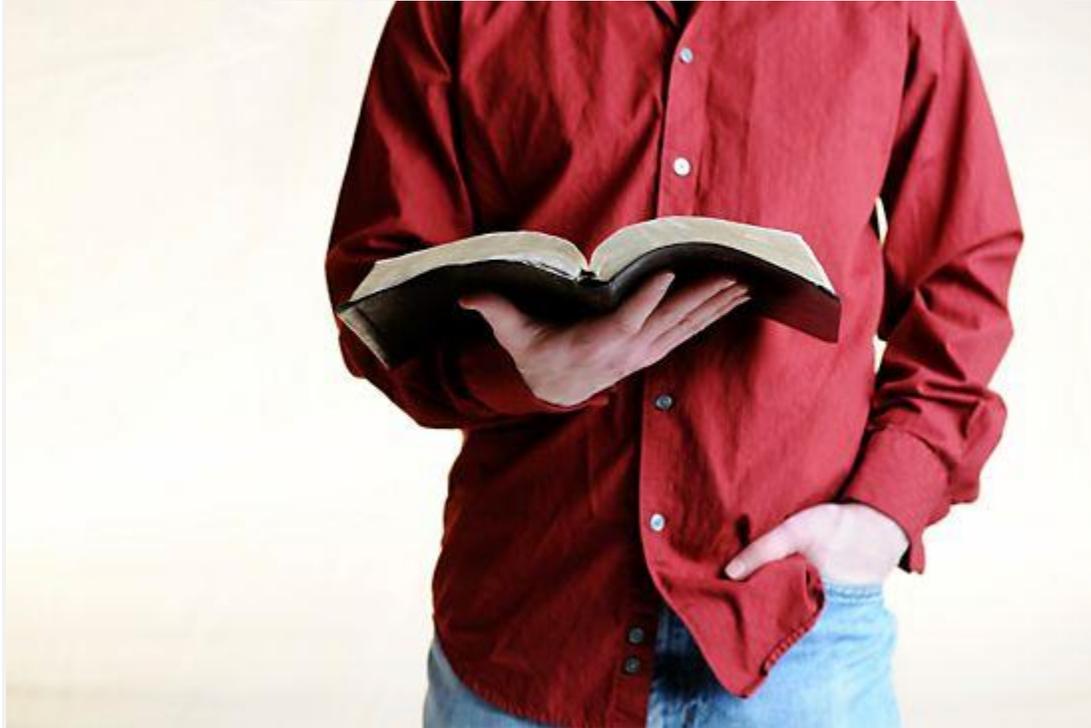


# 10 Gift Ideas for Pastor Appreciation Month & Pastor Appreciation Day

Looking for ways to show appreciation for your pastor? We're here to help!



Every October, a serious problem arises for churches.

It's called Pastor Appreciation Month.

## **Celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month & Pastor Appreciation Day**

*How exactly are we to celebrate our pastors? How can we show them that we care? What is the perfect gift?*

Many churches feel clueless when they contemplate ways to express gratitude to their cherished leaders. So we made a list. Here are 10 suggestions to get the creative juices flowing.

### **1. Write Lots of Letters**

On Sunday before Pastor Appreciation Day, distribute stamped envelopes addressed to the pastor. An instruction note invites each church member to write and mail a personal note of encouragement and appreciation to the pastor during the week.

## **2. Customize a T-shirt**

Order a "Best Pastor in \_\_\_\_\_" T-shirt, cap or plaque, and present it with flourish.

## **3. Create Original Art**

Laminate bookmarks created by the children in your church, featuring their art and signatures. Allow kids to present the bookmarks to the pastor personally.

## **4. Place Your Church in a Frame**

Prepare a beautifully framed photo or painting of the church building.

Even better: take a group photo of church members in front of the building. Use extra wide matting and ask every church member to sign the mat before adding glass.

## **5. Purchase Helpful Commentaries**

Purchase a full set of [Bible commentaries](#).

Allow various groups, such as Bible classes, committees or church organizations, to present one book of the set, individually wrapped with their personal notes of appreciation on the inside pages.

## **6. Make a Video Presentation**

Create a presentation of photos and video of the pastor(s) in action during the past year. Set it to music and play it as a pre-service video.

## **7. Give Public Thanks**

Take out a full-page ad in your local newspaper, featuring a photo of your pastor and a declaration of your church's love and appreciation.

Even better: Add every member's signature on the ad.

## **8. Do an Office Makeover**

Do a surprise office makeover, with the pastor's wife's input, of course. Consider fresh paint, updated décor, new furniture and even a computer or technology upgrade.

## **9. Supply Favorite Things**

Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys, such as M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday, i.e. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members.

## **10. Celebrate 30 Days of Pastor Appreciation**

Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for a month-long schedule of surprise treats.

Each day of the month, the pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee or group within the church. The tributes can vary widely. Some ideas include: a balloon delivery, a shoe shine, an apple pie or a gift certificate. After a whole month of pleasant surprises, won't your pastor feel appreciated?

And won't God be honored by your acts of love for His servant? Don't forget to include a sincere note with specific reasons you appreciate the minister's spiritual leadership, dedication, time and commitment.

Honor God by honoring His servants, with a thoughtful, personalized encouragement that fits your unique church and pastor.