

“Pastor Appreciation”

Pastor’s Family Appreciation

This Sunday October 6, 2024 is our Pastor Appreciation Sunday at WCOG! I am so glad we set aside a certain Sunday each year to honor our Pastors, but here’s something to think about: If a man owned a modest sized company with hundreds of employees, and he offered them good wages and benefits, plus job security, wouldn’t it seem odd, if his employees just showed the owner their appreciation once a year? Wouldn’t they want to show your appreciation often?

Don’t you imagine the owner of that company dealt with a plethora of problems, issues, and difficulties, with really high stress levels at times, sleepless nights, missed meals, and precious time away from his family, none of which his employees would ever know anything about? Over the course of just one year, this man would have had to make untold selfless sacrifices to keep his company afloat and his employees safe.

And what about his family? There’s an old adage that says: “Behind every successful man is a strong woman.” AI explains it - “that emphasizes the idea that a man's success is often dependent on the support and work of his wife.” I would add that behind every successful business leader and especially every Pastor, is a wife and children who are constantly making sacrifices, and are very gracious and forgiving towards all of the broken promises they have heard over the years!

We as “sheep” can’t make up for, or adequately compensate them for the many sacrifices our Pastors and their families have to make on a regular basis, but what we CAN do is to let our Pastors, their wives and their children know how grateful we are for the unseen daily sacrifices they make, and any struggles they may have.

Having been involved in Christian ministry for decades, one thing that really, really blesses me, is when someone I have helped in some small way, sends me a “thank you” card, letting me know how much they appreciate whatever it is I have done for them. If you appreciate our Pastors, their wives and their children, thank them often for what they have done! Send them a “thank you” card!

Do you think our Pastors preached a good sermon, or taught a good lesson? TELL then so! They get their confirmation from God, but also need an occasional “atta boy” from their sheep! Want to bless our Pastors and their wives? Give them an occasional Visa gift card so they can dine out or buy something special for themselves! Bottom line: show them your appreciation throughout the year! Amen!