



Dear Pastor:

Greetings from Lattimore, North Carolina. I am excited about the meetings with you. I look forward to good fellowship with you, and also I deeply desire to be an encouragement to you and to your people.

I am confident that God is able to work in hearts without any help from man, these are some ideas for you to consider as you begin your preparation for the meeting. Let me emphasize, that these are only suggestions. You know what will work best for your people, but these are ideas that have been tried and have proven useful.

First of all, I would like to give some general suggestions that I believe are important in having an effective meeting.

General suggestions:

1. Prepare your people from the pulpit by preaching strong revival-type messages a few weeks prior to the meeting. You could preach a series from the Minor Prophets.
2. Mentally prepare your people by encouraging them several weeks in advance to keep their calendar clear during the week of meetings, canceling everything that is not absolutely necessary.
3. Cancel extra activities of the church and the Christian school that are not directly related to the meetings.
4. Pray publicly for God's blessings on the meeting several weeks in advance.
5. Accumulate names for a prayer list several weeks prior to the meetings and prepare a prayer list for your people.
6. Send a letter to your church members reminding them of the importance of the meetings for them personally.

In addition to these general suggestions, there are several other issues that, if addressed, will help the meetings to be more effective.

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Ushers: Ushers play an important part in successful revival meetings. Prior to the meetings share these ideas with the ushers.

1. Be in the foyer to greet people 15-20 minutes before each service.
2. Inform mothers with babies of the location of the nursery.
3. Keep people from entering the auditorium during special music. ***The message of the song can be lost by this distraction.***

Personal workers: Please have a training session with the personal workers. All the efforts of the week are wasted if people are not dealt with properly. Personal workers need to know that if they cannot lead the inquirer to a decision, the pastor or evangelist should be called to help, rather than letting the person go with their spiritual needs not met.

Music: Remember that Greg and Heather Murray will be with us during the meetings. If it is acceptable with you, Greg will lead the congregational singing, the crusade choir (your church choir), and coordinate the special music for the meetings. Our team will provide all the special music, except for the Sunday morning choir number. Greg has enclosed his preparation materials with details concerning the music ministry. I know they will be a blessing.

Love Offering Issues: If you don't mind, I request that the Thursday night (Tuesday night if a Sunday - Wednesday meeting) offering be designated for the Murrays. This arrangement was agreed upon when they began traveling with us, and it has been our experience that this is the most effective way to meet their needs. Having one night designated for them allows the people to see them as a separate family with separate needs. People can designate gifts on any night for the Murrays, but that they should pray about what they will give to the Murrays in their offering, God's people always respond generously. The Murrays do not receive a salary from me. I appreciate that the Murrays live by faith and allow God to provide for them.

Children's Meetings: Becky and Heather conduct a children's meeting on Monday-Friday during the evening service for 4 years old through 3rd grade. I will dismiss them when I get up to preach.

Special Promotional Nights: Special nights are a great tool in getting visitors out. I have enclosed a sheet that further explains the special nights that we have found to be effective. I will call you a few weeks before the meetings to discuss which special nights you think would work best for you. I prefer Monday night to be Ladies' pack-a-pew night and Tuesday night to be Men's pack-a-pew night. Look them over and see what you think.

Promotional Material: It is important to have a good brochure for the meetings that includes the date, location, and times for the meetings. Posters are also helpful. My website, www.mikepelletierministries.org has update to date promotional pictures of team members. Use any of them you would like for your promotional materials. Contact us if you need further help.

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Christian School Chapels: If you have a Christian school, I would like to hold chapels with the 7-12 grades every day. If you would like, Greg Murray could hold two or three chapels for the elementary grades.

In addition to these issues, we are often asked about our **accommodations, dietary needs, our travel expenses, and taxes**. I will enclose sheets that deal with these issues as well.

If I can do anything to make the week more effective, or to answer any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to call. I believe that the key to any revival meeting is the pastor. As your people begin to pray, the spiritual preparation will accomplish far more than we might do. Also, if you are excited about the meetings, your people will catch that enthusiasm.

I know that you are burdened and will do the best that you can. God bless you as you prepare for the week. I will be praying for you.

Because of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Pelletier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mike Pelletier
Evangelist

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