Would You Be Willing to host a <u>Superintendents' Gathering</u> for Superintendents in Your Community?

I'm looking for a church that would be willing to host a <u>free</u> SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' GATHERING in your area. This will be a delightful opportunity for Sunday School Superintendents in your community to meet for an evening of prayer and encouragement. Hopefully it will also expand many churches' Sunday School vision and help sharpen each church's focus.

I'm a retired professor of Christian Education and have conducted several of these Gatherings before moving to the Tampa area three years ago. I've also served as a Supt. in several churches. These get-togethers are not denominational and the material does not require a change in curriculum. THERE IS NO FEE INVOLVED and there is no further commitment of any kind for the host church or those who attend.

The churches which seems to benefit most from this evening are smaller churches which have a traditional Sunday School program with a Sunday School teacher in each class.

I ask each superintendent to come **prepared to share** his/her "two best ideas" about the job of serving as superintendent. These may deal with recruiting teachers and helpers, training new workers, mentoring seasoned teachers, keeping records, adopting new ideas, adapting to our changing culture, motivational ideas, time savers, organizational ideas, or anything that has been useful to you. It could even be a brief review of a book about the art and craft of teaching.

We'll gather for 2 hours. Come early and enjoy a <u>light snack</u>. It's always nice if the host church can provide desserts or salads & drinks, otherwise perhaps I can supply small tasteless granola bars and bottled water, myself.

1. We'll start promptly at 7 pm and the first 45 minutes will be spent in **groups of 6-8 people, listening** to each others' "two best ideas" and taking notes.

2. During the second segment of the evening I'll lead a **<u>Q&A session</u>** about issues which face most SS Superintendents. Any questions are fair game, but no magic wands will be distributed.

3. Then we will spend <u>20 minutes in groups of threes or fours praying</u> earnestly for each others' Sunday Schools: our Bible teachers, our students, our vision, our needs, our problem teachers, our future teachers, and so on.

4. I'll close the evening with a <u>brief challenge</u> and some thoughts on the *CARE & FEEDING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.* Each superintendent present will receive a <u>dozen free ideas</u> from a small book I've written which has 200+ suggestions [and mini-assignments] for mentoring their Sunday School teaching staffs. Although I'll have this book available for purchase, I assure you this is not an session focused on selling my book. The evening is simply my gift to the Sunday School ministry in Tampa. I live in Land O' Lakes.

There is also a FREE <u>25-page packet of materials</u> for each church with suggestions about training teachers, a sample "Child Protection Policy" for you to adapt to your church needs, as well as job descriptions, and a half dozen other topics.

Before I arrive I'd like to have the names of those attending <u>so that I can pray</u> for them individually. Pastors are welcome to accompany their Sunday School superintendents, and each superintendent may invite one teacher only for the evening.

Some gatherings have been conducted for just on one denomination; most gatherings have been multi-denominational.

If your church cannot host an evening like this, would you be so kind as to pass write to me to suggest another church which might be able to pull this off? Thanks.

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Consider also hosting a one-day BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP in your church for you teaching staff. See the pdf <u>Bible Teachers' Workshop</u> manual.



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