

Reaching out with  
**OUTREACHES**

**The Church is not a Museum for the Saints;  
The Church is rather a Family of Brothers and Sisters;  
The Church is a Christian education Seminary;  
And the Church is a Hospital for Sinners!**

**Acts 2, 41 Then they that gladly received his word  
Were baptized: and the same day there were added  
unto them about three thousand souls.**

**Acts 2, 47 Praising God, and having favor with all people.  
And the Lord added to the church daily such as  
should be saved.**

**James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not  
hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

**James 2:17 faith that doesn't show itself by good work  
s no faith at all, it is dead and useless.**

**I John 2:3 And how can we be sure that we belong to  
Him? By looking within ourselves, are we really trying to  
do what He wants us to do?**

***Pray that God will call some to be Christian Politicians!***

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## **OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIR**

**Complete the following questionnaire  
to determine if there is need of revitalization.**

How many have been added to the total Sunday school enrolment in the last year. Divide last year's beginning enrolment number by the number of increase during the year. The answer is the number of people involved to enroll **one** more person in that year. Example: 140, last years enrollment, divided by 10, the number of increase, equals 14, the number it takes to enroll one new member per year.

How many have been baptized in the last year. Divide last years active membership by the number baptized during the year.. The answer is the number of members it takes to win one more person in that year. Example 140, last years membership, divided by 10, the number baptized, equals 14, the number of people it takes to lead one other person to Christ in the last year. Another way to look at the same numbers is that it takes one member 14 years to win one person to Christ.

Many authors are stating that our churches have become comfortable! The pastor seldom preaches to a lost person, which means that the invitation is seldom given to a lost person. They say that our churches are similar to the seven churches of Asia Minor, recorded in Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

Now let each of ask ourselves if we were involved in that increase of 14 in Sunday school or the increase 14 that were baptized?

Does the 14 increase in Sunday school or in baptism evidence that the fields are white unto harvest? I have heard it said of those in the church that "we just don't have any opportunities". Others have said that our church field is not growing therefore our church is not growing. Many say that there are so many distractions, like television, ball games, parties, traveling, plus the responsibilities in the home and family today that they do not have time for Christ or His Church.

Can we make the church more desirable for each person and each family than any of their present activities. No other organization or activity can add real value and purpose to people lives like Christ church.

I believe the fields are whiter to harvest than ever before in history. The workers are fewer than ever before in proportion to the size of the harvest. We have all the necessary workers. They are the inactive members of every church. Lets employ every member of every church in active harvesting. Every church and individual should feel that they can do better and harvest more.

**Proverbs 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls".**

**Matthew 9:36 "And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd".**

**Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost.**

**Luke 10:2** These were His instructions to them: “Plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers to help you, for the harvest is so plentiful and the workers so few”.

**I John 2:3** And how can we be sure that we belong to Him? By looking within ourselves, are we really trying to do what He wants us to do?

**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

**John 4: 35-36** Do you not say, “There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest”. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. “Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

*Read again Revelations chapters 2 and 3. Does your church resemble these seven churches in any way? How can these similarities be corrected. This question will take time and much thought to fully relate those churches to your church and resolve the deficiencies that may exist.*

## **OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

- Obviously every outreach program is not workable for every Church. Study all of the outreach programs. Choose those that seem right for your Church. After determining the abilities and talents of your Church and its members you can then merge those considerations into a list of outreach programs that are achievable.
- The Pastor is the overseer for the entire program. The pastor will need one person, who will be the **Church Outreach Leader**; sometimes this person is called **The Evangelism Director**, to shoulder the entire program.
- There will be a file and worksheet on each outreach program. This worksheet describes the purpose, character and possibilities of each outreach. The name of the team leader and each member of team will be recorded together with their home address and telephone numbers. There is space to document the date, activity and comments of each meeting. These records will be valuable to future team leaders and allow progress comparisons to previous years.



## NAME OF CHURCH CENSUS FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Number Children \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Your Vocation \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE MARK YES IN ALL SPACES NEXT TO AN ACTIVITY, TALENT, INTEREST OR ABILITY THAT YOU HAVE. WE MAY CALL ON YOU TO ASSIST IN HELPING OTHERS..

Household repair \_\_\_\_\_ Chaufering \_\_\_\_\_ Auto Service \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Visitation \_\_\_\_\_

Music \_\_\_\_\_ Singing \_\_\_\_\_ Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Counseling \_\_\_\_\_

Cooking \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care \_\_\_\_\_ Computer \_\_\_\_\_ Research \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Planing & Organizing \_\_\_\_\_ Strategy \_\_\_\_\_

Playing sports \_\_\_\_\_ Coaching \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting or Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Hikeing \_\_\_\_\_ Camping \_\_\_\_\_

Other or Describe a selection above \_\_\_\_\_

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# PERSONAL PRAYER OUTREACH

- You are the team leader and the team.
- The success of the church in its spiritual responsibility to every program and to every member is in direct proportion to the success of its members personal prayer.
- You do not have to be brilliant, eloquent, or long winded. You must be awake to the needs of individuals, community, country and the church and only then be soul burdened for sinners enough to pray fervently for those needs to be successful.
- Practice the presence of God and Christ. Just be alone with them and you will always find matters you want to talk to them about. You will gain wisdom and insight by practicing their presence. Soon you will become very protective of this time. Watching TV constantly or indulging in any activity will become secondary in importance to your precious time with God and Christ. Nothing will deepen your love and devotion more. Soon practicing their presence will permeate your character and time. Your thoughts and decisions will be controlled by your abiding love Them.

Depend upon it, if you are bent on prayer, the devil will not leave you alone. He will molest you, tantalize you, block you, and will surely find some hindrances, big or little or both. And we sometimes fail because we are ignorant of his devices. I do not think he minds our praying about things if we leave it at that. What he minds, and opposes steadily is the prayer that prays on until it is prayed through, assured of an answer. Mary Booth

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. 1 Samuel 12, 23

Men ought always to pray and not faint. Luke 18, 1

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5, 17

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word. Acts 6,4

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5, 16

## **PRAYER MEETING OUTREACH**

- A weekly or monthly church business meeting never takes the place of the weekly prayer meeting. All of the other church programs are dependant on the weekly prayer service to strengthen and sustain them, especially the worship service.
- Those in charge of any church program or a leader in any church program or activity would do well to attend the weekly prayer service.
- Special prayer groups may come together whenever and wherever of their choosing to pray for their special concerns.

“We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much activity but few results.” R. A. Torrey

“There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him.”  
William Law.

“When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.” A. C. Dixon

“Prayer is the greatest force that we can wield. It is the greatest talent which God has granted us. He has given to every Christian. There is a democracy in this matter. We may differ among ourselves as to wealth, social position, educational equipment, natural ability, inherited characteristics; but in this matter of exercising the greatest force that is at work in the world today, we are on the same footing. It is possible for the most obscure person in the church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelism of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions.” John R. Mott

“Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the work of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.” James Hudson Taylor

“This much is sure in all churches, forgetting party labels; the smallest meeting numerically is the prayer-meeting. If weak in prayer we are weak everywhere.” Leonard Ravenhill

“Our greatest opportunity and our gravest responsibility is to be so engaged in continued prayer that God's blessing and our success in soul winning is ever present.” Jerry































