

CTA's Favorite Ways to Show Pastor and Staff Appreciation

As recommend by CTA employees

1. Create a memory book of photos and notes from the church members, highlighting special moments in the life of the church.
2. Have a large banner made that says "We Love Our Pastor" and have church members sign the banner. Hang the banner on the celebration/appreciation day.
3. Give a gift of money, providing envelopes to church members for a special collection before the appreciation day.
4. Make a "money tree." Spray paint a large branch white and anchor it in a large container. Use ribbons or clothespins to attach gifts of money on the branches.
5. For a churchwide celebration, plan a picnic, carry-in meal, or dessert night. During the event, have a special program. The program could include a guest speaker or entertainment. Take the time to "toast" the pastor with Scripture, blessings, and testimonials from church members of how God has blessed them through their pastor.
6. Have the children and youth design Pastor Appreciation posters to place throughout the church. Handprints or footprints could be done from the children in the preschool area.
7. Plant a tree or buy a gift for the church in honor of the pastor.
8. Create a video with interviews from church members of how they have been blessed by your pastor's ministry or history of the pastor's ministry.
9. Have a surprise "card shower" for your pastor. Ask church members to send a card of appreciation to the pastor's home.
10. Hold a Celebration Service in October for Pastor Appreciation Month to praise God for your pastors and their families.
11. Have a prayer breakfast with the men and leaders of the church. Include prayers for the pastor and the church.
12. Place an ad in your local paper honoring the ministry of your pastor.
13. Ask church families to each do something special for the pastor's family during the month of October, such as delivering a meal, a special dessert, a gift card to a local restaurant, tickets to a movie or event in the community, a dinner invitation, or gift-certificates that promise you'll wash their cars, mow their lawn, etc.
14. Make buttons or stickers for everyone at church to wear that say, "I love my pastor."
15. Partner with other churches and plan a community event at your church that will honor the pastors in the community.
16. Hold a churchwide prayer vigil for the pastor, staff, and church leaders.
17. Make a "prayer tree." Have church members write a prayer for their pastor on green construction-paper leaves and tie them to a large limb anchored in a container.
18. Have members tie yellow ribbons on a tree in front of the church as a way to say "We Love You, Pastor!"
19. Arrange for free lawn care for your pastor during the month of October when the leaves are falling.
20. Give gift certificates. Some suggestions: Christian bookstores; restaurants; car maintenance or repairs; department, home-repair or grocery stores; movies; local events; movie rentals, etc.