

32 Ways to Improve Your Worship Service

1. People sitting closer together and toward the front will help singing and preaching. It creates a much better impression on a new guest.
2. Have trained people ready to get up and go sit with a guest and have a conversation
3. More and friendlier greeters – at least 6.
4. Songs that people know or want to sing – bring back some of the ones from 10-20 yrs ago
5. Sermon outline and notes in the bulletin
6. Sunday school classes sitting together toward the front every Sunday.
7. Mix children, youth, adults and seniors in your choir and praise team
8. Keep your service close to an hour
9. Have a personal story or testimony from a church member – in person or on video
10. Interview a church member every week for 5 minutes – things people might not know – and pray for them.
11. Have information, ministry, and prayer tables every week somewhere near the entrance
12. Have chairs instead of pews and make your room multipurpose
13. Preach through a book of the Bible verse by verse
14. More than one way to give your offering – pass plate, box at entrance, online.
15. Incorporate small groups for discussion at the end of your worship service. Each group has three discussion questions. (15 min singing, 30 min preaching, 15 min discussion)
16. Lunch after church every Sunday for those interested. Lunch once a month at church?
17. Give an invitation to come to the prayer table instead of walking forward down the aisle. At the prayer table they can pray, answer questions, talk about the gospel, talk about how to join.
18. If someone wants to join, set up an appointment w/ them to talk about the process, ask about their testimony and get to know them better.
19. New Member Class required for someone to join the church. (Several weeks)
20. Include many people in leading the service – preach, music, testimony, prayer, greeters, take offering, make announcements, tech, lead discussion groups, SS teachers getting their class to sit together, interviewer and member being interviewed, etc.
21. Don't turn off the lights.
22. Don't make the music so loud that it is painful.
23. Have a Friend Day and Lunch more than once a year. At least 4 times a year.
24. If you have a children's choir – have them sing more than once a year.
25. Invite Christian organizations to come and lead your service every now and then – FCA, Young Life, BCM, the Association Director, GBMB, NAMB, IMB, others.
26. Do a joint worship service every year with another church.
27. Have a celebration testimony after an event in worship – camp, VBS, mission trip, etc. Celebrate the wins when you take a step toward change and new ministry.
28. Schedule your Music or Student Pastor to preach more than once a year.
29. You don't have to preach three times a week. Preach Sunday morning, no worship on Sunday night and Wednesday night is Small Group discipleship, not a service.
30. Use video clips, video testimonies, video announcements when desired.
31. If you are going to be gone, you might use a video sermon of a great preacher in another church in another state. Pulpit supply from the Assoc. Dir. and the GBMB is free.
32. If you wanted to start a second worship service, they can both be at 11:00 if desired. You can have two preachers, or you can have two music styles and a screen to stream the preaching to both services. (2 churches in our city both do this.)