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# Simple Ways to Encourage Your Preacher

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As you all may know, October is Preacher Appreciation Month. This is the time of the year set aside that we, as members of our churches, should remember our preachers. But why? Why should we show appreciation to our preachers?

I've heard it all: "They're just doing their jobs, right?" "That's what they get paid for." "They only work one day a week, so what's the big deal?" "They don't have a 'real' job." "We pay them, so what are they complaining about?" "I don't get a month of appreciation, so why should they?" The list goes on and on.

I have to admit that I'm a little biased on the issue. You see, my husband is the preacher of our church. I see it from a different perspective than that of the other members of our church.



The "average" member comes to church, sits in the pew, sings some songs, listens to the sermon, and then goes home to their "other" life. For the preacher, they have no "other" life. The church IS their life. They are the go-to guy. They are on-call 24/7. They, along with their families, eat, breath, and sleep, the church. Sure, they answered the call that God had for their lives and, for most, this is exactly what they want to be doing with their lives. Their families have signed on for the same calling, even though they aren't the ones "on-staff". Many of our preachers and leaders of the churches don't even get paid for their ministry work. They don't do it for the pay or for the encouragement, but we all thrive on encouragement from others. Our preachers are no different.

It doesn't take much to encourage these wonderful people. I know when someone mentions something about my husband's sermon from that week, it really brightens his day. He puts his heart and soul into each and everything that he does. He wants to be reaching, preaching, and teaching those in our congregation and beyond. He wants to know that what he is putting his life into is making a difference. Just a smile and a special word helps him know that it's worth it.

Our preachers, elders, ministry leaders all deserve encouragement throughout the year, but especially during this month that has been set aside just for them.

Here are some simple ways to let our church leaders know that we appreciate what they do for us:

- ~ a card
- ~ an email
- ~ a text
- ~ a gift card for dinner
- ~ a cup of coffee with you
- ~ take them out to have some fun
- ~ a word of encouragement
- ~ a good comment about the sermon they just preached

Believe it or not, the simplest things are the most appreciated! They give their hearts and lives for ministry, can't we give of ourselves to encouragement them along the way?

# 5 Ways To Show Pastor Appreciation Every Day

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One of the essential components of a healthy children's ministry is a good relationship with the pastor and or pastors of your church. Whether you serve as a Sunday School teacher, a children's ministry director, or a nursery worker, it is imperative that servants in any capacity work together to support the leaders whom God has appointed for the local church body.

Pastors in today's society do not have an easy job, but I suppose they never did. Scripture is clear as to a pastor's specific responsibilities: administration, teaching the Word of God, shepherding, praying, counseling, making disciples, evangelism, disciplining, and resolving conflict. Add to that weddings and funerals, community service, and visitations and you have a hefty workload. It doesn't help that pastors have to deal with people either – sinners at heart, saved by the unfathomable grace of God.

**The second Sunday in October is Pastor Appreciation Day.** It is a day set aside to acknowledge and honor the pastor and/or pastors in our midst. I think that it would only be fitting to really celebrate our leaders on this particular day. However, I'm not quite certain that a day is enough.

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My father in law happens to be the pastor of our church, and he has been for 30 some years. I see first-hand the incredible workload that he has. He prays with people prior to their 5 am surgeries, he counsels couples on the verge of divorce, he prepares messages through in-depth Bible study, and he is involved with many of the church's outreach programs. Now I am certain that he wouldn't have it any other way. He loves serving God in these capacities. However, sometimes he looks tired and discouraged. And I'm sure that he is not alone.

**What if we did something marvelous to recognize our pastors more than one day a year?** What if we made concerted efforts throughout the entire year to support our leaders? What would that do to encourage these men of God? Would our churches look different because our pastors felt respected and loved and supported?

**Hebrews 13:7 encourages us to, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."** On October 11th, I sincerely hope that the pastors of our churches feel recognized for their hard work. However, maybe this year, we can each step it up a notch and remember our leaders on a more regular basis.

Here are five practical ways that we can honor our pastors, through children's ministries, every day of the year:

- 1. Communicate:** Talk with your pastor about his vision for the children's ministry. Make certain that you are on the same page. Ask for suggestions. Listen. Be open to accept feedback. Don't burden your pastor with every problem that arises, but make sure that he is aware of any significant concerns. Thank him for his support of your programs.
- 2. Involve:** Your pastor's schedule will probably be a full one. However, don't assume that he won't have time to be involved in a particular aspect of the children's ministry. Sometimes, pastors are brought in to handle only problems. It would be a delight if pastors could be brought in for the silly, fun, and ridiculous aspects of children's ministry as well.
- 3. Respect:** Honor your pastor by respecting him in the confines of your own home, in your classrooms, and in your communities. Speak highly of him and encourage the children in your ministry to do that as well. Demonstrate that respect through the hard work and humility of your own service to God.
- 4. Encourage:** On a regular basis, write a thank you to your pastor for his work. Send a passage of scripture. Purchase him a gift card so that he can treat his wife to a special dinner out. Create something memorable like a quilt of thanks. Have the children in your ministries record their own unique messages or artwork in a scrapbook. Whatever it is, be creative and be generous!

**5. Support:** We can support our pastors by serving God for His glory and by working together as a team. If everyone pulls their weight, the burden of our pastors will be lifted. We can also support our pastors through the discipline of prayer. Make prayer for your pastor a regular part of your daily devotions.

## How Do You Show Appreciation For Your Pastor?

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What are some other ways that we can remember our leaders throughout the year? How has your church or children's ministry honored your pastor in the past? Leave your comments below.



# Celebrating Kids' Ministry Leaders on Pastor Appreciation Day

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Working in Christian ministry is unlike any other career choice. Working in a store, serving food or working at a desk job, rarely demands the level of service of ministry requires; children's ministry insists that you leave little bits of your heart behind. (For the record, I've done all these jobs and proudly so!) Pastors give of themselves and often 24/7. The children's pastor goes home thinking about the kid he suspects is being mistreated at school. She prays for the health and well-being of little ones who are not her own. While it's a happy sacrifice they make, it is nice to occasionally hear, "Thank you," or "You made a difference," because the people they serve can rarely articulate this kind of gratitude coherently. Encourage your kids' ministry team by holding a children's pastor appreciation day. You can lead the charge and encourage a pastor who might be thinking of giving up.

You might be asking yourself, is this really necessary? Do we need one more “special day” for ministry leaders? I can vouch for all those willing souls who put themselves in the mix every week, they deserve all the kindness and appreciation you can give. Even though they spend their time surrounded by kids and volunteers, it can get lonely, being the leader.

Show these hardworking individuals how much you appreciate them with these ideas.

1. Collect video testimonials from kids. Show the video in “big” church and send a copy home with the children’s pastor.
2. Recognize the children’s pastor–in front of the adults.
3. Send him on a vacation–even if it’s only for an overnight trip.
4. Buy him or her a dinner gift card and offer to babysit his or her children.
5. Cover his or her desk with gifts. (Tell parents and kids about the idea a few weeks ahead of time so they can participate.)
6. Give him or her a surprise party.
7. Shower him or her with praise. That’s a gift we should never be stingy with.

(Just to be clear, buying equipment for the children’s church, curriculum or supplies are not appropriate gifts for children’s pastor appreciation day.)

If you currently serve in children’s ministry, I want to personally thank you. Thank you for telling children that Jesus loves them. Thank you for every glued cotton ball and cut up paper plate. Thank you for every Bible story, even it appears that no one is listening. Thank you for picking up a child for Sunday School. Thank you for all you do!

Read more from Mimi by visiting her Ideas blog at [Tools for Kids Church](#).

If you need more ideas for [pastor appreciation day](#), check out these posts from our website: