

30+ Useful Items Found in Church Bulletins

What might be helpful in your church's bulletin?

I've spoken in 100 churches and picked up 100 church bulletins. Here's what I found.

1. The Bible verse-of-the-week, often from the sermon
** also a salvation verse-of-the-week*
2. Prayer: missionary of the week, college student of the week, service personnel [*some add birthdays or anniversaries*]
** email address to send prayer requests*
** special needs of missionary families*
3. Prayer-Chain contact and how to get your name added to the chain
4. Next baptism date
5. Order of worship: many omit this
** Are there children's classes during 11 am service and evening service? Rooms?*
6. Sermon title: and passage, many include outline of pastor's notes (insert)
7. List of missionaries & ministries
8. Phone # of "deacon or elder of the week" for emergencies that week
9. YouTube address or QR code for salvation message
10. Website, or "How to find us live on Facebook," church email, phone
11. A "Word from the Pastor"
12. Last week's attendance and offering
** some include giving to missionaries*
13. Email of contact person
14. Servant of the week/month
15. Names of nursery workers
16. List of adult Sunday School classes: sometimes topic of the week/quarter *plus new classes*
** regular mid-week schedule: prayer mtg, youth, children, plus rooms*
17. Upcoming events, very abbreviated
18. Reminder to turn off cell phones
19. Tear-off:
** request for visit, or transportation to church*
** request for friend in hospital*
** request for info regarding membership, baptism, financial help*
20. Regular events of the week/month [*by age group*]
21. Brief Statement of Faith, or information on how to get it
22. How to give: offering boxes in back, on-line, etc.
23. How to find church bookstore, library, lost & found
24. Food & clothing pantry
25. Spanish translation, *lobby signs?*
26. Nursing mothers' room, *lobby signs?*
27. Fragrance-free area, *lobby signs?*
28. How to get involved, contact person, phone
29. Denominational affiliation
30. Bible reading schedule
31. Scripture memory schedule
32. Seasonal events
33. Where is the information booth?
34. Staff names: elders? pastors? deacons? key ladies?
** How to report trouble or irregularities.*
35. Office hours, holiday hours also, phone, best email

Many churches take advantage of the bulletin to allow the various ministries to give details. Four such announcements can fit on a half sheet of 8 1/2x11 paper—front and back. Info includes: contact #, date, time, room or location, cost, registration (?), purpose, highlights.