

THE PASTOR'S JOURNAL

A Year of Sermons, Shepherding, Prayer, Leadership, and Reflection

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A Word to the Pastor

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The pulpit is only one part of pastoral ministry. The pastor also prays, listens, grieves, counsels, leads, corrects, comforts, plans, visits, studies, and carries burdens few people ever see.

This journal is designed to help pastors record the hidden and public work of ministry without turning people into content or private pain into sermon illustrations. It provides a disciplined place to remember what God is doing, what the church needs, what the preacher is learning, and where the shepherd must grow.

Use initials or general descriptions when confidentiality matters. Record lessons, not gossip. Preserve dignity. Pray more than you write. Let this journal become a witness to God's faithfulness across an entire year.

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How to Use This Journal

Complete the weekly ministry review at the end of each week. Scripture quotations identified as KJV are from the King James Version, which is in the public domain.

Use the sermon record immediately after preaching while details are fresh.

Record pastoral-care follow-ups without including unnecessary sensitive information. This book is intended for educational, devotional, and ministry-development purposes. It does not replace prayerful Bible study, pastoral accountability, denominational guidance, or professional counsel where needed.

Review the monthly leadership pages before staff, ministry, or church meetings.

At the end of each quarter, identify repeated burdens, neglected priorities, answered prayers, and evidence of growth.

The Pastor's Covenant

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I will handle Scripture faithfully and shepherd people tenderly. First Edition, 2026

I will protect confidences and refuse to use people's pain for personal advantage. Printed in the United States of America

I will care for my family, body, soul, and private walk with God.

I will welcome correction, practice repentance, and pursue integrity. ISBN: _____

I will measure ministry by faithfulness, not applause.

By God's grace, I will serve without losing my soul.

Annual Ministry Vision

What has God entrusted to this church in this season?

What must remain unchanged?

What needs to be strengthened, simplified, repaired, or released?

What three spiritual outcomes matter most this year?

What would faithfulness look like even if visible growth is slow?

Personal Rule of Life

Daily prayer and Scripture rhythm

Weekly Sabbath or restorative rest

Family and relationship commitments

Physical health practices

Study and reading rhythm

Accountability relationships

Boundaries that protect integrity and longevity

Annual Preaching Map

Major sermon series

Books of the Bible to teach

Church calendar and special Sundays

Doctrinal themes requiring attention

Congregational needs to address biblically

Guest speakers or shared teaching opportunities

January — Consecration and Direction

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 1 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 1 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 2 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
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One thing I must not neglect	

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Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
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What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 3 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

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One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 3 Sermon Record

Date and service	
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Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

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Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 4 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

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A conversation or moment I should remember

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One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 4 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 5 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

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A conversation or moment I should remember

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 5 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

January Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

February — Love and Pastoral Presence

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 6 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

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A conversation or moment I should remember

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People or situations requiring follow-up

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One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 6 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

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Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 7 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

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A conversation or moment I should remember

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 7 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

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Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 8 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

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A conversation or moment I should remember

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 8 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 9 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 9 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

February Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

March — Discipline and Study

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 10 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 10 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 11 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 11 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 12 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 12 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 13 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 13 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

March Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

April — Resurrection Hope

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 14 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 14 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 15 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 15 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 16 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 16 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 17 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 17 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 18 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 18 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

April Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

May — Shepherding and Growth

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 19 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 19 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 20 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 20 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 21 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

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A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 21 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
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Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

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Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 22 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 22 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

May Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

June — Clarity and Leadership

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 23 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

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People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 23 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 24 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 24 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 25 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 25 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 26 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 26 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

June Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

July — Courage and Endurance

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 27 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 27 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 28 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 28 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 29 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

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A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 29 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 30 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 30 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 31 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 31 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

July Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

August — Rest and Renewal

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 32 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 32 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 33 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 33 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 34 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 34 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 35 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 35 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

August Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

September — Discipleship and Formation

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 36 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 36 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 37 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 37 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 38 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 38 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 39 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 39 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

September Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

October — Evangelism and Mission

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 40 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 40 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 41 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 41 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 42 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 42 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 43 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 43 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 44 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 44 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

October Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

November — Gratitude and Stewardship

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 45 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 45 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 46 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 46 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 47 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 47 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 48 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 48 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

November Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

December — Advent and Faithful Finish

What is God emphasizing this month?

Who needs intentional pastoral care?

What leadership decision requires prayer?

What sermon truth must become congregational practice?

What must I guard in my own soul?

Week 49 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 49 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 50 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 50 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 51 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 51 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

Week 52 Ministry Review

Dates	
Primary sermon text/title	
Key ministry meetings	
Pastoral-care priorities	
Family/rest commitment	
One thing I must not neglect	

What God showed me in Scripture

What I sensed in the congregation

A conversation or moment I should remember

Where I felt encouraged

Where I felt resistance, fatigue, or discouragement

People or situations requiring follow-up

Prayer burdens for the coming week

One act of obedience before next Sunday

Week 52 Sermon Record

Date and service	
Text	
Title	
Big idea	
Gospel connection	
Primary application	
Invitation/response	
Length and delivery notes	

What was clearest?

What was weaker or unnecessary?

Where did the congregation respond?

Did I explain the text faithfully?

Did I preach Christ clearly?

What will I change before preaching this material again?

Follow-up discipleship opportunity

December Monthly Closeout

Answered prayers and visible grace

People who need continued care

Leadership progress and unresolved decisions

Congregational patterns I am noticing

What preaching is producing

What is draining me unnecessarily

What must be celebrated

What I will change next month

Pastoral Care Log

Date	
Person/household initials	
Type of care	
Key concern	
Prayer offered	
Follow-up date	
Confidentiality note	

Date	
Person/household initials	
Type of care	
Key concern	
Prayer offered	
Follow-up date	
Confidentiality note	

Date	
Person/household initials	
Type of care	
Key concern	
Prayer offered	
Follow-up date	
Confidentiality note	

Date	
Person/household initials	
Type of care	
Key concern	
Prayer offered	

Follow-up date	
Confidentiality note	

Hospital and Home Visit Record

Date	
Initials	
Location	
Scripture shared	
Family needs	
Practical follow-up	
Prayer request	

Date	
Initials	
Location	
Scripture shared	
Family needs	
Practical follow-up	
Prayer request	

Date	
Initials	
Location	
Scripture shared	
Family needs	
Practical follow-up	
Prayer request	

Date	
Initials	
Location	
Scripture shared	
Family needs	

Practical follow-up	
Prayer request	

Leadership Decision Record

Decision	
Why it matters	
Biblical principles	
People consulted	
Risks	
Decision date	
Review date	
Outcome	

Decision	
Why it matters	
Biblical principles	
People consulted	
Risks	
Decision date	
Review date	
Outcome	

Decision	
Why it matters	
Biblical principles	
People consulted	
Risks	
Decision date	
Review date	
Outcome	

Decision	
Why it matters	

Biblical principles	
People consulted	
Risks	
Decision date	
Review date	
Outcome	

Conflict and Reconciliation Worksheet

Issue stated fairly	
What I know	
What I do not know	
My contribution	
Biblical responsibility	
Conversation needed	
Desired faithful outcome	

Issue stated fairly	
What I know	
What I do not know	
My contribution	
Biblical responsibility	
Conversation needed	
Desired faithful outcome	

Issue stated fairly	
What I know	
What I do not know	
My contribution	
Biblical responsibility	
Conversation needed	
Desired faithful outcome	

Issue stated fairly	
What I know	
What I do not know	
My contribution	
Biblical responsibility	

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Conversation needed	
Desired faithful outcome	

Funeral Ministry Record

Family initials	
Deceased	
Service date	
Text/message	
Family wishes	
Care before service	
Care after service	

Family initials	
Deceased	
Service date	
Text/message	
Family wishes	
Care before service	
Care after service	

Family initials	
Deceased	
Service date	
Text/message	
Family wishes	
Care before service	
Care after service	

Family initials	
Deceased	
Service date	
Text/message	
Family wishes	

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Care before service	
Care after service	

Wedding Ministry Record

Couple initials	
Counseling dates	
Biblical themes	
Concerns to address	
Service text	
Follow-up plan	

Couple initials	
Counseling dates	
Biblical themes	
Concerns to address	
Service text	
Follow-up plan	

Couple initials	
Counseling dates	
Biblical themes	
Concerns to address	
Service text	
Follow-up plan	

Couple initials	
Counseling dates	
Biblical themes	
Concerns to address	
Service text	
Follow-up plan	

Baptism and New Believer Record

Name/initials	
Testimony date	
Baptism date	
Discipler assigned	
Next-step class	
Prayer needs	
Follow-up	

Name/initials	
Testimony date	
Baptism date	
Discipler assigned	
Next-step class	
Prayer needs	
Follow-up	

Name/initials	
Testimony date	
Baptism date	
Discipler assigned	
Next-step class	
Prayer needs	
Follow-up	

Name/initials	
Testimony date	
Baptism date	
Discipler assigned	
Next-step class	

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Prayer needs	
Follow-up	

Staff and Ministry Meeting Review

Date	
Purpose	
Decisions	
Owners	
Deadlines	
Pastoral concerns	
What communication is needed	

Date	
Purpose	
Decisions	
Owners	
Deadlines	
Pastoral concerns	
What communication is needed	

Date	
Purpose	
Decisions	
Owners	
Deadlines	
Pastoral concerns	
What communication is needed	

Date	
Purpose	
Decisions	
Owners	
Deadlines	

Pastoral concerns	
What communication is needed	

Quarter 1 Ministry Health Review

Where is the church spiritually stronger?

Where are people still underfed or underdeveloped?

What pastoral burdens are becoming too heavy to carry alone?

How healthy is my marriage/family rhythm?

How healthy is my body, sleep, and emotional life?

What has become urgent but not important?

Who am I developing?

What should I stop, start, and continue?

What has God done that deserves testimony?

Quarter 2 Ministry Health Review

Where is the church spiritually stronger?

Where are people still underfed or underdeveloped?

What pastoral burdens are becoming too heavy to carry alone?

How healthy is my marriage/family rhythm?

How healthy is my body, sleep, and emotional life?

What has become urgent but not important?

Who am I developing?

What should I stop, start, and continue?

What has God done that deserves testimony?

Quarter 3 Ministry Health Review

Where is the church spiritually stronger?

Where are people still underfed or underdeveloped?

What pastoral burdens are becoming too heavy to carry alone?

How healthy is my marriage/family rhythm?

How healthy is my body, sleep, and emotional life?

What has become urgent but not important?

Who am I developing?

What should I stop, start, and continue?

What has God done that deserves testimony?

Quarter 4 Ministry Health Review

Where is the church spiritually stronger?

Where are people still underfed or underdeveloped?

What pastoral burdens are becoming too heavy to carry alone?

How healthy is my marriage/family rhythm?

How healthy is my body, sleep, and emotional life?

What has become urgent but not important?

Who am I developing?

What should I stop, start, and continue?

What has God done that deserves testimony?

Year-End Pastoral Reflection

The clearest evidence of God's faithfulness

The sermons or series that mattered most

The people and relationships that shaped this year

The hardest pastoral moment and what it taught me

Where I grew in holiness, wisdom, and courage

Where I need repentance, healing, or help

What I am carrying into the next year

A prayer for the church

A prayer for my family

A prayer for my own soul

Closing Charge

Pastoral ministry is rarely summarized accurately by attendance, applause, budgets, or online reach. Much of the real work happens in quiet rooms, hospital hallways, late-night prayers, careful study, difficult conversations, and ordinary Sundays.

Keep a record not to magnify yourself, but to remember grace. Let these pages remind you that God was present in the hidden work. Let them also expose patterns that require repentance, boundaries, courage, or change.

Love Christ. Open the Book. Know the people. Protect your soul. Finish faithful.