

## Pastor Appreciation Program Guide

Jesus is the most important person in the life of the Christian. This stimulating book explores the Bible's teaching on seven key attributes of Jesus's life and ministry, from Genesis to Revelation.

Great marriages don't just happen--they're made, intentionally, day by day. Yet most of us enter the covenant of marriage thinking that the role of spouse will be easy, natural, effortless. Rarely is this true. In fact, the number one cause of divorce isn't adultery or finances or disagreements. It's apathy--a lack of intentional emotional, physical, and mental investment in the relationship. With engaging stories and clear, simple language, pastor Kevin A. Thompson explains the three critical roles of a spouse--friend, partner, and lover--and shows how to nurture those roles in order to keep a marriage healthy and strong. Using solid biblical principles, he helps couples understand how to grow their friendship, be a supportive partner through the good times and the bad, and develop a healthy and satisfying sex life. Friends, Partners, and Lovers offers essential insight for couples at any stage of marriage but will be especially helpful to those who are struggling and those who are engaged or newly married and looking to start their marriage on strong footing.

Charles Spurgeon, widely hailed as the "Prince of Preachers," is well known for his powerful preaching, gifted mind, and compelling personality. Over the course of nearly four decades at London's famous New Park Street Chapel and Metropolitan Tabernacle, Spurgeon preached and penned words that continue to resonate with God's people today. Organized around the main beliefs that undergirded his ministry—the centrality of Christ, the importance of the new birth, the indwelling of the Spirit, and the necessity of the Bible—this introduction to Spurgeon's life and thought will challenge readers to live their lives for the glory of God. Part of the Theologians on the Christian Life series.

How Can Deacons Mobilize Service in the Church? Deacons are essential to a church's health—yet confusion abounds regarding their biblical job description. What's their God-given role in a local congregation and how do they relate to the church's overall mission? In this short book, Matt Smethurst makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize acts of service, preserve the unity of the flock, and support the ministry of the elders. Clearing away common misconceptions, Smethurst offers practical guidance for deploying deacons and helping churches to flourish.

Acolytes can be much more than just cute little kids who light and extinguish the candles on Sunday morning -- they have a very important role as congregational worship leaders. But acolytes can only fulfill that responsibility if they understand what worship is, why it is important, and how we do it. Come, Follow Me is an excellent teaching tool that helps prepare young people to become effective acolytes. It provides a thorough overview of worship -- its specifics, its history, and its significance. Students will grow in knowledge and faith as they learn about the meaning of worship, the sanctuary, ritual and liturgy, Christian symbols, and the sacraments. The teacher's guide of this completely revised and updated edition includes extensive aids, such as practical suggestions on how to organize an acolyte program, a brief service of consecration, and several quizzes and tests that can be used "as is" or adapted to individual needs. And the material for students is presented in clear, easy-to-understand language appropriate for junior high age youth. Each chapter also includes a brief "How Much Do You Remember?" summary that facilitates review. Ed Womack has written a highly informative and interesting manual to help young people understand the liturgical traditions of the church as they seek to serve in worship as acolytes. The manual will aid both novice and seasoned acolytes in understanding their responsibilities and sharpening their skills. I highly recommend it. Tim Weitkamp Pastor, First United Methodist Church Huntingdon, Pennsylvania At first glance, this book may look like just a training manual for acolytes. In actuality, it is a life-changing opportunity for young people. It not only teaches them a comprehensive understanding of worship, it will also deepen their spirituality and appreciation of all that we are when we "gather as God's people." Mary M. Bullis Central West District Superintendent Desert Southwest Conference, United Methodist Church We use acolytes each week; but not until I used Come, Follow Me did I have acolytes that wanted to be carriers of Christ's light in worship. The enthusiasm during the teaching sessions was high, and after our learning sessions the momentum to serve was impressive. I have certainly appreciated this thoughtful, well-organized resource. Constance Sidebottom Pastor, First United Methodist Church Missoula, Montana Edwin B. Womack served as pastor of United Methodist congregations in Arizona, California, and Hawaii for over 40 years. Now retired, he resides in Cottonwood, Arizona.

A communications specialist discusses communication in the local church--advertising, talking with the media, communicating with members, and utilizing technology. Includes helpful forms, checklists, and examples from cutting-edge churches.

What is the role of corporate prayer in the church? Prayer is as necessary to the Christian as breathing is to the human body— but it often doesn't come quite as naturally. In fact, prayer in the church often gets subtly pushed to the side in favor of pragmatic practices that promise tangible results. This book focuses on the necessity of regular prayer as a central practice in the local church—awakening us to the need and blessing of corporate prayer by examining what Jesus taught about prayer, how the first Christians approached prayer, and how to prioritize prayer in our congregations.

Practical advice for laypeople who want to support their pastor. Filled with real-life anecdotes from the author's experience as a pastor in California.

The people are the church—not just the pastor. Yet, in many congregations there is a heavy imbalance in the ownership of ministry. Clergy and paid staff are seen as God's agents in the world, and congregants as occasional participants. Sometimes, clergy and other leaders perpetuate this imbalance. Ann Michel presents a more inclusive, collaborative understanding of ministry, which affirms the gifts and calling of both clergy and lay servants. She uses the concept of "synergy" as a theological framework undergirding this approach. Michel lays out an inclusive and collaborative paradigm of ministry affirming the work of both lay and clergy servants. Synergy also provides practical advice on the day-to-day skills of synergistic or collaborative ministry – how to engage others in ministry, how to build teams, how to manage meetings, how to develop others as leaders, etc. The book helps church workers, paid and unpaid, understand how their ministry relates to the mission of God and the ministry of the church, and provides practical guidance on the interpersonal ministry skills essential to any expression of collaborative ministry. "Synergy is both a practical and deeply spiritual resource that helps provide a more collaborative way of thinking about ministry shared between clergy and laity. Ann has captured the challenges that can present themselves as laity serve in ministry not only from her research but also from her personal experience as a lay person and respected Seminary theologian, and she offers practical ways to equip laity to fully live in this call of lay servants and lay staff members. As a lay person who has served on a church staff for more than 23 years, understanding this synergistic energy articulated so well in Ann's writing has reignited my passion and affirmed my call." - Debi Williams Nixon, Managing Executive Director, The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

A personal and practical guide to help pastors find Jesus as their mentor. For decades, Paul has been the model for today's pastors. But Pastor John Frye says we must instead look to Jesus as our model. "While we may lift Christ up as Savior, as we bow down to him as Lord, as we marvel at his offices of Prophet, Priest, and King, as we walk with him as Friend, we seem to ignore him as the supreme Senior Pastor." Sharing thought-provoking, biblical insights and personal experiences, Frye calls other pastors to become apprentices to Jesus himself. He is the One who invites pastors to watch him in action and draw close so he can shape who they are and how they fulfill their ministry. "Why have pastors and churches not been driven to Jesus as the central and controlling focus for the pastoral vocation and ministry

in the local church? He's been relegated to other dimensions of Christian and local church experience. Jesus is shoved into our shadows as we read our management books, do our cultural surveys, attend our leadership seminars, and applaud or criticize one another's endeavors"--John Frye in *Jesus the Pastor*

From a pastor's heart to understanding the role and responsibility of a pastor, Stan Toler knows the importance of encouraging and inspiring pastors through devotions designed to renew a pastor's outlook and spiritual life given the daily demands and burdens they embrace. He uses themed key words, scripture, quotations, devotions, prayer lines and a call to action to offer spiritual support pastors need.

Louie Giglio helps you find encouragement, hope, and strength in the midst of any valley as you reject the enemy voices of fear, rage, lust, insecurity, anxiety, despair, temptation, or defeat. Scripture is clear: the Enemy is a liar who will stop at nothing to tempt you into poor decisions and self-defeating mindsets, making you feel afraid, angry, anxious, or defeated. It is all too easy for Satan to weasel his way into a seat at the table intended for only you and your King. But you can fight back. *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* outlines the ways to overcome those lies so you can find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation. With the same bold, exciting approach to Scripture as employed in *Goliath Must Fall* and his other previous works, pastor Louie Giglio examines Psalm 23 in fresh ways, highlighting verse 5: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." You can find freedom from insecurity, temptation, and defeat—if you allow Jesus, the Shepherd, to lead the battle for your mind and heart. This spiritual warfare book for those who are leery of spiritual warfare books will resonate with Louie's core Passion tribe as well as with Christians of all ages who want to live a triumphant life in God.

Combining careful research, biblical narratives, and personal stories of physical and spiritual healing, internationally known Bible teacher and counselor Dr. Harold Sala points to how trusting God yields lasting and eternal rewards in *What You Need to Know About Healing*. While no one is promised tomorrow, you will receive true encouragement for whatever circumstance may be yours, and you will better understand the compassionate nature of our Heavenly Father and how to find healing His way. Chapters include "Is the Great Physician Still Practicing?" "Jehovah Rapha (the God Who Heals) in the Old Testament," "Healings that Defy Rationale," and "Redemptive Healing--Transforming Pain into a Life Purpose." This dynamic resource is suitable for those who need physical or spiritual healing as well as for their family members, friends, caregivers, and other health or ministry professionals.

Bookkeeping for churches can be quite different than for-profit businesses, and the other guides available cover either QuickBooks or church accounting, not both. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You*, walks you through QuickBooks for your church from start to finish, always with examples, terminology, and understanding of what a busy church administrator needs to know in a clear, concise style. With her friendly easy-to-understand style and illustrative screenshots, Lisa guides new QuickBooks users every step of the way, while her tips for how to make QuickBooks work better for churches provides new insight and procedures for even the experienced bookkeeper. Not only does she step you through how to set up QuickBooks and utilize it more efficiently for your house of worship, but she also discusses everything you need to know to implement controls and procedures to ensure that your church's money is always protected. *QuickBooks for Churches* covers PC versions of QuickBooks from 2012 forward and even includes what's new in the 2014 version. Lisa offers sound accounting procedures for both large and small houses of worship, for bookkeepers with years of experience as well as those just starting out. Let *The Accountant Beside You* take one more worry off your crowded to-do list.

Demonstrates the "why" and the "how" of consistently biblical, gospel-centric counseling, whether in the pastor's study or over coffee with a friend. With the evermore apparent failure of modern psychotherapies and a discomfort with pharmacological strategies, many churches are reaffirming the sufficiency and power of the Scriptures to change lives. To aid churches in ministering to broken and hurting people, the authors of *Counsel from the Cross* present a counseling model based on Scripture, powered by the work of the Wonderful Counselor, Jesus Christ. Through careful exegesis and helpful case studies, they demonstrate the "why" and the "how" of consistently biblical, gospel-centered counseling. The authors' combined backgrounds—one, a woman trained in biblical counseling and the other, a male professor of practical theology—bring balance to this work, making it relevant for those who counsel as part of pastoral ministry and for those involved in friendship mentoring or discipleship.

Do you ever feel that you are leading in uncharted territory? Pastor and consultant Tod Bolsinger draws on decades of expertise guiding churches and organizations in this expanded practical leadership resource, offering illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective church leadership looks like in our rapidly changing world.

*The Book of Occasional Services* is a new liturgical resource produced by the Office of Theology and Worship of the PC(USA) providing worship services for many of the important and widely used services that are not included in the *Book of Common Worship*.

The Christian church has a long tradition of systematic theology, that is, of studying biblical teaching on centrally important doctrines such as the Word of God, redemption, and Jesus Christ. Wayne Grudem's bestselling *Systematic Theology* has several distinctive features: A strong emphasis on the scriptural basis for each doctrine Clear writing, with technical terms kept to a minimum A contemporary approach, treating subjects of special interest to the church today A friendly tone, appealing to the emotions and the spirit as well as the intellect Frequent application to life Resources for worship within each chapter Bibliographies in each chapter that cross-reference subjects to a wide range of other systematic theologies.

*The Pastor's Handbook* (KJV) is intended to meet the continuing need of the Christian minister for guidance and forms as he does the work of the ministry. It seeks to offer options to suit the tastes of the pastor and congregation within the parameters of quality, beauty and dignity. To this end, numerous changes, both large and small, have been made—more selected Scriptures, new alternatives for special occasions, some significant additions and changes. At the same time, every effort has been made to keep the book concise and compact to maximize its usefulness. The formulas should be sufficient for the ordinary needs of the minister. They may be modified or supplemented by materials from the pastor's private collection or his own preparation. Some who stress liberty in prayer and preaching dislike set forms, preferring spontaneity and a free style as they worship. If the spiritual vitality of a church is maintained there need be no fear that these forms will become lifeless rituals. The use of forms should never become merely formal. And if the use of forms adds beauty and dignity to the atmosphere of sacredness, who can object? May the blessing of God attend all who glean from this manual, enabling it them to know what to say and how to say it. This is made also for allowing them to know what to do and how to do it especially as the occasion requires. Gratitude is expressed to many pastors and contributors for this volume. Includes the: worship service, baptism, communion, funerals, anointing services, healing services, membership, installation, baby and child dedication, consecration services, ceremonies for buildings and visitation.

The impact of Charles Haddon Spurgeon continues to inspire evangelical leaders more than a century after his death. The nineteenth century "Prince of Preachers" demonstrated leadership ability that remains pertinent and applicable today.

Leader...mentor...teacher...healer...friend...PASTOR This keepsake memory/guestbook offers a tangible thank you to your spiritual leader... \*102 pages \*Beautiful Color Soft Cover (glossy finish) \*Lined space for name and messages \*Enough lined space for 150 signatures \*Perfect size (8.5x8.5) \*Great and unique gift \*More personalized and special than a boring standard greeting card! This keepsake guestbook is more than just an event guestbook. It's lined with space for up to 150 people to write heartfelt words of love to be appreciated for years to come! Get this Appreciation Book, pass it around for many to hand write their appreciation, then wrap and give this great gift of love to a great leader!

This Program Guide is a planning guide to assist churches in honoring and expressing appreciation to the pastor and his/her family. The Program Guide includes: a detailed description of the planning process for a successful Pastor Appreciation Service; A plan for promotion; an advertising plan; special activities and event ideas; a planning chart; plus lots more.

Pastors are tasked with the incredibly demanding job of caring for the spiritual, emotional, and, at times, physical needs of their people. While seminary is helpful preparation for many of the challenges pastors face, there's far more to pastoral ministry than what can be covered in the classroom. Designed as a reference guide for nearly every situation a pastor will face, this comprehensive book by seasoned pastors Kent Hughes and Doug O'Donnell is packed full of biblical wisdom and practical guidance related to the reality of pastoral ministry in the trenches. From officiating weddings to conducting funerals to visiting the sick, this book will equip pastors and church leaders with the knowledge they need to effectively minister to their flocks, both within the walls of the church and beyond.

The Zondervan 2019 Church and Nonprofit Tax and Financial Guide annual reference guide continues to be one of the few resources offering tax and financial advice to churches and nonprofit organizations. Issues of financial accountability, receiving and maintaining tax-exempt status, accounting for charitable gifts, and other crucial topics receive careful and full discussion. The 2019 edition also contains a thorough description of tax laws affecting churches and other nonprofit organizations, ensuring compliance with all regulations. The book includes expert advice on handling charitable gifts, sample policies and procedures, easy techniques for simplifying financial policies and procedures, insights on medical expense reimbursements, key steps in sound compensation planning, and examples of required IRS filings.

What are your top twenty expectations for your pastor? Now multiply your list by the number of people who attend church with you. Is it any wonder pastors are overwhelmed and underappreciated? They're expected to know every member by name, preach a "home run sermon" every Sunday, condemn sin without hurting anyone's feelings, and be available to serve others 24/7 while not neglecting their own family. The intensity of these expectations and lack of appreciation can and does bring the majority of pastors to a place of despair and ultimately departure from pastoral ministry. This practical field guide offers tangible ways to better understand and care for the pastor who cares so deeply about you.

Pastor Appreciation One with Our Pastor in Faith, Unity, and Mission Program Guide

Life for a pastor implies living in a fishbowl which can be tiring and demanding. While pastors are expected to meet the spiritual needs of others, their spiritual needs must be met as well. In Devotions for Pastors, Toler uses themed keywords, scripture, quotations from Christian authors, 250-word devotionals, prayer lines, and a call to action that provides the spiritual support pastors need to continue strong in their positions and faith. In his book, Toler offers spiritual wisdom on subjects including: Faith Encouragement Passion Vision Perseverance Integrity Victory Devotions for Pastors presents inspiration, affirmation, and encouragement on the front lines of ministry, strengthening the spiritual lives of the care-takers of Gods Church.

The Zondervan 2011 Church and Nonprofit Tax and Financial Guide is the most accessible, complete, and easy-to-follow tax and financial guide of its kind, explaining complex tax concerns in plain language.

Program Guide Includes: Positive Planning, Checklist, Ideas for special expressions, Complete details for Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Detailed Sunday morning sermon, Plus lots More! Since forever altering the course of the youth ministry world with his best-selling, groundbreaking book, Purpose-Driven® Youth Ministry, Doug Fields' mind—but especially his heart—has been focused on the many unique needs of new youth workers. Doug translated his passion, insight, and vision for his beloved "rookies" into what you're now reading, Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry—hands-down the most comprehensive companion to not only surviving, but also thriving, during the most crucial phase of youth ministry. Employing his renowned wisdom and humor—as if you and Doug were chatting over a long, relaxing meal—the author disarmingly relates stories and principles from his own successes and failures over 20-plus years in youth ministry. In the end, he offers treasure troves of practical advice, all in the hope that new youth workers can travel a smoother path and achieve real longevity in a church culture that all too often chews them and spits them out. Doug covers all-important issues such as: Dealing with discouragement· Establishing a solid spiritual foundation· Building effective relationships with students· Resolving conflict· Ministering to parents and families· Trailblazing change· Working with volunteers· Defining a realistic job description· And many others! In addition, a chorus of insightful sidebar voices joins your conversation with Doug, among them ministry veterans Jim Burns, Steve Gerali, Mike Yaconelli, Helen Musick, Chap Clark, Marv Penner, Rick Warren, Jana L. Sundene, Bo Boshers, Duffy Robbins, Tony Campolo, and Richard Ross, all who've composed extensive, topical essays for each of the dozen chapters. Your First Two Years of Youth Ministry is a must-have tool for new youth workers, volunteers, seminary professors and students, senior pastors, elders, church boards—even veteran youth workers who've been ministering in unstructured environments and are now asking, "What did I miss? What can I still learn?" The first two years of youth ministry are never easy. But never fear. Doug fervently assures us: "Hang on. Hope's coming!"

"Beeke and Thompson provide biblical, practical, and effective tools to handle all types of criticism and to respond with godly wisdom. A vital tool for church leaders and pastors"--

Ryan and Selena Frederick were newlyweds when they landed in Switzerland to pursue Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life--or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst. When Ryan survived, they both realized that they still had a future together. But the near loss changed the way they saw all that would lie ahead. They would live and love fiercely, fighting for each other and for a Christ-centered marriage, every step of the way. *Fierce Marriage* is their story, but more than that, it is a call for married couples to put God first in their relationship, to measure everything they do and say to each other against what Christ did for them, and to see marriage not just as a relationship they should try to keep healthy but also as one worth fighting for in every situation. With the gospel as their foundation, Ryan and Selena offer hope and practical help for common struggles in marriage, including communication problems, sexual frustration, financial stress, family tension, screen-time disconnection, and unrealistic expectations.

History of pastor's ministry in one place.

A forty-day interactive journey that challenges readers to come face to face with the reality of their life circumstances, identify the internal battles they must personally declare war on and fight through, and become the difference-maker that God created them to be. Simultaneous release with a video-driven curriculum perfect for group study. Every person has a mission and a God-given potential to impact the world, whether they recognize it or not. But the stuff of life—the loss of a job, the death of a friend or a loved one, the inability to focus due to bad moods or self-sabotaging tendencies—presents challenges and traps us in a helpless, hopeless loop of anxiety and fear. These are the kinds of things we face that turn on the dark for any thoughts of a future. In this book bestselling author and pastor Levi Lusko gives a step-by-step process to take back your life, which includes a new introduction and perspective from Pastor Levi stories and testimonies from those whose lives have been changed by his messages, and an action plan with journaling space to turn your thoughts into real change. With a unique blend of message and practical tools, using themes and teachings from his bestselling *Through the Eyes of a Lion* and the more recent *I Declare War*, Lusko gives readers an interactive forty-day journey of learning how to think right so they can live right.

A deeper and more intimate relationship with God is closer than you think. Have you ever felt as if something were missing from your life? Are you longing for a clearer sense of purpose? Do you feel stuck in a spiritual rut? In *What's Next?*, bestselling author Chris Hodges offers a practical guide to all those looking for clarity and direction and reveals the four steps to spiritual maturity: know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference. He demonstrates how each step is part of both a linear path and a cycle leading to deeper levels of faith. Accessible and clear, concise and profound, no matter where you are in your journey, *What's Next?* is the guide you need to find your way and discover the joy that comes walking the road of richer faith.

Many men have the skills to lead a church, but only some are called. Dave Harvey helps men considering pastoral ministry to see God's active role in the process of discerning their calling. God's Word offers a clear framework for evaluating one's call, especially within the context of community. Harvey offers six diagnostic questions to help prospective pastors process their calling, and what they should be doing now if they aren't sure. Illustrated with personal and historical stories, Harvey explores biblical and practical principles for determining the pastoral call. Over the past twenty-four years of ministry, Harvey has enjoyed assisting many men in discerning whether they are called into ministry. This book will guide you through that all-important process with wisdom and confidence in God's faithfulness in your life.

Nationally known for his work and teaching on clergy development, Oswald integrates research and experience into a liberating perspective on the pastoral calling. Discover how imbalances in your physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual lives can destroy the very ministry you seek to carry out. Learn what you can do to restore that balance. Packed with self-assessment tools, real-life experiences, and specific self-care strategies.

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