





WELCOME TO CAC

Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers and staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.

We hope to see you in future services!

Are You A Friendly Saint?

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

How friendly do you consider yourself? Most of us would say we are pretty friendly. For we all like to think of ourselves as friendly people.

But did you know that you may think that you are friendly and actually not

be friendly? In a training lesson entitled 5 Steps For A Great Pentecost Sunday, is related a story about a lady who visited 18 churches on successive Sundays to evaluate the friendliness of each church. The lady would sit near the front of the Sanctuary each time and walked slowly to the rear, then returned to the front using another isle. On each occasion, she was dressed neatly, and with a smile asked at least one person to direct her to the social hall, pastor's study, etc.

She used a point system to rate the reception she received:

- 10 pts--smile from a worshipper
- 10 pts--greeting from a person nearby
- 100 pts--exchange of names
- 200 pts--invitation to coffee or dinner
- 200 pts--invitation to return
- 1000 pts--introduction to another worshipper.
- 2000 pts--invitation to meet the Pastor.

Using this scale, all of the 18 churches she visited earned fewer than 100 pts. The researcher's conclusion was as follows: "The preaching may be

Biblical, the singing inspirational, or the sermon uplifting, but when a visitor finds no one who cares whether he/she is there, he/she is not likely to come back."

We must remember, guests are visiting your place of worship, they are not expected to make the first move to introducing themselves, asking information, or give the first smile—that is what you are suppose to do.

Think of it in this way, if a guest came to your house, would you expect them to give the first smile, ask where your restroom is located, or start a conversation? Of course not, you would make the first gestures of friendliness. The same is true in the Church; home folks should make guests feel welcomed.

Take the test yourself—and see if you are you a friendly saint?

