

IDEAS FOR PASTORS On Ministering To Your Church And Community During The Quarantine

Today after I got this email I saw on the news a feature about a church in Kentucky having church outside. People remained in their cars and the pastor preached from a pulpit using a PA system. I thought this was splendid idea.—Dr. Alan Mason

Call your mayor and local media to meet and pray publicly and stream on city social media (host it at church so you can give gospel). Have a studio service and streamed locations and “watch parties” throughout the facility if possible or in homes. Get on all social streams (we also have a radio station--some pulled into parking lot and listened to it in their car). Prerecord a Kids Program and launch it live before your Wednesday Night or Sunday AM service times as Sunday School or Awana. Boost it as a post on FB and Instagram. Have online giving/church app/text to give (Aware3). Communicate by OneCall and post transcript.—Pastor Joe Shakour

One member of our church has been distributing care packages to seniors in our community. The packages include a few rolls of toilet paper, a box of Kleenex, and a bottle of hand soap. It has been widely shared around social media in our town and has gotten a great response. The packages are free to any person 60 or older and subject to availability... I have been very impressed with this idea and it seems to be doing a great job of showing the love of Christ to our community.—Brandon Parker

The church leadership encourages God’s people, as Pastor did Sunday, to use this unsettled time to minister to those around you, sharing the hope and security we have in Jesus Christ. Maybe you could shop for a neighbor that is fearful to get out. Maybe you could pick up a prescription for someone who shouldn’t be out. Maybe you could make a meal, send a card or make a call to someone who has been in quarantine (or at least stuck at home), just to be a blessing. Pray God puts you in situations where you can show the love of Christ in you.—Pastor Rick Weesner

Our church has a live stream... Some technology applications can certainly be praise worthy.—Pastor Tim Hunt Sr.

To honor government mandates we meet across the community in groups of 40 and invite others to attend, keeping the number under 50. If God blesses the effort, continue to meet after the scare has passed, and start new churches. However, we are finding even in our very conservative community that people do not want to be visited during the coronavirus scare. We were called this A.M. by someone we visited Saturday, wondering why we were out visiting.—Pastor David Zempel

We are going to start a Children's Church Service. On Saturday morning we are going to have a LiveStream of a Children's service for the kids with object lessons and include attachment coloring pages for parents to print off at home. It will be geared towards good character traits: Obedience, Honor your parents, Clean your Room, Help Others, Respect, Kindness, Helper, etc. All will be geared around characters of the Bible or character traits.—Pastor Nolan Wynn

Daily visit house to house. Pastors preach from your Pulpit if you have live stream. Deacon's preach to the people who are under your care. Sunday school teachers care for the Sunday School families at your home. Break it down like that. Moses gave the 500, hundreds and fifties. Break it down, do it the Bible Way.

One idea that may seem simple that I had was to have some sort of yard ornament I could post in members yards or non-member yards to let them know that their house was physically prayed over. This can be done during the day or night and minimal contact or no contact can be made. Just a simple thought but it lets the streets in your area know that these ornaments have a meaning. Your house is prayed over.—Pastor Dan Lee

We want to follow the mandates as they are about health and safety. We will be doing Facebook live and increasing our equipment for other platforms. We will do this for our Adult SS lessons as well. We will have one person managing messenger so that folks watching can interact with the things going on in the services and SS. We went door knocking with toilet paper and let people know we were praying for our community and it was a great time to trust the Lord. It was the best door knocking in 41 years. We are contemplating a donation site to help if it gets worse. Every Wednesday we are having a day of prayer and fasting. We continue our small groups.—Greg Kaminski