

SAY THANKS WITH A KISS SUNDAY!

Saying 'thank you' to your congregation is very important. We do not say it enough nor well. But here is a way to say 'thank you', never to be forgotten. And it is fun and different.

On a Sunday near Valentine's Day have a church leader make a public statement of thank you in the worship service. Make it a genuine word of thanks whether the previous year was a good year or not. It makes no difference, just say 'thank you'. I can guarantee you there are people in your church who gave sacrificially and they need to hear this. If you believe it is important to give a financial report, make it brief. Very brief! The word of gratitude is the essential part. However, have printed copies of the end-of-the-year financial report on hand for any who wish to pick one up after the service. (Not many will want one).

Now here is the surprise! So that people will experience your gratitude, have members of the Finance / Stewardship Committee (with name tags, preferably) at the doors as people leave to give them kisses, that is....candy kisses (and hugs!). Don't forget the choir who often leaves by another door. If any want a real kiss....well, what can I say?

Your people will not forget this gesture and will expect it next year!

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