

Pastor Appreciation Month Ideas

Helium Balloon Prayers Reaching Heaven

Make a list of things to pray for concerning your Pastor(s) and Family(s) such as:

- Blessing your Pastor & Family
- Pastor's strength
- Pastor's spouse's strength
- Each of their names mentioned
- Wisdom & Spiritual Blessings
- Perfect Health Blessings
- Financial Blessings

These are just a few prayers you might think about along with your personal prayers.

Place each of these prayers on a strip of paper and tie it to a helium balloon. Make sure they are helium balloons so they will rise toward the sky when released.

Pastor Appreciation Special Church Service

Gather the congregation outside and give each person a balloon with a prayer tied on it. Have each person read the prayer request attached to their balloon.

With every person together, let the balloons go and each person prays for the request tied to their balloon.

The Pastor and congregation will actually see how many prayers are reaching Heaven for him and his family. Make sure that your Pastor gets a list of each prayer request that was written on each balloon.

This is a very unique way to show appreciation to your Pastor and his family on this very special occasion.

PowerPoint Presentation DVD for Pastor and Family

If you have someone in your church that has the skills and programs on their computer as so many do in this day and time and they know how to put together a PowerPoint Presentation DVD with pictures of their Pastor and family throughout the years at the events, outings and services as being Pastor have them create a DVD presentation. This is a very loving way to show appreciation to your Pastor and family. After all, digital cameras make this task easier along with the software programs that many of us already have on our computers.

You can have music playing during the presentation or someone could be reading Pastor Appreciation Poems. If you have a special sign language group such as we do in our church ("God Speaking" Group) you can have them signing to the Pastor's favorite songs as the pictures are being displayed on the screen. We did this on the first day of our Youth Camp last year to celebrate 10 Years of Front Lines Youth Camp. Our presentation showed pictures of every year of Front Lines Youth Camp and we picked the best choir worship song at out each year and as they were showing pictures of that year our "God Speaking" sign language group was signing to the worship songs. He cried throughout the entire presentation, it was very special to our Pastors and the entire church.

Be sure to burn a copy of the Pastor Appreciation DVD Presentation for your Pastor and family. Also, burn copies of the DVD off for the church on a "donation basis only" for another way to give to your Pastor as a Love Offering for him and his family. Try and get the donations before the Pastor Appreciation Special Service so you can give him the Love Offering sometime during the church service.

You can also do this same idea for your Youth Ministers, etc. at a different time or you might want to do it at the same time, that's up to you and your church of course. Let your youth get involved with putting this presentation together to show their appreciation for their Youth Minister.

Greeting Card Gifts of Cash from Guess Who

Have your congregation each purchase a greeting card for their Pastor and family and encourage them to write something special in the card to encourage their Pastor and his family. Also have them include some cash, just what they can do but not to sign the card. This is why they can only include cash so their check will not give them away.

Put all of the cards in a gift bag and present them to the Pastor and family sometime during your Pastor Appreciation Special Service.

This is a very fun and unique way to show love and appreciation to your Pastor(s). Your Pastor(s) will love reading the cards expressing thoughts of appreciation, and of course receiving the cash gifts. It is better that they do not know who gives what, but the Lord knows and he's the one that definitely matters! 😊

Your gifts of cash will give your Pastor a choice on how to spend it. They can spend it on whatever they need worst. They might even want to take a little family overnight trip somewhere.

This is truly a Blessing of Giving and showing your deep appreciation and love for your Pastor and his/her family.

Pastor and Spouse's Picture and Pastor Appreciation Poem Attached

Purchase a beautiful wooden picture frame that is at least an 8x11 or 11x14 that will match the Pastor's office décor. Find or create a beautiful poem expressing the church's appreciation for them. Get a beautiful picture of the both of them.

Decorate the picture frame with their picture and the poem by including a title on top of frame such as "Man and Woman of God" or "Shepherd of Our Souls", etc. and present this to them at the Pastor Appreciation Special Service.

If you want to give them one each you could get separate pictures of them and separate poems and put his/her in a beautiful wooden frame, and his/her spouse's in a beautiful silver frame. They might appreciate having individually each one of their very own.

This is a gift of art that will show your love and appreciation for your Pastor and family.

Daily Greeting Card Shower

Each day of the month of October each member of the congregation mails a greeting card of appreciation to the Pastor and spouse with words of encouragement and appreciation.

These cards do not have to be purchased out of the store if you have a computer. There are many websites that give away free greeting cards that you can simply email or print.

Include every member even the little children of your church. With so many participants it is easy to cover the calendar days so that not one day is missed. Have a calendar available where Pastor(s) can't see it to have every one sign up on a day in October (Pastor Appreciation Month). If you have more than one on one day that will make it even sweeter just so every day is covered though.

This is another way to make your Pastor(s) feel appreciated.

Daily Thank You Plan for Pastor Appreciation

With a bit of coordinating and someone willing to oversee the task, invite each family to **“Do something for Your Pastors for a Day”**, throughout the entire Pastor Appreciation month. A blank calendar works well to schedule a day for each family.

Some ideas for saying thanks to your Pastor are:

- Simple things such as an inspirational tie or coffee mug can be uplifting.
- Drop by with a bouquet of flowers or a small basket of fragrant soaps and lotions for the Pastor's wife.
- Mow their lawn, deliver a home-cooked meal, give a gift card to their favorite coffee or sandwich shop.
- Cash or check is always appreciated.

Pray for God to guide your Pastor Appreciation gifts. The ideas for these daily expression gifts are limitless. Pray and ask God, “What can I do to show my appreciation for the life my Pastors have given me through the Word of God?”

What a blessing to be able to show as a personal touch your way of saying “Thank You”.

Pastor Appreciation Money Tree

Present a Money Blessing Tree to your Pastor and spouse after having a pleasant church dinner for them.

At their table, set the Money Blessing Tree as a center piece. On this special Pastor Appreciation Money Tree the congregation can hang money, gift cards, thank you cards and notes expressing appreciation as a gift to the Pastor(s).

After the special appreciation dinner everyone can gather into the Sanctuary where you can pass around a microphone so each one can express their appreciation to their Pastor(s) in their own words.

This is a very special "Thank You" that will touch your Pastor(s) deeply.

Children's Thank You

Always include your Sunday School children by having them make their own cards or one big card to sign and express their appreciation to their Pastor(s).

Do this on the Pastor Appreciation Special Service day so they can allot for your Sunday School class to bring their cards up to the Pastor(s) and give them a hug. You might even have a little song for them to sing specially created as a Thank You to them.

Use your imagination and let the children know how important is it to always show appreciation and love for your Pastor(s).