

How each department can Gather & Hold interests

Part 1.

People are important

Objectives:

You want to get people to meet Jesus and surrender their life to Him.

You want them to attend church or the church program, and return.

If none of the principles and procedures work in your church it will be because you did not make them work. By applying them on a protracted basis the results will be evident.

1. Compile a major interest list of all individuals who attend(ed) the church.
2. Each department of the church should have an interest list.
3. Each event is not solely for the church but for others, so all are to register.
4. Most church programs can be for the community.
5. Don't be complacent in the church ... like it is your home and you can say and do whatever you want to do.
6. Register new comers at every at church event.
7. Take attendance at each event.
8. Send invitations for every event.
9. Send invitations for every church service by Wednesday.
10. The Guest Book is the Best source of hot interests.
11. Make sure the Guest Book is properly filled out.
12. Station a greeter and guest book or Guest cards at each entrance of the church – Back entrance, side entrance, front entrance.
13. Marketing agencies and companies spend millions collecting data on you.
14. Don't broadcast negative seminars about the church's ills on the internet or invite friends to these seminars. Example, "Molestation in the church."
15. The church is so geared in getting a blessing for themselves that they don't seek to save the lost.
16. Community Guest Day should not have a Guest Speaker. It is not Community Guest Speaker Day ... it is Community Guest day where you invite the community to know what it is like to be at your church. Community Guest day should have one of your own pastors speaking. When you invite a guest speaker for community guest day ... you are not introducing your community to your church as it really is. Your Guest speaker will not be there to minister to your guests.
17. Invite a Guest Speaker for some other program and not community Guest Day.
18. Once the church is trained then start inviting people to church.
19. Every Sabbath guest should be invited to church.
20. Train the church how to behave each sabbath prior to inviting people.

How to Get People wanting to return to Church

21. Give them a gift for coming - a book, Card, CD, or copy of the sermon.
22. Send out thank you cards for attending.
23. Visit them and thank them for coming.
24. Take a survey for their needs – Do you need prayer, Bible study, a visit, counseling, etc.?
25. Don't make your visitor stay all day in church. They have other obligations. If you weary them, they will not come back.
26. Invite them to fellowship dinner and see them off.
27. How to make the church service shorter. Have short church services. Stop killing the influence of the church service by long protracted preliminaries.
28. Eliminate announcements during church service. Announcements can be made during intermission period from 10:45 to 10:55 AM.
29. STOP BEGGING or GUILT TRIPPING people during church **service for money**. Get members to sabbath school and Bible studies and train them to give systematically. Many visitors believe the church only wants money. All new members should have a stewardship study as a part of their baptismal preparation. New Believers Class should also teach them the value of giving back to God in tithes and offerings. Teach them how to use the tithe envelop and to have it already filled prior to getting to church that morning.
30. STOP PUBLICALLY MAKING GOD A CURSER RATHER THAN A BLESSER – You are CURSED WITH CURSE for not giving to God your money – meaning giving it to the church.
31. **Announcements** can be scrolled on the monitors prior to divine hour.
32. Don't worry about making announcements during church service the people are not listening anyway.
33. The Best way to get people to do things in the church is to personally ask them not by making announcements.
34. God gave the body rhythms. People are made to eat around noon.
35. Church preliminaries should only last 30 minutes. Give the Pastor 45 to an hour plus to preach.
36. Eliminate things from divine service that should not be there.
37. The church service should flow with no introductions of who is doing what next.
38. People should be seated close by podium to stand when their time has come.
39. No special music should be getting up from their seat and walking to front of the church to sing. Special music should be already seated at the front pew and get up unannounced to sing.
40. No lengthy introductions for the musician or singer. If they are good ... the people will find out.
41. The divine service was not designed for Health talks, have an afternoon service to talk about health. People come for Christ not to be a vegan or vegetarian. Have special seminars on a regular basis on health in the afternoons or another day. When Non-SDAs come to church and hear health talks before the sermon – they conclude that they must conform to these health principles before they can be a part of the church. This alienates People from seeing and receiving Salvation.
42. Personal ministries time should be to 5 min. only. PM time should include a short testimony of what God did in the witnessing team not a sermon, lecture or speech.

43. Testimonies should be only 2 minutes and pre-screened, and planned.
44. Don't entertain people feeling impressed unless you are impressed, they are impressed. Let them tell the pastor their testimony before giving it before the people. **SPECIALLY SCREEN VISITORS WHO WANT TO SHARE. KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO SAY FIRST.**
45. Stop Sabbath school on time. Teachers are tempted to go over time because more people start coming at the end of Sabbath school.
46. No speeches for offering, scripture, announcements, or children's story,
47. If people know you start late, they will come late.
48. Children's story should be timed at 4 minutes and a bell should ring at the 3-minute mark.
49. Children's story should not be a covert sermon aimed at the adults.
50. Top embarrassing people by announcing to the whole church ... this is my son, pray for he will stop sinning and turn his life over to God.
51. Pastors should avoid making announcements, only preach when it's their time. When a person keeps making announcements during the service, they lessen their impact when they preach.
52. It is sabbath all day, but it isn't church all day.

Sample Church Worship Day:

Early Morning Prayer Warriors. 8:15 to 9:15.

Sabbath School Preliminaries 9:15 to 9:30

Bible study from 9:30 to 10:45.

Intermission with announcements and monitors – scrolling announcements. 10:45 to 10:50.

Attendance should be taken in each Sabbath School Class and missing members are to be called before the day is over. Every Teacher is to make sure they contact the parents by Wednesday to make sure their Child is in Sabbath School on time.

Preliminaries – 11 to 11:30

Message – 11:30 to 12:30.

Recessional 12:30 to 12:45

Fellowship dinner: 12:45 to 2PM.

Departmental Meetings. 2 to 2:30PM.

Training from 2:35 to 3:35.

(There should be Training – not church Bible study in the afternoon – only individual studies preparing people to find Christ). The purpose of Sabbath School is to have Bible Study. Get people to Sabbath School. If people are not getting to Sabbath School, it is only because you have not made Sabbath School a priority. **THE WHOLE CHURCH SHOULD BE AT SABBATH SCHOOL.** Visitors can come initially at 11 divine service, but members are to be in Church by Sabbath School unless they are bringing guests. Teachers, and officers who are busy on Sabbath Morning can have their Sabbath School Lesson on a conference line on Friday evenings.

The church should be out giving Bible studies & making visitations in the afternoon.

Church Out Reach from 3:35 to 5PM.

AY from 5 to 5:45.

