



It's been a difficult few years for pastors.
Now it's as Easy as 1-2-3 to show & share
God's love with your pastor & staff.

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

1 CHOOSE a 50 Ways list to give to all the families in your church after first watching the 7-minute BlessYourPastor.org/video. The 50 Ways will help everyone show and share God's love. Your church leaders can arrange to share the list in the worship service, bulletin, newsletter, email or by snail mail.

*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*

[Bless Your Pastor](#)
[Bless Your Pastor & Staff](#)
[Logos and Graphics](#)

2 COLLECT a special Appreciation Offering from the congregation OR a board-approved pastor-staff bonus during October Pastor Appreciation Month, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

3 CELEBRATE your pastor and church staff publicly in one or more of the following ways: collect cards/notes/gift cards; honor and pray for them in a service; host an appreciation meal; create an appreciation slide show or video; ask children to draw pictures or write notes; and/or encourage people to post a thank you on social media about why they appreciate their pastor.

Special Bonus! \$300 Marriage Retreat Scholarship for Your Pastor

For participating churches that complete all of the Easy as 1-2-3 Steps, we will email your senior pastor a link to a special webpage that will provide a \$300 Scholarship Application for any pastor/spouse to attend a Family Life "Weekend to Remember" Marriage Retreat — plus additional vacation and retreat opportunities across America for pastors.

**Next step: Complete the online form
at BlessYourPastor.org/bonus**

*Limited to USA/Canada/Puerto Rico churches that
apply online from August 1 to January 15, 2024.*

Additional Resources

- **Financial Health & Generosity Training Videos for Pastors and Church Leaders**
NAEfinancialhealth.org/online-training
- **Bless Your Finances Video Course**
Free at-home, interactive training video and best practices resources for individuals and couples seeking to improve their financial health. BlessYourFinances.org
- **Pastor & Church Staff Salary Research**
BlessYourPastor.org/klutharticle1

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 costs 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.