

*Bless
your
Pastor*

You see your pastor and church staff
working tirelessly to bless you and others.
Now it's time to bless them!

To access this sheet, visit BlessYourPastor.org/123 or
BlessYourPastor.org/123spanish for the Spanish version.

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*

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*Suggested letter or email
from the church board*

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2 COLLECT an Appreciation Offering from the congregation OR have the church board approve pastor or pastor-staff bonuses. A great time to collect an offering or give a bonus is during October Pastor Appreciation Month, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

3 CELEBRATE your pastor (or pastor and staff) publicly in one or more of the following ways: Collect cards/notes (optional: gifts cards can be included); honor and pray for them in the church service; plan an appreciation meal; make an appreciation slide show; ask children draw pictures or write notes; and/or encourage people to post a thank you on social media about why they love their pastor.

EXTRA GIFT! \$100 for your Senior Pastor!

If this is the first year for your church to complete all 3 steps of the Bless Your Pastor campaign and if you collected at least \$100 through an Appreciation Offering, we will send your senior pastor a \$100 Amazon gift card after you fill out the form at BlessYourPastor.org/giftcard.

*Limited to the first 2,000 newly participating churches that apply online between Aug. 1, 2021 and Jan. 15, 2022. Only one \$100 gift card will be sent per church.

Additional Resources

**Financial
Health** 
Solutions for Pastors & Churches

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

*Bless
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Finances*

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

*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 2019-2020, the NAE provided free Bless Your Pastor materials for thousands of churches from all denominations and affiliations and Amazon gift cards to 2,000 senior pastors in the United States/Canada/Puerto Rico. This movement is co-sponsored by many national denominations, associations, businesses, ministries, broadcasters and publications. For more information, visit BlessYourPastor.org.

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.