying 'hi' to my neighbors." – Janelle

"We've passed out lemons from our tree to our neighbors." – Cary

"I stopped jogging and started walking so I could interact with others." – Sue

"Since I work in my garage, I leave the garage door up so I can talk to people when they walk by." – J

"I've started skateboarding at the local basketball court, and I've had a lot of chats with people just walking by. Getting outside where people are opens up conversations, and so many of them turn spiritual." – Bradley

"I started a book, jigsaw puzzle, and movie-sharing club for our neighborhood." – Joan

"I get out my guitar and play, sitting in a chair in my front yard. It always attracts some neighbors to meet and talk." – Joe

"Anytime I hear anyone in their backyard on either side, I immediately go out and talk over the fence for a little bit." – Frank

"We do Contacts & Cookies: We hand-write our contact info on a card and deliver it with some baked cookies!" – Jim

"We hosted a social-distancing block party on Memorial Day for our neighbors." – Young

"We put up an outdoor movie screen. Everybody brought their own chair for a viewing party." – Heather

HOW SADDLEBACK
MEMBERS ARE
GETTING
TO KNOW
Their Neighbors

"I wrote a letter with my picture on it to my 10 closest neighbors in our apartments, letting them know I'd be BBQing some burgers and hot dogs in a community BBQ. They came!"

- Brandon

"We use chalk art on the sidewalk! We add to it each day or every other day, and then invite them to church!" - Jim

"My kids have been leaving encouraging notes and pictures on the sidewalk with chalk."

- Laleanne

"I shared oranges off of my tree and I made masks WITH my neighbors." - Julie

"We bought donuts for everyone on our block and gave them out." - Gina

"We built a map of names and birthdays on our street so everyone could celebrate each other." - Brandon

"We special ordered a shaved ice truck to pass through our neighborhood, courtesy of Saddleback Church. It's not that expensive and our neighbors loved the gift!" - Will

"My wife and I play volleyball without a net outside our apartment complex, and we've met four different neighbors that we hadn't met before." - David

"We dropped off some coloring verse pages to some neighbors who needed encouragement."

- Jannina

"I've drawn encouraging Bible verses in chalk on my driveway many times." - Chaundel

"We did a driveway concert for our neighborhood and introduced some neighbors to Jesus." - Mike

"After chalking our own driveway and sidewalk with positive messages, we offered to do chalk on our neighbor's driveway and sidewalk." - Liza

"We left a snack and the book Purpose Driven Life for our mailman." - Jim

"We helped organize a birthday party for my neighbor who is going through chemo treatment for cancer, and then prayed for health at the end." - Larry

"Our kids paint rocks with Scriptures on them and encouraging messages, then we put them out for people to take." - Liza

"We bought piñatas for the kids in our neighborhood." - Heather

"We cut fresh rosemary from a bush in our backyard, tied it in a small bundle with notes with our contact info if they needed prayer or someone to talk to, and we put it on our neighbors' front steps."

- Braven

"We have met many neighbors we didn't know by going door to door and giving away avocados from our tree." - Steve

"I started a Facebook page for our neighborhood, and I post the drive-thru events we have, as well as info about Saddleback food pantries." - Alexis

"When I go grocery shopping I intentionally wear my Saddleback shirt. That has struck up some really great conversations with people and been a really great opportunity to invite them to our online services!" - Rosie

"A group of kids painted rocks with encouraging messages like 'God loves you' on them and placed them in the neighborhood front yards. My 80-year-old neighbor said he walked all around the neighborhood just to read them all!" - Matthias

"We post Saddleback Church opportunities and services on our apartment community bulletin board." - Brandon

"I'm one of the 1,000 Care Callers calling from home. You'd be amazed at how much people appreciate a simple call asking, 'How are you doing? How can I pray for you and your family?'"

- Joan

"A person I know organizes a weekly block party and books a different food truck to show up each week. They grab their food from the food truck and then go to their individual driveways and eat and socialize together."

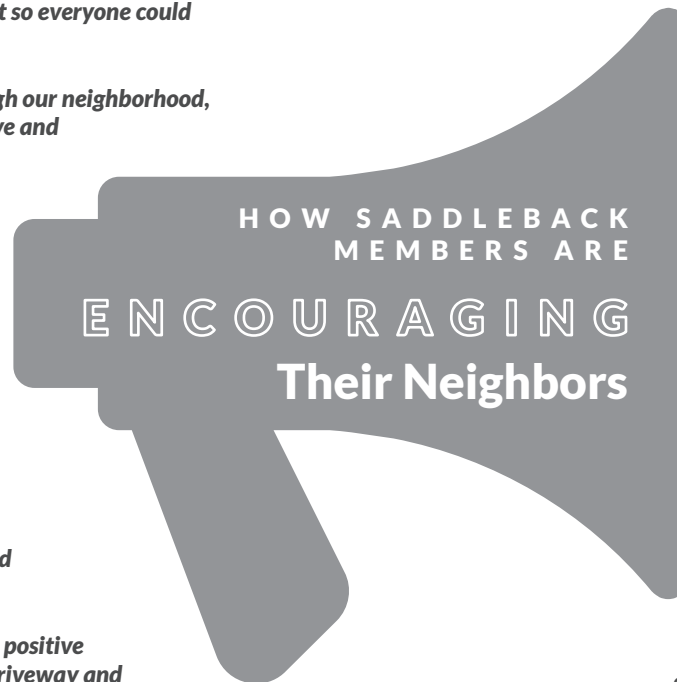
- Jason

"Saddleback Student Ministries has made note cards available for students to fill out and put them on their neighbors' doorsteps to get feedback on how they can help their neighbor." - Katie

"We wrote the URL to our weekend online services in chalk art on our driveway." - Liza

"We make greeting cards with Starbucks gift cards and Saddleback info and service info written in it." - Michele

"We should buy our own ice cream truck before summer and play Saddleback worship songs on it." - Mike



"My kids and I made care packages for their friends." – Gina

"Anytime I go to the grocery store, I first check with my neighbors to see if they need anything. This has given me many opportunities to chat with my neighbors about Christ."
– Cathy

"We shop for our neighbors who need to stay at home. We make a Costco trip for the whole street." – Jim

"I offer to mow my neighbor's lawn." – Mike

"We offered to wash our neighbor's cars." – Kyla

"Food always opens doors. I've been cooking meals and taking them to my neighbors." – Cassandra

"Our family has pulled weeds in our neighborhood."
– Clay

"When I go to Costco or Smart and Final, I will ask my neighbors if I can pick them up anything."
– Jerred

"I offer to help with ANY outdoor projects." – Melissa

"We text our neighbors whenever we're going to the store and offer to pick up items for them, especially for one neighbor who is over 65." – Stephanie

"Our entire family calls our neighbors and offers help with outdoor chores (lawn, garbage cans, get mail)." – Tom

"When we go to Costco, we always have more than we can use, so we've started sharing the extra with our neighbors." – Stephanie

"We got all our neighbors' phone numbers so we could text them anytime we're at the grocery store, and ask if they need anything." – Alyssa

"Instead of food, we drop off needed supplies at a neighbor's doorstep – like gloves, toilet paper, disinfectant spray, and/or wipes." – Kyla

"We've been running errands for our neighborhood since we are both out of work."
– Herman

"For parents with small children, we provide crafts and coloring pages from Saddleback Kids and they love it." – Alex

"We posted a QR code on our neighborhood's mailboxes to join a group for support during COVID-19." – Erica

"We use the NextDoor App to let our neighbors know we're there to help." – Anthony

"We pick up groceries for our neighbors, but we are also equally intentional to ask for their help at times, too. Sometimes it's just as encouraging to let someone feel needed as it is to meet a need yourself."
– Lauren

"We bake cookies each week and give them to our neighbors." – David

"We did a neighborhood car wash in our cul-de-sac." – Greg

"We offer to walk the dogs of elderly folks who are afraid to go out and walk them." – Barry

"We get the mail for our elderly neighbors." – Anthony

"We pick up newspapers for older neighbors and walk it up to their front porch." – Kevin

"At a fast food drive through, I buy the meal for the person behind me and tell the server to say, 'It was paid by the person in front of you from Saddleback Church.'" – Elaine

"I invited my neighbor to our online Bible study." – Mary

