

REVIVAL PREPARATION TEAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Special Events/Attendance Team

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Leader to plan and promote a special emphasis for each revival service resulting in high attendance. Team includes a chairperson and a member from each Sunday School class.

Ideas for high attendance emphasis

- 1. Youth Emphasis:** The purpose is to bring unsaved and inactive youth to the church for fun, fellowship, and to hear a gospel message. If planned properly, this can be a great harvest event. Some suggestions for this emphasis are:
 - ➔ Plan an all you can eat Pizza Blast (or other food) one hour before the revival service.
 - ➔ Recruit the youth minister or youth workers to form a team to organize this emphasis.
 - ➔ Consider having a local athlete or coach share a salvation testimony.
 - ➔ Have some games such as skateboarding or a slam dunk competition on a small goal.
 - ➔ Publicize by distributing free tickets in area schools, sending out letters, word of mouth, posters, and so forth.
 - ➔ The evangelist should present a short gospel message and all decisions should be made public during the revival service.
 - ➔ Stress to the youth that they must attend the revival service.
 - ➔ Calling this night "Youth Night" may not be wise. This may keep adults away if they think it is only for youth. Simply advertise the pizza blast as a youth emphasis.
- 2. Children Emphasis:** The purpose is to provide a fun time for the children in grades 1 – 6. Seek to reach children who are unchurched and build a relationship with their families. Some suggestions for this emphasis are:
 - ➔ Plan an all you can eat Pizza Blast (or other food) one hour before the revival service.
 - ➔ Recruit children's workers to form a team and organize this emphasis.
 - ➔ Have games that appeal to children. You may want to have a puppet ministry.
 - ➔ Publicize by distributing free tickets in area schools, sending out letters, word of mouth, posters, and so forth.
 - ➔ Have the evangelist present a short gospel message.

- Have the children sing a song during the worship service. Unchurched parents will often come to hear their children sing in a children's choir/Praise Team.
 - Make a visit in every unchurched child's home after the revival.
- 3. High Attendance Day Emphasis:** The purpose is to have a large number of unsaved people and inactive church members to be present in Sunday School for the opening service of revival. Some suggestions for this emphasis are:
- Set a high attendance goal for Sunday School that will challenge your people, but one that is within reach.
 - Setting the tone should be done by the pastor with the help of the Sunday School director.
 - Use a proven method to reach the goal such as "Friend Day" or "Don't Break the Chain."
 - Kick off the revival with a high attendance event. It is a mistake not to have a high attendance event. It will set the tone for the whole event.
- 4. Pack-a-Pew Emphasis:** The purpose is to fill the church building for one service by enlisted leaders who adopt a pew or pews and are responsible for filling them with people. This is hard work but it has proven to be very effective over the years. Some suggestions for this emphasis are:
- Designate pew captains from among the leadership. Choose staff members, Sunday School teachers, WMU, deacons, youth, et cetera.
 - Make it a contest and award the winner a (small) prize.
 - Call this Pack-a-Row for Revival in churches without pews.
- 5. Sunday School Emphasis:** The purpose is to have your average Sunday School attendance during a weeknight revival service. For example: if you average 150 in Sunday School on a normal Sunday, you attempt to have at least 150 in the revival service on this night. Some suggestions for this emphasis are:
- Each department will sit together and each teacher will sit with his/her class.
 - Pews (or chairs) will be marked to show people where to sit.
 - The Sunday School director should introduce every Sunday School teacher.
 - Sunday School Emphasis Night should be promoted for at least four weeks through the Sunday School before the actual night. Every person enrolled in Sunday School should be contacted.

- 6. Bring a Friend Night Emphasis:** The purpose is to have entire families attend and sit together. Unsaved relatives are more likely to attend on a Family Night Emphasis than on any other night. Suggestions:
- Encourage your members to invite their friends at least two weeks before the service and then before the service.
 - Offer to pick up your friend(s) and let them ride with you. Many people will come when invited by a friend.
- 7. Family Night Emphasis:** The purpose is to have entire families attend and sit together. Unsaved relatives are more likely to attend on a Family Night Emphasis than on any other night. Suggestions:
- You should inform and encourage entire families to sit together on Family Night.
 - Those who are regular church attendees should invite nonchurched family members and friends to this service and encourage them to sit with your family.
 - People attending without families should always be “adopted” for the night by other families so that no one feels left out.
 - The evangelist should consider preaching a message on “The Home” and include a clear gospel presentation.

Example Countdown Calendar

Six weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
➤ Enlist team members and begin planning.	
Five weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
➤ Decide on what specific emphases your team will incorporate for each service to build attendance.	
➤ Set attendance goals for each service.	
Four weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
➤ Decide on what prizes will be given and designate someone to purchase them.	
➤ Having a quality children and youth emphasis calls for organization, which is the key.	
Three weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
➤ Prepare necessary materials: tickets for pizza blasts and so forth.	
➤ Enlist committed workers to sign up to assist in the emphasis.	
➤ Announce high attendance goals and upcoming attendance emphases in all church services and bulletins.	

Two weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote a sense of competition among group leaders to see who will reach their attendance goals. ➤ Post and state all attendance goals publicly. ➤ Assist all ministry teams with their attendance emphases. 	
One week before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to promote all special emphases with pulpit announcements, flyers, telephone calls, letters, and with personal visits when applicable. ➤ Confirm who is responsible for ordering and delivery of pizza, et cetera for youth and children emphases. The person should know how it is to be paid for or charged. 	
During the week of the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage youth and children to be present at each revival service. ➤ Continue to promote the upcoming event at each service. 	

Additional Suggestions

- Use commitment cards to enlist people to be present at each service.
- Encourage all Sunday School leaders to announce special emphases in their classes every week for the four weeks leading up to the revival services.
- Present all of the emphases continuously before the church, community, and prospects. It is impossible for this team to over communicate all of the emphases to the church. It is a mistake to conduct a revival event and not have special emphases. You may not always reach your goals, but you will always have persons who would not have come except for the special emphasis.