

# Appreciate Your Pastor with these 5 Simple but Effective Ideas

- 1. Showing Love to Pastor's Family** - The majority of Pastors throughout the year are often forced to neglect their own families to love and support their church families. It's very hard to strike that healthy balance between both serving their family at home and their family at church as well. More than likely your Pastor(s) feel that tension so one of the best ways you can show appreciation is by loving your Pastor(s) family. Come up with some ideas to make it easy for your Pastor(s) to enjoy their families. Examples: A. Offer free babysitting for a night so your Pastor and his wife can go out to eat or something. B. Purchase tickets for your Pastor and their families to go to a movie or amusement park with some extra money for food, etc. C. If your Pastor's family enjoys board games, buy them the newest version of their favorite games. D. Plan on writing up an itinerary of your Pastors taking a family day out filled with their favorite restaurant (gift card to feed them all) and local attractions (money to cover all expenses).
- 2. Simple Hand-Written Note with How Your Pastor's Ministry has Effected Your Life** - The majority of Pastors are in their ministry because they want to help people and bring them closer to God and sometimes they get discouraged because they don't realize the impact they're having on your lives. Be genuine and specific on a hand-written note and let your Pastor know: A. How God used a specific sermon/series in your life. B. How their example of Godly living has encouraged and inspired you. C. How you notice and appreciate the sacrifices they make to serve you and others in the church. D. How you've grown in your faith and in your study of the Word after sitting under their preaching.
- 3. Being More Faithful in Your Church** - Another one of the best ways to show your Pastor appreciation is to show up. While organizing an event, it can be disheartening to have just a few to attend or raise a hand to help. Even if you're in a very busy season of your life, commit to being just a lit bit more involved than you already have been. Examples of goals: A. Ask your Pastor what you could do to help during Sunday service once a month. B. If you have a hard time making it to the weekly prayer meetings, commit to attending just one more in the month more than you usually do. C. Share a list of your gifts/talents/skills and ask which ministry you could get in to help. D. Pray about increasing your tithes and/or offerings.
- 4. Pray for Your Pastor(s) and Ask Others to Pray Too** - The best thing we can do for our Pastors to encourage and love them is to pray for them. Here are some examples of ways to pray and encourage others to pray also: A. Recommit to praying daily for your Pastors as a family. Ask your family to hold each other accountable. B. Ask your Pastor for specific ways you and your congregation can be praying then with approval create and distribute a calendar where the church body can commit to praying for specific requests each day. You can send out reminders to the people on the calendar.
- 5. Help Your Pastor(s) Fulfill their Responsibilities at Home** - As mentioned in point number one, your Pastor(s) are trying to balance between serving the church and serving and leading their families and they have to find time to keep their homes running smoothly. Pastors are like us and they might have a broken washer machine, car broken down, lawn to mow, etc. Think outside the box and use skills that you and other church members have to help serve your Pastor at home. Examples: A. Consider organizing a group/ministry of people who are handy to whom the Pastor can call when things break down, etc. B. Have the church teens offer a day of free landscaping to your Pastor. C. If you're a mechanic or you know of one, offer your Pastor a free oil change and tire rotation. D. Offer a maintenance day in the spring and fall where people from your ministry show up and do repair work.