

What is the LYNC Network all about?

1. **Get Help, Give Help:** A network of neighbors helping neighbors with all kinds of practical needs like visiting the elderly, house or car repair, yard work and much more.
2. **Encouragement:** Web based neighborhood “Friendship Forums” to help us get to know our neighbors and build supportive friendships.
3. **Inviting Neighbors** to church, and more importantly-sharing the good news about the forgiveness and abundant life Jesus came to bring every man, woman and child.
4. **Coverage:** A street by street strategy to get the genuine love and message of Christ out of the “4 walls” of church buildings and to the steps of every household.

Please Contact us:

If you, or someone you know, have any needs
If you want to volunteer to help your neighbors
If you have any questions about the LYNC Network
If you have any questions about becoming a Christian

**Contact us by visiting the website at
www.LYNCN.org**

You can view most of the web site without registration. To see the Friendship Forums and to volunteer for service requires free online registration.

Or Call:

LYNC Network host/contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

WebLYNC (if different) _____

Phone Number: _____



*The Love Your Neighbor
Christian Network*

*A very brief overview of the LYNC Network is
on the back cover.*

**TOO BUSY? TOO THICK?
You don't have to read the whole thing.
This interactive booklet gets
you right to the topics that
interest you!**

Thanks for taking your valuable time to read about what your neighbors are doing.

LYNC Network members use a website to help neighbors get to know each other and to help with each other's practical needs.

Though the network has a Christian foundation, we welcome everyone to join in and lend a hand. Speaking of helping others; here's a thought provoking question: **If you had only 30 minutes to spend with someone and you wanted to make the biggest impact for good... What would you do?** Please pause and think about it.

We believe good things are in store for you and your neighborhood!

Where would you like to start?

Choose your response:

I want to make the biggest impact for good Topic 3a, page 7

How do I get started using the LYNC Network? Topic 2, page 6

Give me a detailed overview of the Network. Topic 1, page 3

Topic 15

**First the neighborhood,
Next: Around the World.**

1.8 billion people have never even heard the name of Jesus.

The focus of the LYNC Network is to reach your neighbors with the gospel and meet their practical needs. But we have another obligation as well: to go into the ENTIRE world and tell them the good news. We have to remember those that have never even heard about Jesus. After you have tasted the joy of seeing some of your neighbors receive new life, a passion will be stirred in you to see all men come to know Him.

Even if you don't go personally, there is a very efficient way to reach them. That is by supporting native missionaries. There are many other organizations doing similar work, but one that is doing a great job is Gospel for Asia. There are 16,500 native missionaries supported by western believers through GFA, and many more are just waiting for us to send them!

Planting Churches in Unreached Areas

In each aspect of Gospel for Asia's ministry, the primary aim is to plant churches among the unreached — those who have never heard the Gospel.

Sending Native Missionaries

Gospel for Asia trains and sends native missionaries because they have proven extremely effective. They are already familiar with the language and culture, and they live at the level of the people they serve, thus removing many social barriers.

100 Percent Goes to the Field

Gospel for Asia sends 100 percent of the money you donate for work on the mission field to the field. Nothing is taken out for administrative expenses.

Call or write GFA for more details or visit their website.

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May we all be honest enough to “get real”,

Sensitive enough to hear His voice,

Brave enough to examine our hearts,

And wise enough to respond to His call.

God always hears you right where you are...

but if you'd like to talk or pray with a person about your faith, just call the number on the back of this booklet.

If you'd like to read more:

If you get a chance to get on a computer we have a CD you can run on your computer that has an interesting interactive dialog similar to this booklet but covers more topics. Or if you go on the internet, just visit www.LYNCN.org

Topic 1

Overview

The Love Your Neighbor Christian Network uses a Forum web site to aid communication between neighbors so that we can share our lives, friendship and labor to accomplish the 3 missions outlined below.

3 Jobs for Volunteers

1. **Visiting Team or V-Team:** Individuals, Churches or groups “adopt” streets and pay a friendly visit to each neighbor. During that visit we explain the LYNC network and see if they or anyone they know needs help and we invite them to participate in the LYNC Network. Not everyone has time to talk so we distribute a contact card with the web address for those with internet access, or this printed invitation and/or a CD with an interactive dialog that explains the LYNC Network and invites them to join. The LYNC Network supplies the material free for download or mailed “at cost”.
2. **Service Team or S-Team:** Most members help their neighbors with practical needs. Any kind of service that an individual may have thought about doing for others will be open to them as the needs of the neighborhood are discovered by the door to door teams. It may be a physical need, or it may be emotional, like visiting an elderly neighbor who lives alone.
3. **WebLYNC:** A few people help communication between those in the neighborhood who may not have internet access. The WebLYNC gets the emailed “need alert” and calls the “web-challenged” volunteer on the phone.

3 Missions

1. **Help neighbors in need.** LYNC Network members help their neighbors with practical needs like cutting grass, fixing a widow's pipes, visiting invalids, befriending the lonely, picking up groceries for someone who can't get out, counseling, fixing a car, the list is endless. Neighbors practice what the Bible teaches: “Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.” (James 1:27)
 - a. Contacts are made and needs are discovered through those that visit their neighbors door to door.
 - b. As they see the needs, the V-teams (or individuals) record them on the Forum web site.
 - c. S-Team volunteers in that area that are registered to help those with that particular need receive email alerts about the need and can go to the LYNC Network Forum web site to see who needs what.
 - d. Then they serve that neighbor at a time convenient to them.

2. Knit communities together. The LYNC Network will help unite neighbors through the following means:

- a. **Through working together-** A deep bond is formed with others when working together to help neighbors with their practical and spiritual needs.
- b. **Through “Friendship Forums”-** The Forum site has open Forums that make it easy to meet our neighbors and build friendships. Neighbors can offer and accept invitations to social and spiritual events on the neighborhood level; anything from a dinner invitation, a pick up sports game or Bible study to a joint neighborhood helps project.

3. Invite people to meet the real Jesus. It's true, words are cheap. Christians in the LYNC Network hope you will see Jesus not just in their words but in their actions. But of course it does take words to communicate ideas and past events, and it takes words to present the Bible's good news about who Jesus is and what He came to Earth to do for us. If Jesus is who He claimed to be then all that He taught and revealed would be true and that includes a lot of real good news for everyone of every faith, race, gender, nationality and social status.

The LYNC Network is established by Christians who do believe the claims of Jesus and the evidence of his death and resurrection; so it is a great joy, privilege and responsibility to share that good news with everyone! So naturally that is one of the goals of the LYNC Network. HOWEVER we encourage LYNC Network members and all Christians to respect the viewpoints of others and to serve, befriend and love our neighbors whether or not they ever embrace our beliefs. That is why we encourage everyone to join with us in serving our neighbors whether or not you are a Christian.

We hope you get a chance to have some meaningful and encouraging dialog with the volunteers in your neighborhood. There is also a virtual conversation on the web site and on CD (Soon we hope to have a print and DVD version also). The interactive conversation explains the basic universal principles upon which traditional orthodox Christianity is based. The material also tries to address some of the questions and concerns of those who do not believe in God or the Bible.

a. **Invite people to meet Him for the First Time-** Many people would say they like Jesus, but not “Christians”. Sadly there are some good reasons for that sentiment. God's plan was that you would see Jesus in His followers, and though there are many Christians who truly are living expressions of God's love, often the most visible and memorable are the bad examples of hypocrisy, spiritual pride, religiosity, legalism and even downright hatefulness and rudeness. Some of the problem has been good motives and wrong methods, in other cases it has just been bad and wrong attitudes and sometimes it's pure delusion or hypocrisy having nothing to do with real Christianity. We talk about this some in the virtual dialog called “the Summit” found at www.onlinesummit.org.

you are spewed out of the mouth. (Rev 3:14) Jesus is calling us to be radical disciples who leave **all** for Him.

We have begun this journey, will you join us?

Tough Questions

These are tough questions, but if you call yourself “Christian”, you must ask them:

- Are you more devoted to your television (or your favorite sport) than to Jesus Christ? With which do you spend more time?
- Whose example do you follow?
- To what or whom do you turn when things go wrong? Who or what is your comforter?
- For what or whom does your heart yearn? When you have a free minute, what do you rush to do?
- For what activity do you “make time for”, no matter how busy you are?
- What ignites your passion? Is it the jealous God who commands your love with all of your heart soul and strength? Or is it something else?

*Luke 14.²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--**he cannot be my disciple.** ²⁷And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

*²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, **everyone who sees it will ridicule him,** ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’*

*³³In the same way, **any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.***

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

loved us so much that He arranged a way to impart His righteousness to imperfect mankind. The requirement is that we are willing to confess our imperfection, our sin, and deal with it according to his plan.

If you are tired of hypocrisy and facades, take heart, there is a new awakening in the Church today, and Christians are beginning to live what they believe. God is calling His family to live separate and consecrated lives filled with His purpose and direction.

True Christians act on what they profess to believe. That is why you received this invitation. That is why this network exists: to be the hands and feet of Christ to reach the hurting and needy around us. We declare to you that Jesus Christ is Creator, supernatural Master of the universe and He is Lord of all. He is the only way to gain access to God the Father (John 14:6). We want YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS to have that access.

He's coming back and we want you to be ready!

Christians, return to your first love.

Jesus spoke to the Church in Ephesus (in the book of Revelation), He told them they had been doing quite well in their faith toward Him, but there was one BIG problem: they had left their "first love".

They were no longer passionate about their God and Christ.

We claim to know Him.

We must begin to act like it!

They could tell the disciples had been with Jesus by the way they acted. (Acts 4:13)

If we are to please God, and reach our neighbors, we must realize that the time for lukewarm, half-hearted devotion to Christ is past.

Arise man or woman of God; arise from your slumber before

At last, many Christians are listening to God's correction in this matter and we sincerely offer our apologies, and beg for a chance to make amends. That is partly what the LYNC Network is about. Participation is open to people of all faith or "no" faith; and we sincerely want to work with you and get to know you as neighbors and friends. Of course our hope is that you will see what true Christianity does for the heart of man and that the real Jesus will also become your friend as He is ours.

b. **Invite Christians to meet Him daily and follow wholeheartedly-** Those who are already believers are encouraged to join the LYNC Network and adopt more streets or to serve their neighbors in some way. Motivation is increased and efforts are multiplied as Christians who meet each other through the door to door visits and Friendship Forums get to know each other and receive the badly needed (often missing) encouragement that it takes to live the Christian life fully. Then joining forces we work together to serve those in need around us.

c. **Invite people to meet Him at Church, among his people-** Invite neighbors to your church or another nearby local church. Some people have never gone to church because they have never been invited. That's easy enough to fix while we're knocking on doors and visiting our neighbors.

Choose your response:

How do I get started using the LYNC Network? Topic 2, page 6

I'd like to see where the LYNC Network is coming from regarding spiritual matters Topic 13, page 23

Go back to the front page & choose another topic, or read on through if you'd like to read it all.

Topic 2

The LYNC Network is free. There are no sales gimmicks. It is not sponsored by a particular church, group or denomination. It is simply people following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ: showing God's love to their neighbors.

Though most members are Christians we welcome anyone to join us in helping our neighbors who are in need.

What is your general interest?

Choose your response:

Neighbors helping neighbors with their practical needs.

Topic 4, page 10

Friendship Forums; I'd like to build new friendships with my neighbors

Topic 9, page 16

I am a Christian and I want to share my faith and help others enjoy what I've found

Topic 5, page 10

Tell me more about the interactive web site.

Topic 11, page 20

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jokes are often aimed at sins and weaknesses that actually do exist in the Church. The Bible says that "Wisdom cries out in the streets" and even the "ungodly streets" of Hollywood can see that something is wrong in the Church.

hy·poc·ri·sy [hī-pŏk' rī-sē]

1. The practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not hold or possess; falseness.
2. An act or instance of such falseness.

Many folks have been turned away from Christianity because of the hypocrisy they have seen; sometimes in folks they know personally, sometimes from a historical perspective. It is true, from the Spanish inquisition and the crusades, to the TV evangelists that have fallen, to your neighbor's drunkenness and adultery- many atrocities have been committed by those that call themselves "Christian" and sometimes the deeds were even done in the "name of Christ". But if you would please reread the definition of hypocrisy again....

True Christianity

What you witnessed or read about in the history books was not true believers following Christ. They did not hold or possess the truth they professed or they wouldn't have acted like the devil! Jesus told the religious hypocrites of his day they were doing the works of their father, the devil! In the Bible, the only group Jesus came down really hard on was the religious hypocrites. The folks that knew they were sinners sought and found mercy and forgiveness in the words and actions of Jesus Christ, but the self-righteous and religious found words of truth that cut to the core, and exposed their hypocrisy and evil deeds.

This does not imply that perfect virtue is required to become a Christian. In fact the whole concept of Christianity is that God

Jesus and the redemption He purchased. Nor have they seen authentic Christ like love in action.

God has commanded you to GO to them.

We must make sure our neighbors have an opportunity to hear the true message of Christ and Him crucified. The LYNC Network provides a simple and effective way to do that; coupled with caring Christians' service to those in need, **it can make an eternity of difference to your neighbors.**

Come Pray with us

Join your Christian neighbors in prayer that God will pour out His Spirit in our neighborhoods, city and nation. You can call the numbers on the back and ask if there are any neighborhood prayer meetings near you.

Topic 14 Hypocrisy

Let's be honest with each other...

Maybe you've been turned off by hypocrisy in the "church"...

Or maybe, if you're honest with yourself, YOU have been one of the hypocrites!

Either way please read this next section with an open heart.....

Some books and magazines, TV programs and movies often make fun of Christianity. Some Christians call it "persecution". Unfortunately some of the mockery is not really the persecution Jesus described in Matthew 5:11. Instead the



Topic 3a

Make an Impact!

What is mankind's most important need?

Though the LYNC Network is about helping neighbors' physical needs, we believe that helping people to "be whole" spiritually affects every area of our lives and ultimately makes the biggest impact for good.

Choose your response:

I'm not so sure that spiritual things are so important, but I'd like to talk about it Topic 3b, Page 8

I'd agree that spiritual things are important. I'd like to read about the LYNC Network's perspective on spiritual needs, truth and "knowing God" Topic 13, page 23

Right now I'd rather learn about serving neighbor's physical needs through the LYNC Network Topic 4, page 10

Some people have had bad experiences with Christians and may be a little bothered by the spiritual aspect of the LYNC Network, if that's you; we apologize and are glad to address your concerns:

Choose your response:

Is the LYNC Network about helping neighbors or Bible thumping? Topic 8, page 14

I've been turned off by the hypocrisy I've seen Topic 14, page 30

Topic 3b

Greatest Need?

Food, shelter and relationships

Of course food and shelter are critical. And having the means and ability to provide those for yourself and your family are equally important. "Providing for your family" brings up a deeper need of mankind. The thing that helps insure those physical needs are met is our relationship with others. Along with the warm and wonderful feelings that accompany loving others and being loved, the relationships we have also give us "safety in numbers" so we're not alone in this world. The continuance and reproduction of life on the planet is inextricably wound with love and passion and relationships. Personal relationships do what institutions and governments cannot, they interweave the "warm and wonderful" with the security of survival.

It is no accident that our very existence is dependent on our personal relationships. It was done that way on purpose. We were designed to live in loving, caring relationships because that is the most fulfilling, complete way to live. When we break that "design plan" on any given level, our lives become broken, dysfunctional or even criminal and the "needs" appear to increase. We all fall short of the ideal in our relationships. This happens to us so often because those relationships with people are dependent on something even deeper...

The Spiritual

There is a spiritual consciousness or awareness inherent in man. Some say that is what makes us more than animals. Some people try to gain a peace in this area, others run from its effect or try to deny its existence. Whether we are consciously aware of them or not we all have "spiritual" needs deep in our hearts that are just as "built in" as our need for food or love.

If you say you believe in Christ, that He is the way to the Father, and no man can be saved without hearing and believing— what are you doing to demonstrate that faith?

Are you telling others?

If you're doing nothing, then there's only a few things that could mean; either you don't really believe, or you don't care about those that haven't heard, or maybe you do care but like so many of us you're too busy and most likely don't even know what you can do to reach your neighbors. Maybe you think you have no ability to do so.

The "How to" answer

Quite often, we don't act on the desire to serve because we don't have an opportunity, or an outlet. Through the Love Your Neighbor Christian Network, most any ministry you may have longed to do will be open to you as the needs of the neighborhood are discovered by the door to door teams.

The LYNC Network may very well be God's answer to "what to do" and "how to do it". Now you have the opportunity to do something. True faith and love will **make the time** to share the gift of life we've been given, and The LYNC Network gives you the tools and opportunity to do so, even with a busy modern American schedule. You pick when you help, you don't have to set aside a special night, unless you want to. It is totally flexible.

Some folks go overseas and become "working missionaries". They work a regular job as a reason for entering the country, but their heart is to bring those in that culture to Christ. God is calling you to be a working missionary **RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!**

You may think it is not needed in America, any one can tune into preaching on TV or come to church if they want to, but often misconceptions about the heart of Christianity keep them from doing so. They think Christianity is just a set of difficult rules, or they've been hurt by hypocrisy. There are many people all around us that have yet to hear the good news about

Jesus said it is better to give than to receive, and it's true! So to begin (or continue) this abundant life...

You're invited to serve your neighbors.

You may have just accepted God's gift of forgiveness, or maybe you're ready to investigate this new life we're talking about, or maybe you were already a Christian; if so we invite you to join the LYNC Network and let your gifts be used to help your neighbors and build the kingdom of God. You may want to adopt a new street, or help us reach yours. Whether or not you want to knock on doors you can help your neighbors in MANY other ways!

What have you always wanted to do for God, or for your fellow man? If you could do any "ministry" (which just means "service") in the world, what would you do? You are not limited to the types of services in the first section (Get Help, Give Help) You can add anything to the "service" forum for your neighborhood and make it available for your neighbors...

God has a mission for you, It's the same mission Jesus had when He came to earth— To seek and save the lost.

Each one of us has a part in that mission whether it's planting a seed of kindness through serving a neighbor in some practical way, or maybe sharing your faith with someone who is hungry to know God. One person plants, another waters and God gives the growth.

Faith without works is dead.

The works of faith are not "dead" works of trying to keep the Law of Moses or any other outward code, but they are those actions that give life and validation to your faith.

Without these spiritual needs being met we often lack the peace, contentment and joy to cope with the pressures of life. This adversely affects us in many ways, especially our relationships; at work, home and society in general. Any time the family unit and other societal relationships are damaged it not only hurts others, but reduces the "efficiency" of life and physical needs develop. Of course, not all relational, emotional and physical needs are a direct result from a personal spiritual shortcoming or failing, but as a whole the human race has suffered and is suffering greatly from the corruption and spiritual lack of mankind.

Though some people try to deny the spiritual element of our lives, if we are more than flesh and blood, if the spirit realm indeed exists, denying it will not make it go away and to do so "throws a wrench" into the machinery of life.

It only takes a look at the many religions scattered around the globe to know that something inside man hungers for meaning, for something unseen yet real, for God. It appears obvious that some folks are wrong about their spiritual conclusions or they wouldn't be killing each other over them.

Creator

Upon close examination we believe the core spiritual need is a relationship. Even as people need each other, we were designed to have a relationship with our Creator! Driving man's worldwide quest for God is the inherent belief that **truly** knowing Him will bring peace and joy within ourselves and in our relationships. If you can get past the cynicism, confusion, doubt and hardness, this is what we all seek.

Without a doubt, whether we are right or wrong in what we believe, whether an atheist or religious extremist, our spiritual perspective and condition greatly affects every area of our lives.

The real question is: What is the truth?

Choose your response:

Yes, I'd like to read about spiritual needs, truth and "knowing God". Topic 13, page 23

Right now I'd rather learn about serving neighbor's physical needs through the LYNC Network Topic 4, page 10

Thank you for spending some time with us.

Topic 4

Do you need some help or were you interested in helping others?

Choose your response:

I want to help others Topic 5, page 10

I need some help myself. Topic 6, page 11

What kind of help is being made available? Topic 7, page 13

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Topic 5

We welcome your help...

about, but He will help you to do it. You may be afraid you can't change; maybe you've tried before, but remember you are receiving FORGIVENESS, paid for at a great price (the cross). You aren't signing up for a religion to get a new set of regulations; you are receiving a new life, purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ! It is that new life and the very Spirit of God in you that will give you the power to change. There are people that have been where you are that can help you to grow into who God wants you to be in Christ, but the first step is getting the sin stains removed, so that you can be clean, and "qualified" to enter into the presence of God. You can pray by yourself right now. You don't have to understand it all perfectly, but if you want someone to talk to or to answer questions that you may have, just call the local number on the back and someone who cares very much about you will come to your house, or meet wherever you'd like.

After you've entered God's family and been forgiven, cleansed and qualified to spend eternity with God, the power to repent comes through the life God has in store for you!

You're invited to an abundant life.

Jesus came to bring you abundance- Not necessarily money, but an abundance of joy, peace and righteousness. We begin to realize the abundant life God has for us when we start giving of ourselves. We must be willing to "lose our lives" before we can really find what life is all about. If we are willing, God has promised to fill us with His life! That's a good trade!

Self-denial

The Bible teaches two basic elements of "losing your life"; one is the repentance mentioned above, it is a life of restraint, of not giving in to every craving if it is against God's revealed will for our lives. We have to trust Him enough to believe He knows what is best, and then obey his directions for our life. The other element of "losing your life means sacrificing your time and energy for the sake of others, instead of just spending it all on yourself, your own family, or "those who can pay you back".

up? Naw, come on! The devil might want you to think he could pull that off, but he's no match for our Creator. God had a plan all along to bridge the gap between God and man....

You're invited to forgiveness

That is where the cross comes in. From the beginning, God had a plan to bring us back to Himself. He could have made us robots, but what fun would that be, for us or Him? He made us free agents to choose right and wrong for ourselves, to love God or hate Him. Knowing we'd initially choose the wrong way, He loved us so much that He made us any way, knowing that He Himself would have to bear the punishment and pain of bringing us back into relationship with Him. And that is exactly what the cross was all about.

Jesus voluntarily took the horrible punishment we deserve, SO WE COULD BE FORGIVEN. When He was lifted up on the cross, he drew all mankind into himself, God supernaturally "identified" us with Jesus, made us one with Him; then He "piggy-backed" us through the death and punishment we deserve. He took our sins on himself on the cross, paid the debt we owed and then He carried us on into a new life when He rose from the dead, so that we could rise with Him from our "spiritual" death to a new life of forgiveness, joy and peace with God. A peace that is impossible with the sin infecting us, but after dying "with Christ" and the old sinful man being crucified with Him, we rise to a new life and there is peace that goes beyond human understanding!

Right now, you can accept God's free gift of forgiveness and eternal life by simply talking to God and telling Him your desire to do so. There are no precise words you need to use; God is looking at your heart. The Bible talks a lot about forgiveness, but following Christ also involves something else...

You're invited to repentance

Repentance means turning around, turning away from sin and towards God.

Yes God wants you to turn away from the sin that you know

This network is for anyone who wants to join their neighbors and take personal action to help meet the needs of those around us.

Obviously the spiritual message we share is Christian, but we do welcome anyone to join us in the community service work including Christians of any denomination or background, those from other faiths, agnostics or atheists, it doesn't matter. We all share this planet and we can all work together to help those in need around us.

Choose your response:

What about the street adoption? Topic 12, page 21

I am ready to register now and see how I can help. Call the LYNC Network contact on the back cover.

I would like to see what the core spiritual teachings of THE LYNC Network are. Topic 13, page 23

I'd like more details about the Christian motivation and plan of the LYNC network Topic 13 g, page 28

Topic 6

Get Help, Give Help

We live in a busy society and sometimes it's easy to forget about those around us. Our goal is to link neighbors together so we can help each other with some of the challenges of life. If there is any way we can help you or someone you know, please contact us.

No strings attached, your neighbors simply want to share the love of Christ with you. We are here to serve you in the areas listed below.

You also may want to volunteer to help others. Even if

you need help in one area, you may be able to help someone else in another area.

Every neighborhood may not have volunteers registered to help in every category listed. The person visiting you (whose number is on the back) can tell you what types of help are available in your area.

see the fruit (or lack of it) that our lives have really produced. God is absolutely perfect. The radiance of glory emanating from his being is so full of light and perfection that it kills any “bacteria” of selfishness or sin that comes in contact with it. The problem is our souls are infected with that “bacteria” of sin, and it is an integral part of our being. The Bible teaches us that man in this “sinful”

state cannot survive in the presence of God. We must be holy, even as He is Holy. The 10 commandments are only a guide of outward behavior, but if you look at them closely you’ll find you’ve even broken many of them.

GOD	MAN
1: Do not worship any other gods	5: Honour your father & mother
2: Do not make any idols	6: Do not murder
3: Do not misuse the name of God	7: Do not commit adultery
4: Keep the Sabbath holy	8: Do not steal
	9: Do not lie
	10: Do not covet

But more importantly, Jesus told us the true interpretation of the law was not only outward compliance to a regulation, but true obedience is a heart issue.

It isn’t just committing adultery that is a sin; it’s looking and lusting in your heart.

It isn’t just murder that’s wrong, it’s hatred, envy and unforgiveness.

Covetousness is idolatry; anything we want more than God that takes His rightful place in our heart.

Everyone has broken the “spirit” behind the commandments, so just because you may not be a murderer does not mean you meet God’s standards for entering heaven.

God’s Plan for you

God’s Plan for you

But heaven, living eternally with God, is why He created us. He wants us to be His family. He wants us to enjoy the glorious radiance of light and love that flows from our heavenly Father’s heart. Yet sin keeps us from Him. Did God’s plan get messed

On the inside:

Please don't try to wait till you "straighten out your life"; you can bring your problems with you! Jesus said the healthy don't need a doctor. The Church is a spiritual hospital. And Jesus is the Great Physician you've been looking for." That brings up the next and most important invitation...

You're invited to God's Family

Not every church service you attend will necessarily be about joining God's family, there are many things that need to be covered on those Sunday mornings. Just to be sure you don't miss this important information, if you've got a minute we'll talk about what we mean by "joining God's family". These are some of those "core issues" that all Christians agree on...

The Bible teaches us that God created us all to be a part of His family. God literally walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. But at a certain point, they failed to believe what God told them, and disobedience entered the world. From that point on, the perfect world God made for us started falling apart as death, sickness and strife worked its way into the fabric of human existence. We can't blame it all on Adam though, we have all followed suit and disobeyed in many ways.

Many of us know we need forgiveness from God. But maybe you are one of the few that have your life pretty "together". You may think "What have I done that is so bad?" The need and jabber about forgiveness may seem to be overrated. But we have to remember God's ways are "above" our ways. He sees behind the scenes, what could've been and should've been. He sees the hurt we cause others with our thoughtlessness, things that we can't even see. There is a perfect justice that is a part of God's nature that is beyond our comprehension.

The Bible teaches there will be a day of judgment where He will reveal to us the consequences of our actions, where we will

Topic 7

Types of Service

HANDS-

LYNC Network volunteers help those in financial hardship, senior citizens or those with disabilities or illnesses with yard work, house work, home repairs, car repairs; Any vital need that has become difficult or impossible for you. We are here to help.

EARS-

If life's got you down and you need someone to talk to, there are good neighbors around you with a compassionate ear that can help you sort things out. They aren't paid professionals, they do it because they care and God cares about **you**.

THREADS & BREAD-

We all need some help now and then. LYNC Network volunteers with a heart to serve want to help with food and clothing when things are tight. We also encourage all neighborhood LYNC Network members to build relationships with existing food and clothing ministries.

BREAD OF LIFE-

Jesus said your spirit needs Him, like your body needs food, that's pretty important! You're invited to come to church and find out why, but if you'd prefer, there are neighbors that would be glad to come to your home and talk about what it really means to be a "Christian".

AUDIO/VIDEO CHURCH-

Some Churches record the audio or videotape the service regularly for those who can't get to church. Let us know if you'd like a CD, cassette, DVD or VHS tape of the service brought to your home. If you don't have a DVD player, some LYNC Network members have players to loan you, and they can set it up for you.

PRAYER-

God cares and hears our cries. He says 2 or 3 people agreeing on something get an answer. If you have a need you'd like us

to agree with you about, let us know.

WHEELS-

Free rides and a friendly face are available for disabled and elderly who cannot drive and need a ride to take care of life's business.

GOD'S CREW-

Gang activity is growing in all types of neighborhoods. Whether it's power and drug money or a desire for a sense of belonging that drives them, young people are being enticed to join these counterfeit "families". If that's you or someone you know, and you want straight answers to help you find what you're looking for, there are people that care about you that have "been there and done that". They found it really was a "dead end" life. So they traded their life of violence and lies and found that God's family is the real deal. Call us and we'll hook you up with someone who can talk your language and help you find the truth you seek.

Choose your response:

I'd like to read some about spiritual things Topic 13 on page 23

I need some help or want to help others Call the person on the back

Go back to the front page and choose a different topic

Topic 8

We're laying all our cards on the table, there are no "hidden agendas".

We want to serve our neighbors together as a community regardless of each neighbors' spiritual perspective. The proper attitude of a Christian is to respect everyone's opinion and to treat them

Topic 13

Invitations to Faith

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You're invited to Church

The word "church" simply means the "assembly" of God's family. We aren't inviting you to a "religion" or to join a "club". God is inviting you to join His family.

We don't care which church you visit, because contrary to popular belief, real Christians DO AGREE about the core issues.

We invite you to ANY Church, we all know the same Jesus. It's not about who's got the most people attending. We love each other, we love you, and we want you to have peace with your heavenly Father. God has a magnificent plan for His Church. We want you to share in it.

Of course there is more to joining God's family than just showing up at a building, so come and learn what the Bible says about how to be "born again" or adopted into God's family.

Come as you are-

On the outside:

Come "dressed up" or "dressed down". There are a number of churches today where most of the people come in casual clothes.

adopt a street. **There are no specific requirements.** No matter where you are along your spiritual journey if you want to meet neighbors and help them, feel free to adopt a street! Even if you are not yet a follower of Jesus you would be acting as His friend if you adopt a street because the good news about why Jesus came to earth is integrated with the LYNC Network. He wants everyone to hear that message as well as living a life of serving others.

Churches, individuals or groups that go door to door and “adopt” streets commit to being sure everyone on that street has heard about the LYNC Network, so they can have the chance to help or be helped.

Streets are recorded on the Interactive site

Results are recorded on a forum style web site where we can track the progress of which streets have been reached, and to communicate the needs in the neighborhood so the community can reach out and meet those needs in the love of Christ.

The Multiplication Factor

Efforts are multiplied as neighbors who meet through the door to door visits are encouraged to join and adopt streets as well. We can do that so much more together than we could ever do alone.

I am ready to register now and see how I can help. Call the LYNC Network contact on the back cover or register online at LYNCN.org

accordingly. Though there should be no "Bible thumping" going on, it would be dishonest to pretend we don't care about our neighbors' spiritual needs as well as their physical ones.

The Bible teaches us to do whatever is within our power to help the people around us who have physical needs. Without a doubt, it is simply the right thing to do; but even though our physical needs are important, our bodies are just temporary "houses" for our time on earth. It is our spirits that are eternal! Knowing this, Jesus taught an even stronger directive when it comes to spiritual needs: that we should not only help those who are around us, but we should actively search out and tell everyone everywhere about the wonderful things God has done for us through Christ, and to tell them about the great plans He has for those who will follow Him.

So we invite people of all faiths to join us in serving our neighbors' physical needs, but don't be surprised if you get the opportunity to discuss spiritual matters with someone on the network. It would be wrong to keep such good news a secret!

If Jesus' claims are true then it would be crucial to hear and understand what His message and plan is; but that importance NEVER justifies anyone "shoving the Bible down your throat". Doing that certainly doesn't communicate the love of God that has been shown and expressed toward us. We apologize if someone has been rude to you the past.

Despite whether people have approached you kindly in the past or not, if indeed the Bible is a written message to mankind from our Creator (as Christians believe it to be) then we'd be fools if we didn't share its message with people we care about. Now we hope everyone does so in a way that is respectful of the boundaries that each individual places around themselves in social situations. It is also our hope that within the LYNC

network, eventually, through the friendships formed while serving the community together those boundaries will be moved or removed and neighbors can find out what Christianity is really about, and how Christians are supposed to act. Then God's message can bring the forgiveness, peace and abundant life that it was meant to bring to all men.

So... on the LYNC Network web site and through its members in real life, hearing the message about Jesus is not a "requirement" to participate in the network, but accessing that message is always an option, ready when you are.

Continue reading or Return to the front page and choose a new topic.

Topic 9

New friends, fun and fellowship

LYNC Network's "Friendship Forums" help you find a convenient time to get together with someone who lives in your area. Registered members can post, view and accept invitations on the Forums.

There are also free classified ads

Neighbors that want to communicate with others in their neighborhood or area can advertise needs and endeavors in the LYNC Network classifieds. Maybe an event you want to start, but is not ready to place a date on the Friendship Forum yet.

Items or services needed or for sale that have a neighborhood appeal. This is to provide a means of advertising for transactions that require those that live near you to respond, such as:

Bunny, checks the Interactive site and calls Bunny with the details.

This enables those without a computer, like Bunny, to participate and serve their neighbors too. The webLYNC position also allows anyone with a computer and a phone to be a vital link to serving their neighbors even if they may not be able to physically go out and help.

Topic 12

Adopt a street

Why adopt a street?

Everyone is called to "love your neighbor as yourself". But if you never see them, how can you love them? Like the Bible says, we have to GO into the highways and byways and reach out to everyone, rich and poor; not just those who can repay us, and not just those we accidentally bump into. We must be intentional and GO!

A big part of the Bible's message is about God's plan from the beginning that people would be born into the His family through faith and reliance upon what Jesus did for us through his death on the cross and His resurrection. These "believers" who are "in" Christ, have been changed on the inside and begin to draw from God's love that is placed inside them. They actually have God's help to truly love our neighbors, and consequently a desire to reach out to them. (See the Topic 13 on page 23 for more info about that.)

Who can adopt streets?

It is this love of God in Christian's hearts that birthed the LYNC Network. That's why it's called a Christian network. Though all neighbors are encouraged to serve together regardless of their faith, naturally Christians are usually the ones adopting the streets. But we rejoice and are glad when anyone wants to

- Home school cooperatives
- Baby sitters
- Partner(s) in some neighborhood ministry projects

I am ready to register now. Call the LYNC Network contact on the back cover or register online at LYNCN.org

Continue reading or Return to the front page and choose a new topic.

Topic 11

Interactive Web Site

New friends are made and people's needs are discovered as neighbors visit each other through the door to door street adoption plan. These needs (and any others) are recorded on the Interactive web site.

For example:

1. One neighbor, Bunny, registers on the LYNC Network site and volunteers to help people with yard work.
2. Later another neighbor, Billy, who has adopted a street knocks on a door and meets a widow that needs her lawn cut.
3. Billy records the widow's need on the Interactive site.
4. Recording the lawn care need on the site triggers an automatic email alert that is sent to Bunny so she will check the web site.
5. She sees on the Interactive site that the widow in their neighborhood needs help with her yard work, and goes and takes care of it.

webLYNC

For those without internet access there is a neighborhood LYNC Network volunteer called a "webLYNC". The webLYNC is the neighborhood link to the Interactive website. So everyone can participate.

Say if Bunny did not have a computer to do all that, she could call the "webLYNC" volunteer who would be Bunny's link to the Interactive web site. The webLYNC receives the email alert for

Fresh Vegetables for sale
 Lawn Cutting by a neighbor kid who has to walk there
 Baby sitters
 Partner(s) in some neighborhood ministry project, etc.
 Study Groups, help with homework
 Seeking those interested in starting a "pick up" game of some sport in the neighborhood

The LYNC Network also provides other ways that help you "rub elbows" with your neighbors:

Visiting Neighbors on V-Teams

Obviously the people knocking on doors are taking an active role in getting out and meeting their neighbors! You can adopt streets together with other neighbors and canvas the neighborhood together, looking for needs that we can meet together and just plain being friendly. Sounds like fun!

Helping Neighbors

And there are the S-Teams where we volunteer to assist those in need with practical things like cutting grass for an elderly or disabled person, etc. Great friendships are built when serving others together, as well as getting to know those you are helping.

Do you want to look into registering, so you can utilize these Forums, classifieds and other tools to get to know and serve your neighbors?

Choose your response:

Yes Just call the LYNC Network contact person whose number is on the back of the booklet.

Not yet, I'd rather explore other areas of interest in the booklet first. Choose another topic from the front page

I would like to see what the core spiritual teachings of the LYNC Network are. Topic 13, page 23

Read more about the spiritual benefits of having positive friends in your life Topic 10, page 18

Topic 10

Spiritual Encouragement

We all get discouraged now and then. Sometimes our circumstances give us good reason to be. Honestly, if you've not yet embraced God's offer of forgiveness and adoption through Christ, it's only natural that peace can be very hard to find. But even Christians who have that promise of hope and forgiveness often get discouraged by life's trials and difficulties. In a nutshell, the Bible teaches that discouragement usually comes from looking at the problems instead of the "Problem Solver".

The Bible's prescription for discouragement is to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to get our eyes on things above, eternal things. The problems and challenges of life grow less stressful and overwhelming when we have our eyes on eternity. Most Christians know this, but it seems difficult to live it, in fact it seems impossible sometimes.

Actually it is impossible when we try to do it alone.

The Bible teaches us that we need each other in order to stay focused on spiritual things. We all need solid, "spiritually minded" friends to "provoke us to love and good works". The LYNC Network helps believers build those kinds of friendships as we work together in the neighborhood and use the tools on the Interactive site to help us find each other, and find time...

Friendship Forums

Early believers met daily from house to house; praying, sharing meals and studying the apostles' teachings. But in our busy culture it's sometimes difficult to get together with friends from church. Quite often they live pretty far away so it takes a good chunk of time to make it work. For many people, they'd have to take their wall Calendars to church to compare schedules in order to find a good time to meet; most of the time it just doesn't happen. So we end up trying to live the Christian life without the help from other believers that the Bible says we need.

Many believers want to enjoy the benefits of more Christian fellowship, but how do we pull that off when it seems like there's already so much squeezed into every week?

The LYNC Network helps solve that problem with web based Friendship Forums. The Forums are open only to registered LYNC Network members, many of which are Christians and all are community minded caring individuals and families. A short profile helps you find someone with similar interests near your home who is looking to meet new friends.

The way it works: an open invitation is posted on the Forum for an event, be it dinner, games, sports, Bible study or prayer meetings for the neighborhood. The invitation can be for a one time event, or a recurring one.

Neighbors check the Forum for invitations that look interesting, and if their schedule is free they respond to the invitation and make arrangements to go.

Call the number on the back or visit LYNCN.net for registration information.

Classified ads

Christians that want to network with other Christians in their neighborhood can advertise needs and endeavors. This is not particularly to sell items; there are already means to advertise those. This is to provide a means of advertising for transactions that require those of like faith to respond, such as:

- Help wanted ads where a Christian would better suit the position. (Example hiring a nanny for your kids)