
The Month Before Easter

It's the month before Easter and you work at a church. What should you do during this time to prepare for the upcoming Easter weekend?

Here are a few ideas on how to maximize the month before Easter.

1. Prepare for guests.

During a time of welcome, specifically welcome those who are attending your church for the first time or for the first time in a long time. Point them to a location where they could pick up a welcome gift – this could be a message CD or a gift bag. And you've still got time to make something like this happen.

2. Prepare for givers.

People who visit your church for the first time might want to participate in the offering – people DO want to give. So prepare to personally thank them by sending a hand-written thank you note. Better yet, send this.

3. Change your printed bulletin.

If you do a printed bulletin with upcoming events, change it up for easter. Guest don't need to know what's coming – they need to know what happens each and every week. Your printed bulletin should talk about your regular ministries, not your special event.

4. Pray.

Pull your staff, leaders, family, or small groups for a time of prayer for Easter weekend. Invite people to a specific place at a specific time to pray for everything that is going to happen. You can still schedule an old-fashioned prayer meeting.

5. Take some time off.

Easter Weekend or Easter Sunday is going to be a busy and important day. One of the best things you can do is take a day off. Work hard to get everything ready by Thursday so you can relax on Thursday or Friday. Make sure you have time to prepare your heart and mind – and you can't do that if you're running around at the last minute.