

1999-2000 GOAL SETTING/PLANNING FORM #2

(Make copies of this form #2 for Sunday School teachers and other ministry leaders.)

Pray and lead your class committee or other group members in a discussion about the reason for your class or unit to exist. Explain that the work of every part of the church should relate directly or indirectly to evangelism and discipleship.

1. Set a baptism goal. Lead the class group or committee in a time of prayer for the answer to this question: "How many lost people does God know that this class or group can and should reach during the upcoming church year?" Lead the class or group members to adopt the baptism goal they feel is from God. Write on the line below the baptism goal for your class or group for the upcoming church year: _____.
2. Make evangelism plans. Lead the group to pray asking God for His plans for reaching those He has said could be reached. Claim the promise from James 1:5 (NKJV) "If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all liberally and without reproach and it will be given to him." As He leads list emphases efforts and events needed to accomplish the baptism goal. On the lines below list specific plans that God places on your heart.

Event or emphasis	Responsible person(s)	Proposed date
_____	_____	_____
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Sunday School leaders write the OMTSJ Sunday School and Worship High Attendance Strategy
Goal for the month _____

Class or unit name _____

Teacher/leader _____

3. Each class or unit should return the completed sheet with goals and evangelism plans to the leader of the organization of which they are part. This leader (Sunday School director for example) will compile these from each class or other unit for inclusion in the report to be presented in the Evangelism Launch Service on the evening of *On Mission To Share Jesus*.

EVANGELISM LAUNCH

OTHER SERVICE SUGGESTIONS

- The Mission Statement of the church may be projected on an overhead screen to be read aloud by the congregation.
- During the singing of “People Need the Lord” the house lights may be dimmed while the solo is being sung. During the singing of the song slides or a video may be displayed on a screen portraying American people of all ages races and ethnic origin.
- The Church leadership presentation of evangelistic plans and goals may be displayed by an overhead projector in sync with the verbalized presentation.
- During the solo singing of the commitment song “Do You Really Care?” a visible response by the congregation may be called for by the pastor.

HERE COMES Y2K 01-01-00. THE YEAR 2000,
THE NEW CENTURY, THE NEW MILLENNIUM!

PASTOR DO YOU HAVE EVANGELISM GOALS

AND AN EVANGELISM PLAN FOR 1999- 2

What is your **evangelism plan** for 1999-2000?

If you have a plan are you **convinced** it is from God?

Do the members of your church **know and understand** the plan?

Are they convinced that it is **God's plan** for your church for the beginning of the new millennium?

Are they with you and **committed** to God's plan?

Could you use some help **discovering** God's plan and sharing it with the church?

Here's help: How to plan for and conduct

The Evangelism
Launch Service



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What is an Evangelism Launch Service?

This is a special service suggested for the evening of *On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday*.

The purpose of the Evangelism Launch Service is to present the church's evangelism goals and plans and call for commitment from the church body to unite and work to reach them.

Churches that have God-given evangelism goals and plans to accomplish those goals will reach and baptize far more people than churches that have neither.

IMAGINE _____

A SERVICE LIKE THIS IN YOUR CHURCH . . .

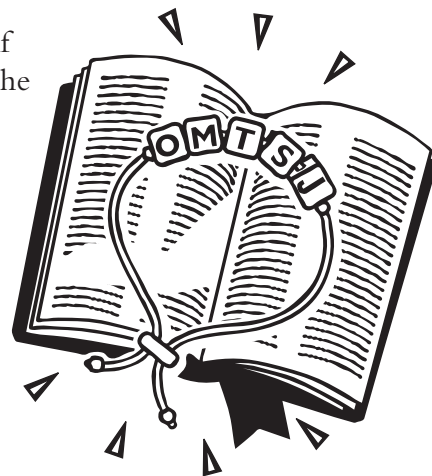
It's Sunday evening of *On Mission To Share Jesus*. The people are arriving. There is an air of excitement and expectancy. You and others have prayed much for this service. Preparations have been made on faith for a powerful meeting with God. The people have been helped to understand that the Evangelism Launch Service is pivotal for the church's growth for the new year and beyond.

The service begins with prayer and music that speaks of the greatness of God and how He leads His people. Christ's Great Commission is read aloud by everyone followed by the church's mission statement and perhaps a brief drama.

The church is called to prayer for nothing less than God-led God-sized Christ-honoring evangelism goals and plans to be adopted for the new year the new century and the new millennium. Then church leaders come one by one. They stand to announce evangelism goals and plans for their respective units. Someone uses a writing board or an overhead projector to list the baptism goals as they are presented. The pastor adds his own goals and plans for churchwide evangelism efforts. The answer to this question begins to take shape: "What is God's evangelism plan for this church?" "What does He know that this church can accomplish in His power these last remaining months of 1999 and into the year 2000?"

After the plans are announced and the baptism goal is tallied the people of God celebrate His leadership. Then the pastor stands to bring a brief challenge to the people. He asks "What is our response to God's call? These goals and plans cannot be accomplished by us but if we are faithful God will find us useable and He will do the part that we cannot. Where He guides He provides!

The pastor continues "The choice is ours: If you will covenant to be laborers together with God to accomplish His goals for this body stand as a sign of solidarity for Christ." He asks those who are willing to work together to God's glory to join him at the front for a prayer of dedication. (See suggestions for order of worship and music in this folder.)



PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM LAUNCH SERVICE

Here are suggestions for planning a dynamic Evangelism Launch Service:

A summary of preparation suggestions:

- Pray for God's direction and wisdom. Only God knows what He will bless.
- Involve as many church leaders as possible.
- Ask each Sunday School division and each organization and ministry to prayerfully propose evangelism goals and plans.
- Work with worship leaders to prepare for an inspiring and challenging service. (See Evangelism Launch Service suggestions printed in file folder.)
- Ask leaders to briefly present their goals and plans to the church during that service.
- Preach a challenge from God's Word to the church.
- Call for commitment to carry out the plans and work together to reach the evangelism goals.

Some detailed preparation suggestions:

Early August Pastor and/or Minister of Education: There are two Evangelism Launch planning forms in this folder: Evangelism Planning Form #1 is for the pastor and other ministerial staff. Evangelism Planning Form #2 is for Sunday School workers.

On the left side of Evangelism Planning Form #1 describe the church's present plan for each element of a balanced church evangelism strategy. On the right side describe the evangelism plans for the new church year.

You will notice that Evangelism Planning Form #1 does not include the ongoing evangelism work of the Sunday School. Evangelism Planning Form #2 found on the back of this folder is for the Sunday School and other organizational leadership. Make two copies of this form for each Sunday School teacher and department director one to keep and one to return to the Sunday School director or pastor.

Meet with the Sunday School leadership and explain the plans for the Evangelism Launch Service. Give each person two copies of Evangelism Planning Form #2. Ask them to lead their class department or group to seek God's leadership to determine where He is working so they can join Him and be laborers together with God. Seek God-directed baptism goals and attendance/enrollment goals (where appropriate). Contact leaders that missed the meeting and explain the procedure to them.

Early September: Meet again with church leaders for a check-up meeting. Hold them accountable for leading their class/department/ministry to seek God set evangelism goals and make plans to reach the goals.

Explain that the worksheets must be turned in to the pastor by the last Sunday of the month just before On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday. Work with the minister of music and others to plan a dynamic program for the Evangelism Launch Service.

EVANGELISM

PLANNING FORM #1

PASTOR'S YEAR-LONG EVANGELISM STRATEGY PLANNING FORM

Listed below are various elements needed for a balanced evangelism strategy for any church. By completing this form you will see opportunities to grow your church's evangelism effectiveness. Please list dates for proposed plans where applicable.

	Present plans and procedure	Proposed plans and procedure
Discovering and filing evangelistic prospects		
Mobilizing God's people to witness Example: On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday		
Witness training Example: FAITH CWT One Day Soul-Winning Workshop		
Evangelistic Visitation		
Evangelism events Example: revival block party VBS		
Follow-up for new believers		
Baptism goal from these plans		