



CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

Paul admonishes this in his first letter to Timothy. *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.* 1 Timothy 5:17 NAS

Suggestions include:

- ❖ Plan a special appreciation service during the normal worship service. Consider inviting a special guest speaker to honor the pastor and ministerial staff.
- ❖ Set up a "leafless" tree that can be decorated with a money or a variety of small gifts (favorite candy or cookies; fishing flies, etc.)
- ❖ Provide to your pastor and ministerial staff a gift certificate for a nice restaurant, 2-3 day stay at a nice hotel or resort, tickets to a favorite sports events, gift certificate for bookstore, etc.
- ❖ Present a packet of personal service coupons such as lawn service, childcare, etc.
- ❖ Assist in completing a home project.
- ❖ Send personal notes of appreciation.
- ❖ Offer an opportunity for the congregation to share testimonies of appreciation throughout the month for the pastor and ministerial staff.

Share Your Results:

Please email me at dspeight@cbgc.org a note as to how you as a congregation demonstrated care and appreciation for your pastor and ministerial staff. Your idea(s) may serve to help other congregations.