Won't you please...

Smile at me as I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church, during the first few moments I am in your building, and this first impression will probably stay with me a long time.

Help me find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember your kindness.

Speak to me during the after-services fellowship time. I know you want to see your friends, but I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that you can for the "stranger" in your midst.

Tell me good things about the church, your elders, deacons, and ministers. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

Notice me even if I am not "family." I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.

Talk to me again the second week when I come back and the third and the fourth. I am still not part of your family.

Invite me to become part of some church activity or small group. I need more contact with the church family.

--taken from the Roebuck Parkway Reminder

See you Sunday!

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