

Many pastors and church staff members have been financially impacted during the COVID-19 crisis.

Get ready to bless YOUR pastor with a FREE \$250 Amazon gift card — **it's EASY!**

To access this sheet, visit www.BlessYourPastor.org/123

Bless Your Pastor is ready to partner with your church today! It's as easy as **1-2-3!**

1 CHOOSE which FREE 50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor ideas list you'll share with families in your church, and make sure everyone is given this great opportunity to show their love and appreciation! You can share the ideas list through your church bulletin/newsletter, email or snail mail — you choose!

50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor

8.5 x 11 sheet 2 sided bulletin insert trifold brochure *50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor & Staff*

8.5 x 11 sheet 2 sided bulletin insert trifold brochure Suggested letter or email from the church board

Bless Your Pastor Bless Your Pastor & Staff

2 COLLECT your Bless Your Pastor Appreciation Offering. A great time to collect your offering could be during Pastor Appreciation Month in October, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or for your pastor's anniversary or birthday. Make that time extra special for your pastor!

3 COMPLETE the easy-to-fill-out gift card form at **BlessYourPastor.org/giftcard** and submit it. A \$250 Amazon gift card will be winging its way to your senior pastor soon! **How easy is that?**

Additional Bless Your Pastor & Other Financial Health Free Resources



NAE Financial Health Website Assesment surveys, resources and online traning for pastors, church boards & leaders NAEfinancialhealth.org



Bless Your Pastor Toolkit Social media images, training video, template letters and more <u>Bless Your Pastor.org</u>



Personal Finances Training Stay-at-home, interactive video training for individuals and couples seeking to improve their financial health <u>BlessYourFinances.org</u>

*Bless Your Pastor is a grant-funded movement and national media campaign organized by the National Association of Evangelicals to empower, encourage and equip Christians and churches to show and share God's love for their pastor and church staff. In 2020, the NAE has free Bless Your Pastor materials for churches from all denominations and affiliations and \$250 Amazon gift cards for 1,000 senior pastors in the United States/Canada. This movement is co-sponsored by many national denominations, associations, businesses, ministries, broadcasters and publications. For more information, visit BlessYourPastor.org



Help your pastor receive a FREE \$250 Amazon gift card in 3 easy steps!
1. Choose which list of 50 Ways you'll share (available at BlessYourPastor.com/123)
2. Collect an Appreciation Offering.
3. Complete the BlessYourPastor.org/giftcard form.

FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor and church staff is to pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let them know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember their birthdays and anniversaries with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for their strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give their spouses the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let their children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare meals or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give them gift cards for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give them food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite them and their families to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite them and their families to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor and staff members sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let them use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer them the use of your dependable vehicle for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor or church staff members will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor and church staff can be properly compensated. Beyond the church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor & Staff
 offering
- Marriage retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor or church staff members. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor or church staff to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you.