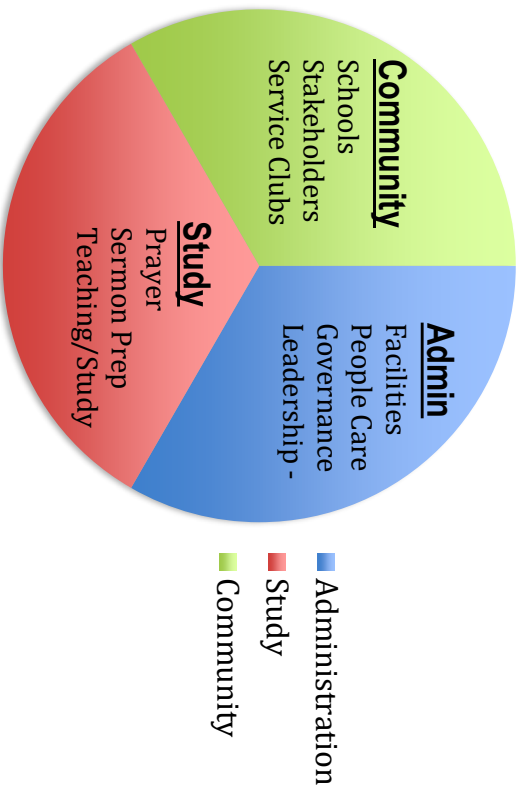
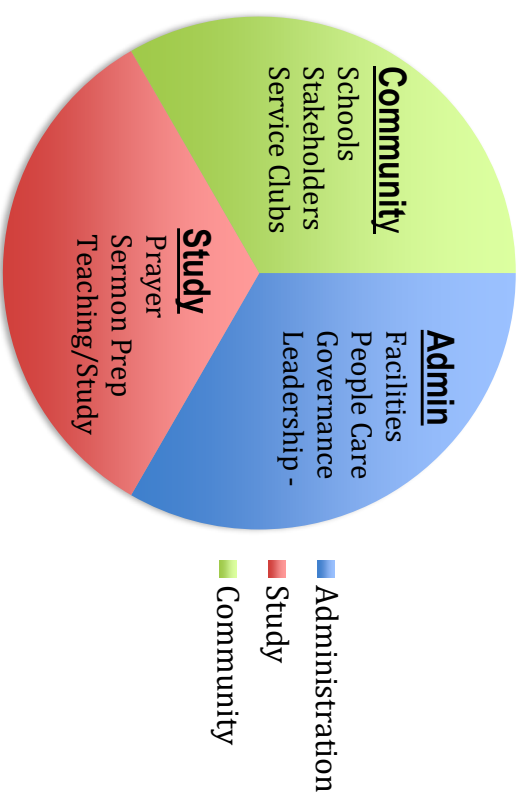


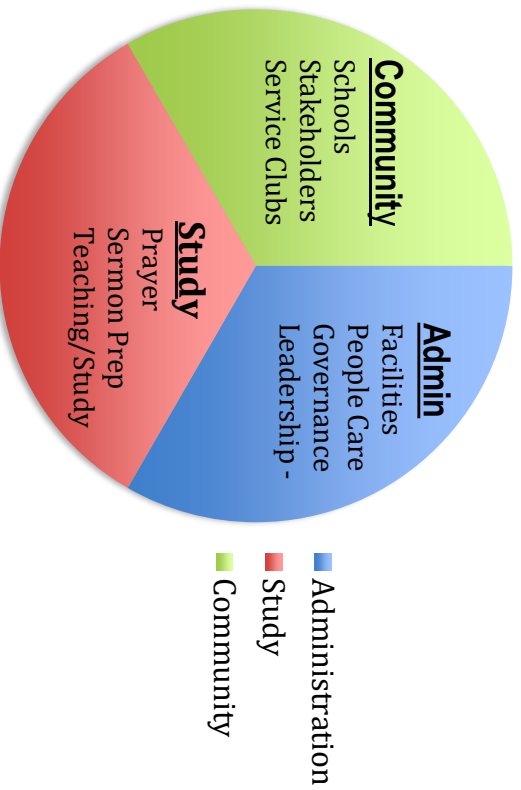
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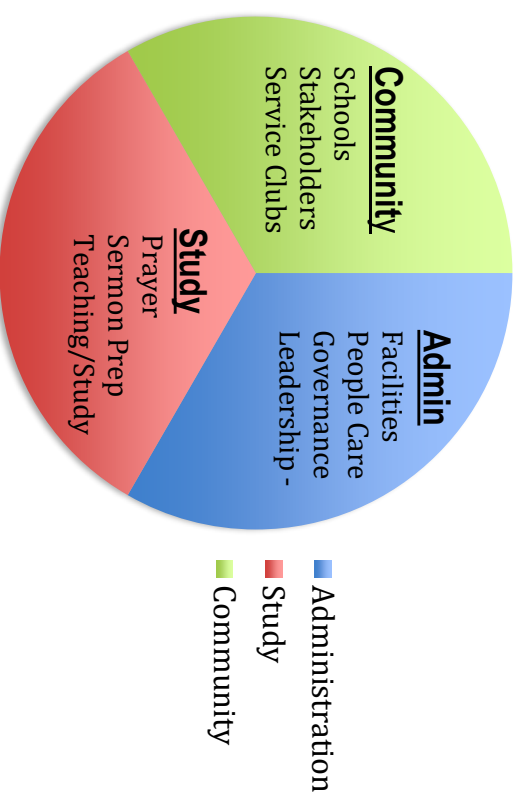
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Becoming the Best Friend of Your School System



1. Drive a bus
2. Adopt a school—(National Adopt a School Initiative)www.tonyevans.org
3. Adopt a Teacher, Educator, or Principal
4. Sponsor special appreciation gifts or banquet for school staff www.nea.org/teacherday
5. People to recognize with appreciation gifts or a meal (www.harvestresources.com):
 - Bus Drivers Custodial Staff
 - Coaches Security Officers or School Crossing Guards
 - Secretaries PTA volunteers
 - School Nurse Superintendent or Principals
 - Teacher Aides School Board Members
 - Student Council Class Officers
6. Adopt children of military families that have been deployed.
7. Sponsor sports related advertising space
8. Sponsor a cleanup date on a school campus
9. Host a back to school event
10. Host a Halloween alternative at the school or at your church
11. Throw a party at the school... (National Ice Cream day, National Watermelon Day, National Hot Dog Day)
12. Sponsor a speaker for a school assembly or a parents conference
13. Sponsor a veterans or patriotic program at school
14. Sponsor special Teachers Appreciation week projects (www.schoollife.org)
15. Donate backpacks, clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, gloves, coats, or blankets to needy school families
16. Sponsor a bereavement seminar (www.ICriedToo.org)
17. Sponsor Honor Roll awards or National Honor Society gifts
18. Sponsor a Valentine's Day Party-send flowers, chocolates, or cards to teachers
19. Sponsor and care for flower boxes or flower beds on campus
20. Donate a new flag to the school
21. Have church members be reading buddies in the elementary school
22. Take snacks or food to the teachers' lounge
23. Offer your church building for the school to use for events
24. Have free car washes for the school staff
25. Sponsor taking bottled water the teachers' lounge
26. Assist single moms at the school
27. Sponsor a licensed and insured petting zoo for your local school
28. Donate appropriate books, videos, DVD's, and CD's to the school library and after care clubs
29. Provide and train volunteers, senior citizens, and retired businessmen and women as mentors
30. Sponsor free eye exams and glasses
31. Provide free tickets to faith--based events in your community
32. Sponsor dental products like toothbrushes to your school
33. Sponsor a health fair
34. Enjoy lunch with your students
35. Sponsor a faith--based concert
36. Provide school supplies for teachers and students
37. Provide bicycles for kids in need
38. Sponsor a "Student of the week" or "Athlete of the week"
39. Sponsor new playground and sport equipment
40. Help sponsor project graduation event
41. Sponsor a parent's night out
42. Sponsor a marriage retreat for school staff
43. Organize a seminar or assembly on fishing, hunting, etc.

10 OUTREACHES FOR RURAL CHURCHES

1. **Meet with your community stake holders** - Be intentional in developing solid relationships with your community leaders.

Book - *Church of Irresistible Influence* - Robert Lewis

2. **Public School Involvement** - Be the best friend of your school system

Book - *Helping Public Schools* - Jim Schmidt

3. **Adoption programs** - Adopt community service providers/school staff/fireman, police, etc...

Book - *Externally Focused Church* - Eric Swanson

4. **Community Special Event involvement** - Be intentional in being involved in your communities special events.

Book - *101 Ways to Reach Your Community* - Steve Sjogren

5. **Shoe/School supply distribution** - RC could help resource your church by providing shoes or school supplies for your community. Get more details by emailing Kristina Henson

- khenson@convoyofhope.org

6. **Food Pantry/Clothing Closet/Thrift Store Ministry** - Offer your community help by providing food or clothing. Get more details by emailing Kristina Henson - khenson@convoyofhope.org

7. **Bible Distribution - Fireman/Police** - Give community volunteers and employees like Fireman/Police specialty Bibles

To order Bibles go to www.christianbooks.com

8. **Helping Hands Ministry** - Designate a group in your church to be 100% committed to finding ways to serve your community - www.outreachmagazine.com go to library link then to ideas

9. **CERT Training** - CERT offers free training that will certify members of your church to be disaster relief responders and providers. www.citizencorps.gov/cert

10. **Offer "Need Based" Programs** - Celebrate Recovery, MOPS, Financial Peace, Fireproof Marriage training, etc.

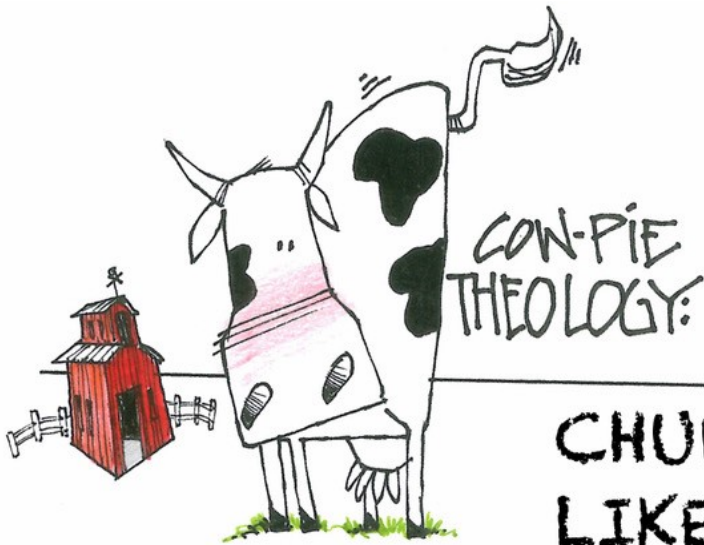
SMALL TOWNS, BIG POSSIBILITIES.



Community Adoption Ideas



- 4--H Club
- Adopt a block
- Adopt a cemetery
- Adopt a school or specific class
- Adopt a social worker
- Adopt a street
- Adopt a veterinarian
- Adopt elementary school teacher (needs, prayer requests)
- Adopt nursing home workers
- Adopt soldiers/vets
- Angel Food ministry
- Animal Shelters
- Annual events
- Chamber of Commerce
- Changing oil for single moms
- Child adoption support
- City Council
- Coaches
- College Presidents
- Colleges
- Community Center
- Community Theater
- Day Cares
- Dept. of Transportation
- Designated Drivers
- Domestic Violence Center
- Factory Administrators
- Fire chief
- Fire Department
- Food Pantry
- Foster parents
- Golf Course
- Historical Society
- Homecoming cleanup
- Homeless shelter
- Hospitals
- Library
- Lions Club
- Main street
- Mayor
- Meals on wheels
- Medical Clinic
- Mentor youth—freedom for youth
- Multicultural help— bilingual helper
- Museum
- Newspaper Editor
- Non-profits
- Nursing Home
- Other Churches
- Paint a classroom
- Parks/Playgrounds
- Plant flowers/ clean sidewalks
- Police—be a city minister
- Pray for business owners
- Pregnancy Center
- Prison
- Racetracks
- Recreational Staff
- Restaurants
- Revitalize old buildings
- Rotary Club
- School Boards
- Schools
- Senior Center
- Single parent ministry
- Skateboarders
- Small business'
- Sport Leagues
- Spruce up Teachers Lounge
- Store Fronts
- Teacher Appreciation
- Town Square
- Toys for Tots
- Treatment Center/Half--way House
- Veterans
- Wal--Mart Manager
- Wash windows
- Welcome Signs
- Welcome Wagon
- Widow Ministry
- Women Shelter
- Yard work for seniors
- YMCA
- Youth Shelter



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