

101 Outreach Ideas for Your Church

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People can doubt your faith and disagree with your theology, but they can't deny it when you serve them. Here are 101 simple, mostly low-cost ways to show your city the love of Jesus before they ever walk through your doors.

Simple Giveaways That Make an Impact

1. Hand out bottled water on a hot day.
2. Hand out bottles of water at a local race.
3. Offer to bring a cheer team to a local race.
4. Hand out hot chocolate or coffee on a cold day.
5. Provide free snacks at a hospital waiting room.
6. Pass out \$5 gift cards outside a grocery store.
7. Give away McDonald's gift cards for a free dessert.
8. Set up a free car wash—"No tips accepted!"
9. Sponsor a food truck for a community event.
10. Leave goodie bags for teachers in your host school.
11. Pass out LED flashlight keychains after an event.
12. Hand out free popsicles at a busy park.
13. Give out gas gift cards at a local gas station.
14. Offer to pay for people's laundry at a laundromat.

15. Purchase a Starbucks gift card and post the barcode on Instagram for the community to use.
16. Provide free bottled water outside busy gyms.
17. Pass out study snacks to college students before exams.
18. Give away reusable shopping bags with your church logo at grocery stores.
19. Offer free dog walking for local neighborhoods.
20. Sponsor a "free dessert" night at a restaurant and hand out church invite cards.

Serving at Community Events

21. Volunteer to clean up after a local sporting event.
22. Offer to help with festival setup or teardown.
23. Participate in a community parade and give out church swag.
24. Run a booth at a school festival with fun prizes.
25. Offer to help at a city-sponsored event (Fourth of July, Christmas, etc.).

- 26. Provide free coffee at a train or bus station on a cold morning.
- 27. Offer to help clean up after a school carnival.
- 28. Sponsor an ice cream truck at a summer event.
- 29. Set up a prayer station at a community festival.
- 30. Provide a bounce house for a neighborhood block party.

Partnering With Schools & Educators

- 31. Buy lunch for teachers at a local school.
- 32. Sponsor a field day at an elementary school.
- 33. Provide classroom supply gift cards for teachers.
- 34. Offer to clean and update the teachers' break room.
- 35. Give away packs of gum to students on their way to class at a local college.
- 36. Pass out free school supplies.
- 37. Offer to carry trays at a school's restaurant spirit night.
- 38. Host a pizza and soda party for first-year college students.
- 39. Bring Gatorade to sports teams after practice.
- 40. Buy coffee for teachers on the first day of school.
- 41. Pack a school teachers' lounge with snacks and drinks.
- 42. Offer to babysit for single parents for free.
- 43. Sponsor prom dresses for students in need.
- 44. Provide free back-to-school haircuts for kids.

- 45. Hand out free popsicles or snacks to parents in school pickup lines.
- 46. Adopt a classroom for the year and cover its supply wish list.
- 47. Offer to sponsor school event tickets for students in need.
- 48. Partner with a local university to provide free dorm move-in help.
- 49. Help with landscaping and school beautification projects.
- 50. Start a before-school breakfast club for students.

Community Service Projects

- 51. Clean up a local park with your launch team.
- 52. Offer free lawn care for a neighborhood.
- 53. Organize a gutter-cleaning day.
- 54. Help repaint an under-resourced church.
- 55. Coordinate with the city to build a playground.
- 56. Pick up trash after a community event.
- 57. Paint over graffiti in the city.
- 58. Organize a fall leaf-raking day.
- 59. Offer free oil changes for single moms.
- 60. Volunteer at a local food bank.
- 61. Set up a community gardening project.
- 62. Offer to repaint a local community center.
- 63. Sponsor a free community-wide BBQ event.

- 64. Provide fresh baked goods at a community event.
- 65. Build wheelchair ramps for elderly or disabled neighbors.

Helping People in Need

- 66. Hand out sack lunches to homeless individuals.
- 67. Pass out warm socks to the homeless in winter.
- 68. Provide free coffee in an emergency room waiting area.
- 69. Give away baby wipes and diapers to new moms.
- 70. Become a Samaritan's Purse drop-off location.
- 71. Collect unused makeup for a women's shelter.
- 72. Help at a community Thanksgiving meal.
- 73. Provide hygiene kits for homeless individuals.
- 74. Assemble weekend food backpacks for students facing food insecurity.
- 75. Bring donuts and coffee to first responders.
- 76. Host a clothing drive for a local shelter.
- 77. Sponsor a free dental screening event.
- 78. Provide free vision screenings in partnership with a local optometrist.
- 79. Host a mental health awareness event.
- 80. Organize a toy drive during the holidays.
- 82. Organize a trunk-or-treat event.
- 83. Host a community Easter egg hunt.
- 84. Plan a 5th-quarter hangout after a football game.
- 85. Pass out free movie tickets at a theater.
- 86. Buy lunch for city workers or police officers.
- 87. Host a worship night at a local coffee shop.
- 88. Offer free family portraits in an underserved community.
- 89. Organize a sidewalk chalk art event for families.
- 90. Provide free babysitting for a parents' night out.
- 91. Sponsor a community game night with board games and snacks.
- 92. Host a back-to-school party after church for the beginning of the school year.
- 93. Offer to host a free community pet adoption day.
- 94. Hand out ice cream sandwiches on a hot day.
- 95. Organize a kindness rock-painting event.
- 96. Provide free lunch for community volunteers.
- 97. Set up a "free repair day" for bicycles, strollers, or wheelchairs.
- 98. Hand out umbrellas on a rainy day.
- 99. Organize a "thank you" event for local community leaders.
- 100. Offer resume and job interview coaching for job seekers.

Fun & Creative Outreaches

- 81. Host a "Movies on the Lawn" night.

- 101. Sponsor a CPR training day in the community.