## FLPAN | Pastor Appreciation Planning Sheet

October is traditionally adopted as Pastor Appreciation Month. Since we believe that Encouraged Pastors are Better Pastors, we want to ensure your church has some guidance and resources on how you can demonstrate appreciation to your pastor.

- 1. Determine who could collaborate to develop your "appreciation plan."
- 2. Decide the scope of individuals you want to appreciate (e.g. pastor, pastor and family, all staff). [Your Association strongly encourages consideration be given to all staff and their families.]
- 3. In your planning consider the following:
  - a. Will appreciation be concentrated to one day or spread throughout the month (or even year)?
  - b. Will be demonstrated through a unified gift from the church, or will individuals/families give directly?
  - c. What are the unique personalities of those you want to show appreciation to and how could you customize your appreciation (e.g. unique gifts, gift cards, etc.)?
  - d. Consider having a time of testimony in the service (or compiling a video) where individuals can express thanks.
  - e. In addition to gifts that show appreciation, consider acts of service as well (ex. Mowing grass, babysitting, etc.).
  - f. Set aside time in serve for your church to surround pastor/staff/families to pray over them.

## Additional Links:

- Ministry Tools Resource Center
- Activities & Gift Ideas
- Pastor Appreciation Ideas
- Encouraging Church Leaders [article]
- Pastor Appreciation Blog
- Honor Your Pastor

