



AFTER-CHURCH MEAL



When I was in college, there were two churches that almost all the Christian students went to. One was a young adult church, with contemporary music and just about no one over the age of 30. The other was totally traditional, with organ hymns and no one other than college students who was under 60. When I attended the latter for the first time, I wondered what the big draw that so many college students came out.

I got my answer during announcements, “Welcome, college students! Please gather at the front after the service. This week you will be going to Mrs. Smith’s house.” Well, Mrs. Smith invited over a dozen students to her house for one of the most delicious and enormous, home-cooked meals of my life. She and her husband engaged us with dialogue, but didn’t have any formal activity. We all just talked and laughed and ate and went back to campus feeling loved up and ready for a nap! I couldn’t wait until next Sunday, when another family would have us over for some very non-cafeteria food, and great fellowship.

~Jeff Grant

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