



TIP SHEET: PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month with the second Sunday in the month being celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our senior and associate pastors serve congregations across the state diligently and lovingly. They pour themselves into their ministries each and every day. And over the past two years even more so as they've adapted to life and ministry in a global pandemic. Our pastors do their best to serve and lead us. They pray with and for us, listen to our stories, preach and teach us God's word and love us well. Let us celebrate them well this Pastor Appreciation Month!

Keep in mind—you don't have pull out all the stops for Pastor Appreciation Month. Here are a few ideas that are intentional and thoughtful ways for you, your family, Sunday school class or entire congregation to say "thank you" to all of our pastors. Hopefully these will inspire you and your congregation to show your pastors how much you care about them!

- Celebrate and recognize the ministry of all pastors (senior and associate) at your church.
- Organize a letter-writing campaign within your congregation for pastoral staff to receive a number of handwritten notes of thanks and encouragement throughout the month.
- Honor your pastor's weekly day off to allow them time to rest and reset.
- Create a social media post sharing a treasured memory with your pastor.
- Allow your pastor an extra time off this month, to be used at a time convenient for the pastor, to be with family/friends, to recharge.
- Hold a recognition of service during a Sunday morning service.
- Give a gift card to your pastor's favorite restaurant, grocery store, entertainment venue, etc.
- Give the gift of an at-home movie night box with popcorn and candies.
- Take care of your pastor's yard cleaning/landscaping.
- Create a special piece of art inspired by a past teaching or sermon.
- Invite your pastor and family to join you for a sporting or cultural event.
- Treat the pastor and family to a family vacation that works for their schedule.
- Prepare and share a homemade meal.
- Provide a travel communion set or Bible commentary set to enhance pastors' ministry.
- Provide financial support for continuing education opportunities.
- Say a heartfelt "thank you" for all your pastors do.

