

## IDEAS FOR EVERY AGE GROUP TO SHOW APPRECIATION

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### PRESCHOOLERS/CHILDREN

- Create handmade appreciation cards.
- Collect snacks and make a snack basket for the pastor/staff.

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### YOUTH

- Initiate a work day to mow, trim, and mulch the pastor/staff's yard, clean their windows, or wash their cars. Be sure to consult with the pastor/staff beforehand to schedule.

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### YOUNG ADULTS

- Arrange to care for the pastor/staff's young children and provide restaurant/theater gift cards for a date night.

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### ADULTS

- Take up an offering to purchase a needed item that they haven't been able to fit into their budget or a gift card.
- Plan a weekend getaway. Coordinate with the pastor/staff and spouse on a date that works for them. Provide childcare if needed.

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### SENIOR ADULTS

- Bake homemade treats to present to the pastor/staff and family.
- Host a pastor/staff appreciation meal on a Sunday after worship.

### Compiled by members of the task force on staff appreciation

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## PASTOR-STAFF APPRECIATION OCTOBER 2017

## A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ABSC

October has been designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. I want to encourage your church to show appreciation to your pastor and other ministerial staff.

The most important thing that you can do for your pastor/staff and their families is to pray for them every day. I would encourage your congregation to emphasize prayer for your pastor/staff throughout the year and let them know with notes, texts, calls, etc.

You have a great opportunity during this month to tangibly express the love and commitment of your church members to these who give of themselves in a sacrificial way to serve our Lord and His church. Please remember their spouses who also pay a great price as they play a supporting role in ministry. We offer suggestions in this brochure and on our website to inspire your creativity. It is vital for your pastor and staff to know that they are appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Dr. J.D. "Sonny" Tucker**

FOR ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES, GO TO  
[ABSC.ORG/STAFFAPPRECIATION](http://ABSC.ORG/STAFFAPPRECIATION)

## YOU MIGHT CONSIDER...

### GIFTS/GIFT CARDS



- Restaurants
- Concerts/sporting events
- Sporting goods
- Bookstores (LifeWay, Barnes & Noble, etc.)
- Letters/cards of appreciation
- Study software (Logos, Olive Tree)
- Amazon gift card
- Movies
- Hobby stores
- Clothing stores
- Music (iTunes, Pandora, Spotify)
- Electronic devices (tablet, smart phone)
- Health club membership
- Favorite candy/snack basket
- Special Love Offering/money tree

### FAMILY GIFTS/ACTS OF SERVICE



- Family weekend/vacation (rent condo/hotel)
- Spa treatment
- Free Wednesday night meals
- Oil change/car repairs/car wash
- Lawn mowing/yard work/home repairs
- Recognition in local paper
- Scholarship kids to church camps/missions trips
- School supplies/clothing gift cards
- Lunch for pastor/staff and spouses
- House cleaning for a month/year
- Nightly meals during October

### ONGOING



- Evaluate salary, benefits, and annuity package (call ABSC for help)
- Budget for annual renewal retreat/conference time/continuing education
- Support and encourage through regular communication
- Sabbatical (see [absc.org/staffappreciation](http://absc.org/staffappreciation) for more information)
- Acknowledge achievements of pastor/staff and family
- Respect pastor/staff's family time
- Cards/flowers/gifts on family birthdays and anniversaries
- Monthly date night with free babysitting
- Plaque/certificate on significant anniversaries