

Helping You Be The Church, Online

Share God's Love Online this Christmas.

'Tis the season, friends! There are few times of year when we have so many opportunities to minister and share our faith as we do at Christmas. I've gathered some of my best tips for engaging people in church online chat rooms and via Facebook and Twitter and wrapped them up into this little gift for you.

This nifty guide has suggestions you can use throughout December to share your faith relationally and engage others in your social network to discuss the true meaning of the season.

Even if no one in your local church is involved in social media and your church doesn't hold online services, this guide is for YOU. You are a minister. By the power of the Holy Spirit living in you, you have all you need to impact others' lives positively for Christ this Christmas.

I'm praying God's blessings on you and your church!

Sincerely,
Dana Byers

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Week 1

December 1

Tweet a picture of a wrapped gift. Challenge your social network to guess what's inside. Whoever guesses it (or comes close), wins! Ship it to the winner. (Hint: Don't be cheap on this one, ok?)

December 2

Invite your social network to Church Online! Be sure to arrive early and identify yourself in the chat room to make them feel welcome. They may not be comfortable yet stepping foot into a local church, but they can hear God's word, share prayer needs, and meet other Christians online.

December 3

Link to the promo video or website for <http://www.adventconspiracy.org>.

December 4

Invite Facebook friends who live in your area to volunteer with you this month to help people locally. Sign up to ring a Salvation Army bell, shovel a neighbor's snow, or serve meals in a homeless shelter.

December 5

Post a picture of something that's symbolic or significant to your faith in Christ and give a brief explanation why. Then ask your online friends which items are special to them at this time of year.

December 6

Take a few moments to look at friends' Facebook pages to learn their beliefs and values. Pray for them as you read. Pursue them as friends and not as a person you intend to convert.

December 7

Record a portion of your local church's Christmas program to share on your blog or Facebook wall. Many people have never even walked through the doors of a church - they might be curious to see what your church looks like inside.



WEEK 2

December 8

Tweet or post a Facebook status update with your favorite Bible verse. The goal is to let your social network know you're a Christian so that if a time arises that they need prayer or have spiritual questions, they'll think of you.

December 9

Post a photo of you celebrating Christmas as a child, and share a holiday memory you have from that time of your life.

December 10

Paste the lyrics of your favorite hymn or Christmas song on your Facebook wall and ask others which is their favorite song of the season. People who aren't connected to the Church still know a lot of Christmas songs.

December 11

Briefly explain why God's gift of Jesus changed your life. Ask your friends to share an event that changed their lives forever.

December 12

Invite your social network to post pics of their Christmas trees to Facebook or Twitter and tag you on them. Your tweet stream and Facebook wall will light up like a...*I have to say it...*Christmas tree.

December 13

Post a link to the original short film by @LifeChurch.tv called "This Christmas". <http://bit.ly/ewdw2I>

December 14

Does your city have an annual event that many people attend? Announce via Twitter that you'll be there and would love to meet anyone in your social network face to face in a coffee shop beforehand then attend the event together.



WEEK 3

December 15

Ask “What was the best Christmas give you ever received?”

December 16

Ask your social network: “If you were given \$1 million, which charity or cause would you give it to and why?”

December 17

Raise funds or gather donations and meet in person to deliver goods together.

December 18

Search online for a news story to share describing a recent miracle. Start a discussion on miracles with your friends online.

December 19

Ask your friends if they remember what they asked Santa to bring them for Christmas as a child. Be sure to tell them what you asked for.

December 20

Offer to wrap gifts or babysit on your church’s Facebook wall. You might get to know someone in your church better than you could on a Sunday morning.

December 21

As Christmas draws near, stress and relational strife can increase. Post a simple Facebook status update or tweet inviting your friends to send you a private message if they want prayer. Keep it confidential, and type out the prayer on your heart for them and send it back as a reply. Check in with them after the holiday to see how they’re doing.



WEEK 4

December 22

Challenge your Facebook friends to find the ugliest Christmas sweater online and post the pic to your wall. This is a great conversation starter and good for lots of laughs!

December 23

Invite your local social network to have dessert in your home at attend church online together in your living room. Your home's already decorated, and there's no better time of year to use the excuse of the holidays to finally meet these awesome people in the flesh!

December 24

Type out a meaningful prayer for your beloved social network. Post it and let them know you care. Some of your online friends have no one else praying for them.

December 25

Share this link: <http://bit.ly/ecoOmP> . Few explain the meaning of Christmas as well as Linus.

December 26

In your opinion, what's the most anticipated holiday film of the year? Buy your ticket and invite your tweeps to join you for the show! (Bonus points for buying your friend's ticket before he or she arrives.)

December 27

Ask "What was your best moment of this entire year?"

December 28

Invite friends to share their New Year's goals and cheer them on!