



As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. — John 20:21

Community Ministry Ideas

When it comes to outreach, can you truthfully say that your church reaches out beyond your own walls? Besides work-related contacts, how many people in your congregation honestly touch a part of your community?

It's not tough at all to find people in your community with needs that your church can help meet. Here are some ideas that scratch the surface for utilizing your facility and people in local service. Many can be done by individuals.

Ideas for Churches:

1. Hold a community health fair in your gym or fellowship hall.
2. Hold church-wide clothing and food drives.
3. Plant a community garden and donate crops to local food banks.
4. Recruit drivers for meal-delivery organizations.
5. Provide meeting space for drug and alcohol addiction recovery programs.
6. Create after-school activities or tutoring services for children and youth.
7. Offer employment counseling and training.
8. Provide classroom space and computer workstations for community education programs.
9. Create an adult day-care program for seniors to give primary caregivers a break.
10. Collect and distribute birthday gifts for children of prisoners.
11. Gather and donate maternity clothes for a crisis pregnancy center.
12. Set aside a room in your facility where senior adults from the community can gather for conversation, games, and crafts.
13. Hold an agency volunteer recruitment fair at your church facility.
14. Adopt a community playground and take responsibility for its maintenance.
15. Adopt a school and work with the administration on various projects according to their needs.
14. Have your young girls go to the nursing home and paint nails and brush hair for residents.

Ideas for Small Groups (SS class, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, etc.):

1. Adopt a family in need.
2. Collect socks and underwear for prisoners in the county jail.
3. Offer free gift wrapping at a mall or department store and share Jesus while they wait.
4. Set up a Hot Chocolate/Coffee Booth outside a store or business on a cold day & share about Jesus.
5. Hand out bottles of cold water outside a store or wherever you find people on a hot day. Tell them Jesus is the "Living Water".

Ideas for Individuals and Families:

1. Lead a Bible study at Shepherd's House.
2. Offer to clean the house or yard of an elderly person or someone unable to do it independently.
3. Ask your waiter/waitress if you can pray for him/her about some specific need in their life. (Remember to tip well also so you won't damage your witness.)
4. Do something special for a school teacher or principal, whether you have children or not.
5. Volunteer to be a phone counselor with Contact Lifeline.
6. Prayer Walk your community: Ask God to change lives & open hearts to the gospel.
7. Prepare a meal for a homebound person.
8. Conduct a weekly, monthly or quarterly worship service or crafts activity at a nursing home, retirement center or assisted living facility.
9. Bake some cookies or a meal and treat your local Fire Hall or Police precinct in honor of their service.
10. On a rainy day, take an umbrella and go to your local grocery store and help people get their groceries to their cars or collect and return carts on any day for grocery stores.
11. Share your garden proceeds with the needy in your community.
12. Read the Bible, newspaper or letters for someone in the Nursing Home/Hospice House.
13. Volunteer to deliver books from the Library to a homebound person requesting them.
15. Get trained in Disaster Relief and help someone in a time of crisis and need. For more info on joining the DRBA Disaster Relief Team, contact Jerry Seale at 931-461-5556.

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