

## Neighboring Challenge Summer 2017

In the book, *The Art of Neighboring*, authors Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak state that 10% of people know the names of their closest 8 neighbors, 3% can identify some basic facts about them and 1% have in-depth knowledge of these neighbors. If Crestview Church is full of typical people, that means about 10 of us know the names of our immediate neighbors, 3 of us have basic knowledge about them and only 1 of us actually knows something about our 8 closest neighbors' hopes and struggles. These are sobering statistics in light of God's great command to love him and to love others. How can we love our neighbors if we don't know our neighbors? This is the heart of the Neighboring Challenge!

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, we have an exciting community challenge to take steps to get to know our neighbors. The challenge? To take three neighboring risks during this timeframe. A risk could be having an intentional conversation with a neighbor, inviting neighbors over for dinner or throwing a block party. In the days leading up to Memorial Day, pray for opportunities, pray for your neighbors and think about the risks that you want to take this summer. Have fun and be creative!

On Sunday, May 28 we will officially kick off the Neighboring Challenge. We are looking for at least 3 of you to record a short video of yourself talking about one of your neighboring risks that you are planning. As the summer progresses and as you take your risks, we want to hear about them - make a video or write a reflection so that we all can celebrate with you!