

Appendix 1

101 Outreach Ideas for Small Churches

1. Sponsor a school or classroom
2. Angel Food Ministry
3. Family movie night
4. Super Bowl party
5. Resource center for senior programs, etc
6. Host a music concert
7. Block party
8. Community festival
9. Halloween alternative
10. Community heroes
11. Christmas nativity tour
12. Community garden
13. Art show
14. Build a labyrinth
15. Free hotdog lunch
16. School supplies
17. Parents' night out
18. Mother's morning out
19. Partner to raise money for a local cause
20. Invite former members back — homecoming
21. Themed worship
22. Recognize special groups
23. Pulpit exchange or joint worship with other congregations
24. Community VBS
25. Community Thanksgiving service
26. Thanksgiving for singles, seniors, and others
27. Trunk-or-treat
28. Day camps
29. Multi-generational groups
30. Crafting, Scrapbooking, Quilt-making groups
31. Day trips for seniors
32. Senior adult programs, lunch
33. Talent show
34. Church yard sale
35. Blessing of the animals
36. Free carwash
37. Make a difference day
38. Martin Luther King day events
39. English as a second language classes
40. Computer access
41. Computer training
42. Grief workshop

43. Grandparent's day
44. Mother's day
45. Father's day
46. Advent activities, booklet, devotion guide
47. Milestone celebrations — anniversary, debt-free, etc
48. Achievement recognition — ball teams, championships, etc
49. Election day activities
50. County or State Fair booth
51. Tradeshow booth
52. Tourism booth
53. Homebound ministry
54. Grief ministry
55. Nursing home ministry
56. Report card rewards
57. Skate park
58. Soundcheck like event
59. Lock in
60. Lock out
61. Youth service corps
62. Door-to-door food collection
63. Christmas parties for seniors, kids, families, target groups
64. School recognition
65. College day
66. Financial Peace courses
67. Driving courses that target very young or AARP groups
68. Election forums
69. Non-profit helping agency fair
70. Volunteer recognition and thanks
71. Social services, community action partnerships recognition
72. Literacy program
73. Addiction programs
74. Single adult programs
75. Single parent groups
76. Special needs events
77. Health screenings
78. Diet and cooking classes
79. Book discussions
80. Neighborhood inventories and assessments
81. Prayer ministry
82. Open sanctuary or prayer room
83. Daily office
84. Taize services
85. Community celebration events
86. Community unity events
87. Community newsletter or bulletin board
88. Newborn gifts

89. Newcomer welcome baskets
90. Graduate recognition
91. Community music program for children or seniors
92. Helping resource inventory and volunteer directory
93. Home blessings
94. Weddings and funerals
95. Boy Scout, Girl Scout, B&G club Sundays
96. Second Sunday fellowships
97. Personalized invitation
98. Easter, Palm Sunday invitations
99. Food, clothing, and cleaning supplies pantry
100. Civic Club Sunday
101. Family Skate night

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