



## Church for My Neighbor...

Mercy Hill's Launch Team brainstorms about it's next preview service.

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## What will your neighbor see?

When the people at our March 28 launch team meeting were asked: "What will your neighbor see when he comes to Mercy Hill's next preview service?" and "What do you want him to see?" the following areas were addressed...



## Six Areas...

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- ❖ People
- ❖ Worship
- ❖ Preaching
- ❖ Children
- ❖ Literature & Information
- ❖ Orientation & Help



# People

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- ✦ Warm and friendly people
- ✦ People being friendly to one another
- ✦ Someone to converse with
- ✦ Welcoming faces
- ✦ A warm and welcome-greeting community
- ✦ A political "safe zone" (without partisan arguing)
- ✦ An invitation to lunch after the service



# Worship

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- \* worshipful music in an upbeat, dynamic atmosphere--not too somber.
- \* excellence & quality
- \* contextual and “missional”
- \* liturgical simplicity
- \* more prayer: show the curious what prayer is.





# Preaching

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- ❖ Christ-centered message
- ❖ a message that explains, in a meaningful way, things about God.
- ❖ Apologetical preaching (preaching that addresses and/or answers doubts or concerns people have about Christianity)



# Children

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- ❖ safe and active programs, classes, and activities for children
- ❖ a safe place for kids
- ❖ a place for kids to be after the service
- ❖ children's programs



# Literature & Information

- \* Clear directions on “what to do.”
- \* Writing down people’s contact information
- \* A table or stand showing the needs for mercy in our area.
- \* Information on how to plug into a Bible study or other church activities.
- \* Programs with the church’s mission stated and...
- \* Information to take home...that answers “Who and What is Mercy Hill?” and “Why is it here?”--so people will know what makes this church different.





# Orientation & Help

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- ❖ People & signs showing where to park
- ❖ People outside pointing the way
- ❖ People inside showing where to go
- ❖ Time in the service for people to meet one another.





## SUMMARY...

Mercy Hill wishes to be a church community where, in our Sunday service, a guest or visitor...

- \* finds a warm and welcoming authentic community of people.
- \* experiences worship service that is both understandable and accessible as well as done with quality and excellence.
- \* hears Christ-centered, meaningful preaching that addresses their questions & concerns.
- \* has a place for their kids that's safe, kid-friendly, active, and instructive.
- \* receives info and literature that explains who we are and how people can get involved.
- \* gets plenty of help from volunteers from the time they arrive to the time they leave.



## What does this mean for me?

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If you are a *visitor* to a Sunday service with Mercy Hill, please let us know how we did in these six areas: people, worship, preaching, children, information, and help.

OR...

If you're a *regular* in our Sunday services, and have started to call Mercy Hill your church home, find one of these areas where you can help us improve and "make it your own!"



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