
Thank Your Pastors!

Bible Crafts for Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastors do so much for us, and we hardly know the challenges and stresses they face daily. Those in ministry guide us in understanding God's Word and in a sense speak for Him in they spiritually lead their congregations. It is important to support our pastors with prayer,

encouragement, and words of appreciation. If you are looking for a creative way to express gratitude to pastors, try a variation on one of these simple but heart felt card options.

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider... (Hebrews 5:1-10)

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you" -Hebrews 5:5

Thank you for helping us grow in Christ!

You "shepherd" our flock, Pastor!

Thank you for touching our hearts!

You "root us" in God's word!

Pastors guide and lead in God's ways. Thank you!

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Craft one: "Hands and Hearts Card"

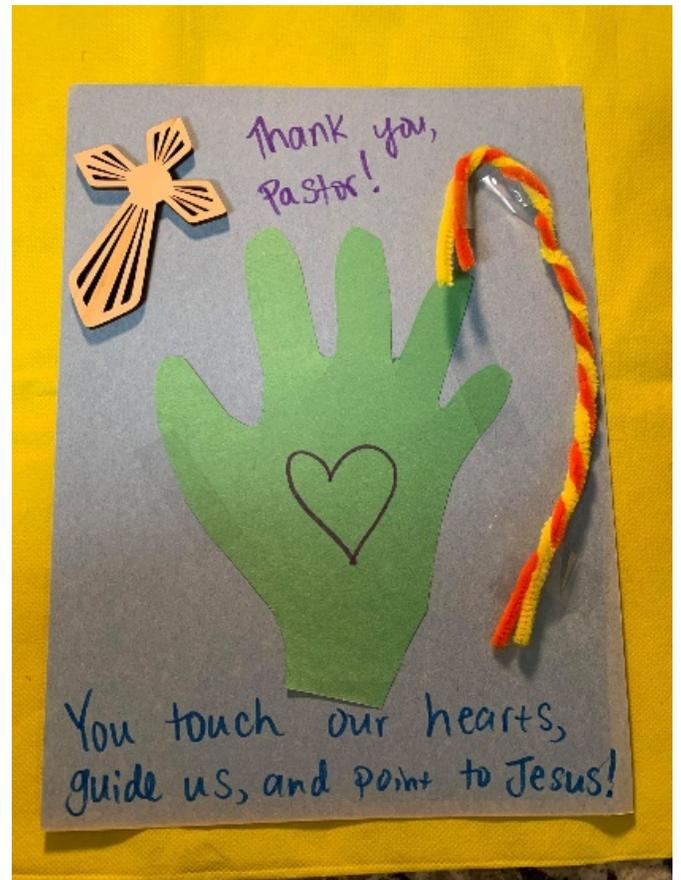
You will need:

- Yarn, pipe cleaner, or ribbon
- Cross or popsicle sticks (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers and/or crayons
- Construction paper or cardstock



Procedure:

1. Choose one or several pastor "themes" to create your card: a shepherd's staff, cross, handprint, heart, or all of the above could work!
2. Trace a hand onto the paper, cut one out of paper, or paint a hand print stamp onto paper.
3. Add a cross shape or popsicle sticks in the shape of a cross.
4. Place a heart in or near the hand. Twist pipe cleaners or string into the shape of a shepherd's staff, if desired.
5. Add captions and verses. Attach string if you wish to hang the card later.



Craft Two: "Growing in Christ Card"

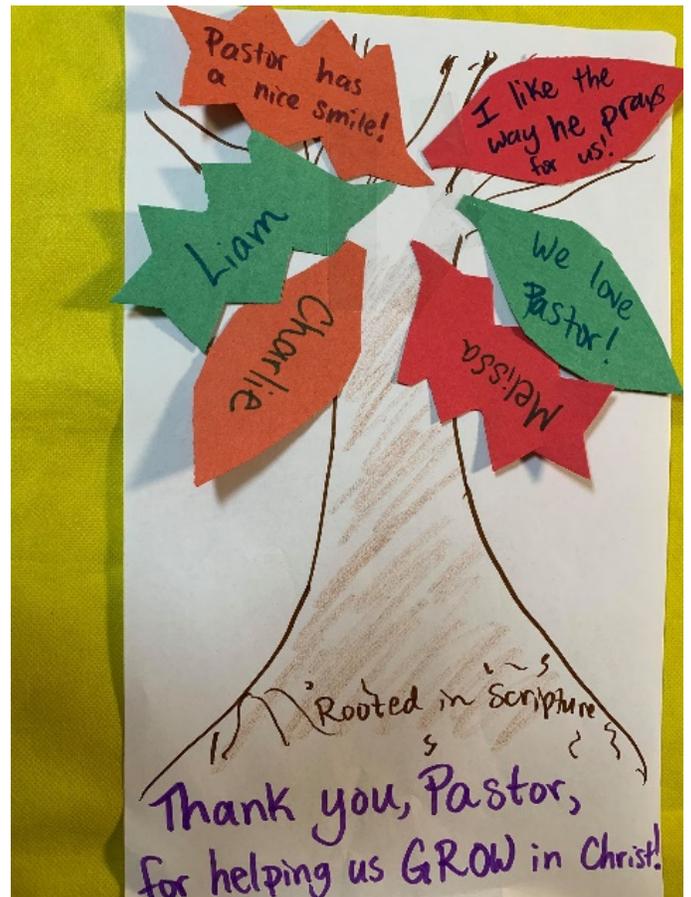
You will need:

- Markers/crayons
- Cardstock/paper
- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Additional decorations (glitter, sequins, etc.)
- Captions/verses



Procedure:

1. Draw a tree as the base of your card, using cut paper or drawn lines.
 2. Cut leaf shapes out of several pieces of foam or paper. Have students and teachers sign notes and words of encouragement on each leaf.
 3. Attach extra decorations and stickers as preferred.
 4. Add verses and captions, and present the card to your pastor.
- * Alternate option: make a large poster or bulletin board with this same theme.





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May God continue to bless your ministry!

Tony Kummer