

WHAT IS YOUR WELCOMING QUOTIENT?

Just for fun, take the quiz below to test your WQ (Welcoming Quotient)-a measure of how welcoming you are in several aspects of your life. Circle the letter that best describes your reaction or behavior for each statement. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers here, only your preferences for interacting with people. Use the scoring key at the end to assess your WQ.

1. When I see new people at church, I:
 - A. Avert my eyes so they don't think I'm staring at them.
 - B. Elbow the person next to me to point out the newcomers, so that person will acknowledge the new people.
 - C. Nod and smile to show the people that I recognize their presence.
 - D. Make a beeline for them during the service or hospitality time, to say hello, find out their names, and introduce them to others.
2. When new people start working at my office, I:
 - A. Hope they enjoy working there more than I do say "hello" when someone brings them around for introductions.
 - B. Send a note or e-mail to say "hello and welcome."
 - C. Take a "welcome" gift to them when I introduce myself and all of my teammates.
3. When people I don't know sit next to me on a bench or pew, I
 - A. Scoot away from them a little so we have more space between us.
 - B. Smile and say "hi" and go back to what I'm doing.
 - C. Shake hands, introduce myself, and ask about them.
 - D. Everything in "c" plus introduce them to others sitting nearby.
4. When people stop by my home when it's a mess, I:
 - A. Ignore the doorbell and hope they go away.
 - B. Speak to them through a crack in the door and try to wrap up the conversation quickly.
 - C. Join them to chat on the front porch and hope that they don't look back inside as I close the door behind me.
 - D. Invite them inside, regardless of how the place looks, tossing things off a chair so they have a place to sit.
5. When new people join a group I'm in, I:
 - A. Hope they don't come sit next to me. I'm horrible at "small talk."
 - B. Shake hands, say "hi," and sit back down.
 - C. Make it a point to sit next to them, so I can get to know them better.
 - D. Call them in advance so I can introduce them to everyone else at their first meeting.
6. When others look lost at church, I:
 - A. Step into the nearest restroom or classroom, hoping that they don't look to me for help.
 - B. Grab a greeter or pastor and encourage her/him to help the people.
 - C. Go up to them and point them in the right direction.
 - D. Offer to escort the people where they need to go.
7. When I'm expecting guests at my home, I:
 - A. Shake the dust off the "Welcome" mat and haul it down from the attic.
 - B. Write myself a reminder to check the toilet seats to be sure they're down.
 - C. Clean the place from top to bottom, change the sheets in the guest room, lay out fresh towels in the guest bath, and turn on the outside lights.
 - D. Do everything in "c" plus bathe the kids and the pets.

Scoring Key: Every "a" =1. Every "b" =2. Every "c" =3. Every "d" =4.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ Total _____.

What your score means.

7-13: Welcoming might not come naturally to you, maybe because you're introverted or don't have to use those skills much. You're trying to raise your awareness of how others respond to you and how you interact with them.

14-20: Welcoming comes fairly easy to you. You try to be friendly to people and let others know that you're interested in them.

21-28: Welcoming is high on your priority list. You look for ways to make others feel at home and try to raise the awareness of those around you so they become more welcoming, too. Next Sunday, remember this quiz as you see visitors here at Seaside and ask yourself "What is My WQ?"?

S.T.A.R.S. 2016

Sunday, June 26th, 4:00 PM-Dedication Service

June 27th-August 5th, 2016

Daily 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday, August 5th, 11:00 AM-Closing Ceremony



As we plan for our third summer session of S.T.A.R.S., we continue to learn and grow as much as the children we serve. Each year brings new opportunities, new challenges, new faces and families, and new opportunities for us to serve our community. If you missed the S.T.A.R.S. Informational Fair early in April, you'll find an eye catching table in the Fellowship Hall Gathering area with all the information that you'll need.

Literacy growth, along with the prevention of summer learning loss, is the core of the S.T.A.R.S. mission. Jessie Mae Monroe, our partner school, will select our students. 24-30 rising second and third graders will be offered the opportunity to participate, based on end of year testing. We've had the opportunity to watch the progress of students from our two prior classes, listen to comments from their teachers and school administrators and know that being a S.T.A.R. does make a difference to these children and their academic growth.



"Oh! the Places You'll Go!" will again be our central theme for the enrichment portion of the program. Something new for this year is the addition of the book, "Oh, the Places I'll Go!", a workbook of sorts, that mirrors the Dr Seuss classic, and asks questions like "When I grow up, I will be BEST at..." "This is what I know about and this is what I want to learn MORE about...", questions to help our S.T.A.R.S. explore their world and themselves.

Want to join us for new adventures this summer? Want to learn more?

Whether you can serve for a day or a month, you'll be a blessing in a child's life!

The gift of your time shared with the children is what makes S.T.A.R.S. possible. The volunteer coordinators will work with you to accommodate your schedules. If you have any questions, please stop in the church office or contact Meg Good at 910-579-5753 or 910-620-3706.

You have BRAINS in your HEAD.
You have FEET in your SHOES.
You can STEER yourself in
any DIRECTION you CHOOSE.
-Dr. Seuss

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Oh the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So ...get on your way!
--Dr. Seuss