

*A CHURCH ON THE GO
BECOMING A TWO-FORTY TWO
CHURCH*



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INTRODUCTION

The beautiful yet sometimes overwhelming reality of our Christian life and walk with Christ is the work for Christ is never finished. Christ commands us to “*Go and make Disciples of all Nations.*” (*Matthew 28:19*) One thing that I have noticed in the life of the church is the reality we never truly explain how to “go.” We stress the “going,” but we fail in “showing” how to go. I believe going can be defined in many different ways in church life. Going can be greeting visitors at church, making an in-person visit, writing a letter of encouragement, sending a text message, communicating through a phone call, crafting something, baking something, constructing something, and the list can go on and on. Whether your gift is making, writing, sending, communicating, crafting, baking, or constructing; you are acting on the command that was given to us by Christ to go. Your “Go” will look different than others’ “Go,” but that doesn’t make it any

less productive or less powerful. Go is taking action using your gift. The believer is reminded of this action found in the book of Acts as Luke records, “*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*” (Acts 2:42) This is the premise of being a Two-Forty Two church. The disciples took action by doing Acts 2:42. In a Two- Forty-two church, three key common components always have to exist. The early church set the stage to illustrate what this can look like. The following components are evident: 1. They had one common devotion 2. They had one common doctrine 3. They had one common denominator. These components will be implemented as this book unfolds. Remember, Go is taking action by using your gift to glorify God. The church needs your “Go”! Use your Go!

Chapter One

Two-Forty Two Defined

Defined by Author Bryan Burge

Being a Two-Forty Two church was birthed while I was attending Southern Seminary through a Pastoral Leadership class that had to be taken in order to graduate. One thing that I have noticed in outreach material is one common thread. The common thread is either an outdated concept or too extreme for the normative size church to use. As I made my way through that class, it was revealed to me through reading what some would considered “outdated material,” I realized this outdated material is still good stuff! I then set out on my journey over the course of this class and beyond to implement these core values of outreach into an outreach program that will work today. The one principle that I came away with during all this research is the foundation of outreach has never changed, but the approach and appearance has changed. What I mean by this is simple... adapting to the way we have to **GO** in order to reach people. It brings us back to the question that we started with in the

introduction, “What is your Go?”

One day I was reading in Acts chapter two, and I came to verses forty-two through forty-seven and as I read these verses, I thought to myself that is the foundation of outreach since the beginning of the New Testament church. I focused on this section of scripture and especially verse forty-two. I thought to myself, that verse sums up everything every church needs in order to be a thriving church. As I read further, I noticed how they started reaching people for the cause of Christ. In verses forty-five through forty-seven, we see they were passionate about reaching others for the cause of Christ to the point of sacrificing their own needs (their possessions) to reach others. Then others sold their goods to advance the kingdom. Goods back then could be something that you possibly made with your hands or something that you grew. The bottom line is simple... **THEY FOUND THEIR GO** and used it to strengthen the church. When you live by Acts 2:42, then **Going** becomes your passion. How great would it be for each church member to find their go? I pray your church finds their go.

Chapter Two

Go Defined and Explained

The word “go” can have many different meanings. It can be a casual suggestion, it can introduce a stern command, it can serve as a word of caution, or could be defined in many other ways as well. As we have already seen that God’s word clearly illustrates that in Acts 2:42, the early New Testament church found their go. So the main question is, what does a Church’s go look like, and how can it be defined? Your going is and always will be going and taking the gospel message to the ones outside the four walls of the church. So, how does Bryan Burge define the word “Go.” Go can be defined as a *unified* church *willingly* and *intentionally* taking the gospel message to a world that is in need of a Savior to *transform* lives, families, and communities at whatever *cost* it might contain.

In the definition above, you will notice five words that are italicized and underlined. These five words are the makings of a Two-Forty Two church. If a person truly wants to find their go, then these four words and concepts

that surround these words have to be at the center of a person's thought process as well as a church's thought process. The definition of "Go" starts with the word unified. Unified is tied to the word church in the definition resembling that the church has to be unified in every aspect of the church. After the foundation is set as the unified church, the definition moves on to two words that complement each other, and those words are willingly and intentionally. This reminds us all that a true unified church has no ulterior motive, and their common purpose is to truly reach a world that is in need of a Savior. As a Two-Forty Two church members grasp their "Go," the process might be a slow process, but the church will start to see a transformation in the lives around them that will impact families as well as the community they are engaged in. Then as the definition closes, the word "cost" confirms why your "Go" will be honorable in the eyes of God. Whatever the "cost" might be is how the definition closes. No matter what it costs the believer, their "Go" is more important than anything. The New Testament Church in Acts chapter two reminded us all no matter what the cost

was, it was worth the price.

SPIRIT-FILLED ATTITUDE

The “Go” foundation is built upon the word unity. If we were to pause and observe the wording in Acts 2:40-47, we would notice that the focus was not on self but others. Luke reveals the unity of the first-ever Two-Forty Two church with the following phrases; “those who gladly received,” “they continued steadfastly,” “every soul,” “all who believed,” “were together,” “all things in common,” “their possessions and goods,” “among all,” “one accord,” “their food,” and “favor with all people.” Nothing was ever accomplished on their own, but everything that was accomplished was achieved because of unity within this first-ever Two-Forty Two church. No big “I’s” or little “U’s” existed within this group of believers, and neither can they exist within a church if a church is to become a Two-Forty Two church. The pinnacle of a unified church is seen in the words found in verse 47, as Luke states that “the Lord added to the church daily.” It wasn’t man’s talents or money that added to the church, but the Lord saw the

increase. The Lord used man's resources (talent and money), but they were only an instrument to accomplish the will of God. When we grasp that our "resources" are only resources and not the "source" then we are on our way to finding our "Go." So many people allow pride to creep into the picture and take the focus off the source and put the focus on resources. When this becomes a trend, and this is happening in many churches today, the power of the source will eventually leave the scene. It is important to be reminded that God is not looking for someone with ability; God is looking for someone with availability. In Acts two, the believer's availability to God allowed God to use their ability, and Acts 2:41 and 2:47 reminds us what can take place if we will make ourselves available to God. In verse forty-one, we see that three thousand souls were added, and then in verse forty-seven, Luke records that the Lord added to the church daily. The ultimate goal of a Two-Forty Two church and really ultimate goal for every believer is to bring others to Christ.

So up to this point concerning the unified church, we have only been talking about self and the resources that

we all might have. The fact of the matter is this, God, the source needs resources in order for the source to be used and reach its fullest potential. For instance, if a room is in need of light, we would place a lamp in the room with a light bulb screwed into the lamp. The lamp and the light bulb are a picture of a resource; however, in order for the lamp and light bulb to do their job, they need electricity. The outlet in the wall is called the power SOURCE. Not until the resource (lamp) is plugged into the source (outlet in wall) will the resource be of any use to anyone. This is a picture of believers and a Two-Forty Two church. Until a person with all resources in the world gets plugged into the source, that person and the church will just exist in their community. God did not call for us to take up space, but He did call us to get plugged in and shine for Him. When a person gets plugged in and allows God to take over their resources (Acts 2:45), they have found their “Go.” When people within the church find their “Go,” they start becoming a Two- Forty-Two church. God is not interested in someone becoming a Two-Forty Two person. According to Acts chapter two, a Two-Forty Two person doesn’t exist.

Only a group of believers can replicate Acts Two-Forty Two. One person with a Two-Forty Two mindset is only a person that has found their “Go.”

We all know many people that come to mind that have found their “Go,” and they might all go to the same church. We then have to answer the question, what is holding that church back from being a Two-Forty Two church? The answer is simple. They have all the resources in place, but they are not of the same mindset. This church we are describing has never plugged itself into the same source. The source that we are talking about is Jesus Christ. On the outside, they fit the bill, but on the inside, they have never surrendered their agenda over to God. This person that we are describing still believes that their resources are the source to the success they might be seeing. In order to be a Two-Forty Two church, the foundation has to be one of a unified church. If a unified church needs to be defined for you, then a simple definition *is a group of people with a Spirit-filled attitude and not a self-filled attitude*. This all started with a group of believers being Spirit-filled. This movement of a Two-Forty Two church

started with this being recorded, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 2:4). Why now in history? What changed? The Holy Spirit filled different cultures, different dialects, and different looking individuals with the same Spirit that started the New Testament church. I know it is hard for us to grasp, but the phrase, “*we have never done it that way before*” is what ignited the birth of the New Testament church. There are many churches on the cusp of being a Two-Forty Two Church, but they cannot get past the point, and the reality that change is something that people have to give in to and control is something that people have to let go of in order for a church to become that Two-Forty Two Church. A Two-Forty Two church is easy to spot because they are Spirit-filled instead of Self-filled. The unified church is a Spirit-Filled church that puts preferences to the side in order for the gospel message to reach its fullest potential for the cause of Christ. Not until the foundation is laid, being Spirit-filled, can a church take to the next step of becoming a Two-Forty Two church.

SPIRIT- LED ACTIONS

We watch the news and get alerts on our phones of “hackers” disguising themselves to be something that they are not all the time. The main reason why so many of these hackers are so successful is the fact that they are better at being a fake than they are at being genuine. Hackers do not care about the lives they might rip apart or destroy because they are only worried about benefitting themselves. Did you know that fake people or hackers make Christ sick? Seriously, it is biblical! Notice how Christ explains this in His own words. “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.” (**Revelation 3:16**) Christ is telling the church at Laodicea that I would rather you be hot or rather you be cold than to be lukewarm. Why would Christ say this? Because no one knew where the church at Laodicea truly stood. Christ is saying what is your true identity? Are you for me or against me? Hackers steal a person's identity because they claim to be something they are not. A Two-Forty Two church can do the same thing as

hackers. They can claim to be something they are not, but eventually, others will read through the fakeness of a church claiming to be a unified church. The question moving ahead is very straightforward, what is your identity?

To answer the question the last paragraph ended with is simply, a Two-Forty Two Church that is unified in their mission is willing and intentional in everything that they do. This mindset is wrapped around one word that spills over into two words, willingly and intentionally, that our definition explains. The word that we are describing is the word identity. If our two words from our definition could be put into one phrase, the phrase is "Spirit-led." A Spirit-led church is willing to do whatever whenever and is intentional in their willingness. If we were to read our main text in Acts, it could be seen that they were willing to do whatever in order to take this message intentionally outside the four walls of the church. The Two- Forty Two church grasps at this level that the church is not for the ones inside the church but for the ones on the outside of the church. Many churches are

unified and have a great spirit inside of them, but they are not a Two-Forty Two church because they are not willing to do whatever it takes to bring others into the church house, and this leads to an intentional message of “we are happy the way we are and unified in being who we are and nothing more.” A church with this kind of identity thinks that the chapter of Acts two ends in verse forty-four. This verse states, “now all who believed were together, and had all things in common.” Many Christians think that is good enough because they have found their go, but there is more to this sentence and more to the church. Luke reminds us what a Spirit-Led church looks like in the next verse as he says, “and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need of them.” (Acts 2:45) It is clear that this group of believers were willing to do anything they needed to do in order to reach the lost world that had never experienced the true meaning of God’s love. This also shows us that they were intentional in their giving, with no strings attached to the gift that they were willing to give. As Luke reminds us that they sold their possessions and goods and did not merely loan them out to

receive something in return. They did it because the Spirit nudged them to do a little more for the kingdom. A Spirit-Led church is a unified church that, no matter the cost, will still exemplify a servant's heart and surrender their preferences over to the hands of God in order to do what is best for the kingdom of Christ. Is your church ready to be Spirit-Led?

SPIRITUAL APPOINTMENT

There is only one message that can truly transform a person, a church, or a community, and that is the gospel message. If we will recall from the opening introduction, the concept of the Two-Forty Two church is centered around the great commission to go and make disciples. If we were to do a word study of all the times that Christ is recorded giving the command to “go,” we would be reminded that it is never for only that person's benefit but for the benefit of others. A church with a Spirit-Attitude that exudes with Spirit-Led Actions leads to Spiritual Appointments that transforms a person, a family, and communities for the cause of Christ.

The Spiritual Appointment that a person grasps and sees God working around them is transformed into a Spiritual mindset. The transformation process was not in just one person but in a group of believers that changed the direction of the New Testament church. These apostles that we read about in Acts 2 reveals their mindset changed from inner thinking to outer thinking. Because they were willing to take the gospel message (Acts 2:40), we see that the transformation process started because the Spiritual message was accepted (Acts 2:41). The ultimate Spiritual Appointment is to notice our appointments bring more people into the kingdom instead of settling for what we have at the present moment. The “us four and no more” mindset is not a spiritual attitude, nor is it a spiritual action at all, and ultimately leads a church from not becoming a Two-Forty Two church.

SPIRITUAL ADDITION

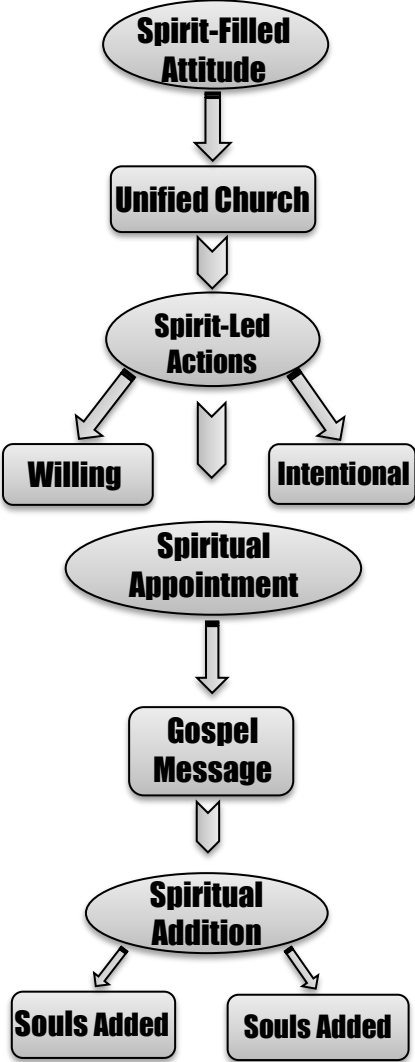
The top priority for the Two-Forty Two Church is to impact people in a spiritual manner. A Spiritual Addition takes self out of the equation and adds Christ into

the equation. What is so exciting about what lies on the other side of the equal sign in this equation is only math that God can answer. We have taken ourselves out of the equation and said, “God, you work this equation as only you can do.” This is the only step during the Two-Forty Two outline that doesn’t need man. Luke reminds us all that Christ does the work during this stage by saying, “and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:27) We will never add to the church in a Spiritual way. We might add to a church in a numerical way, but the numerical ways are like a trend that never sticks. A trend comes and goes; however, a Two-Forty Two church is not a trend but a movement from God that only He can explain.

How is this a movement from God and not another book on trends? Because of what is recorded in this book is not an equation to set your church up for success because we have moved ourselves from the equation. Remember? Pentecost wasn’t a trend and neither is this that you are embarking on. Pentecost and being a Two-Forty Two Church is about a movement of God that others around us

that see what is going on think that that church is crazy!
It is true! Read Acts 2:12-13 to see what they thought.
Wouldn't it be great if people saw a Spiritual movement of
God so significant that they could only call the ones
associated with the movement as crazy? A Two-Forty Two
church takes down the boundaries and says, "God, you
move like never before am we am ok with that."

The Breakdown of a Two-Forty Two Church



Chapter Three

The Reasoning behind a Two-Forty Two Church

If you have read these pages thoroughly, you might be wondering Why the name Two-Forty Two? As you have read the pages before now, you might be thinking that more time is spent on other verses than Acts 2:42. If this is your thinking, you are right, and that is exactly what a person in a Two- Forty Two should notice. Just as Acts 2:42 is possibly overshadowed by other verses that surround it, that is how a person in a Two-Forty Two church should be described by others by willingly taking a step back and making sure God gets the glory. What is so important about verse forty-two is the concept that is applied in this verse. The concept is simple and yet so effective. The verse reminds us that they continued, but more importantly they continued with one another and with one another in prayer. The Two-Forty Two church cannot undermine the priority of praying together and hearing one another praying. Verse forty two is the glue that holds this entire section of scripture together. There is no salvation mentioned in this verse, no signs of miracles mentioned,

nor no signs of significant growth happening in this verse; however, there is deep fellowship with one another but more importantly, deep fellowship with the father that is taking place. A Two-Forty Two church can never overemphasize the importance of a unified prayer life inside the church family. Acts 2:42 is the guideline for a Two-Forty Two church, and all around this verse are perfect examples of the power of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer and especially the power of unified intercession/prayer.

Acts 2:42 is one of the most overlooked verses with a very strong background if this verse is not explained in detail. Acts 2:42 represents the closing of one chapter and the starting of the next chapter. Many scholars think because of the wording found in this verse that it includes the closing of the great chapter of Pentecost. As the chapter of Pentecost closes, the next chapter is opened with the start of the New Testament Church. This is what being a Two-Forty Two church is all about. Closing one chapter and not being afraid or hesitant to start another chapter. Often what hinders a church from becoming a Two-Forty

Two church is the inability to accept the closing of a chapter. Closing of chapters happens in churches when a major component of the church's makeup is no longer in the picture. Think about this, the major component, Jesus Himself, just ascended into heaven in Acts chapter one, and this served as an indication that a chapter has closed. The Apostles never one minute tried to reopen or live in the chapter that just closed with the ascension of Christ into heaven. Since they did not live in the past or in the previous chapter that just happened, in return Pentecost stared them in the face and still to this day, nothing like that has ever been recorded as it was on Pentecost. All of this happened because the Apostles were not fearful of the next chapter that was about to play in front of them. Why were the Apostles so confident in approaching Pentecost? Because each one of the men we read about in Acts chapter two were living out their "Go." They were living out the great commission of going and doing more for the kingdom of God. The reasoning behind the Two-Forty Two church is simply closing whatever chapter that needs to be closed in order to travel on to the next chapter.

Chapter Four

Getting to the “Go”

What does Sunday Morning look like?

As we reach Acts 2:42, we see the impact of Pentecost coming to an end. Why is Acts 2:42 is so important? We see many tribes and tongues were glorifying God together. Let's be honest, we don't know all the ends and outs of Pentecost, but one thing that we do know is that they continued steadfastly together. This means they were *greeting one another* even though some things might be foreign to them. They were not fearful of the unknown and were willing to trust in the fact that they were worshipping together. They didn't care what others' backgrounds or their culture might look like. The bottom line is this, they had one common devotion and the Glory of the Lord fell like never before. This is vital in being a Two-Forty Two church. Individuals that have the gift of putting on a smiling face and greeting visitors have to be the frontline workers that guests see first and you will see why this is so vital in being a Two-Forty Two church.

There are five levels to greeters in a church. All four

levels hold a specific need in order to make someone feel welcome. The first line of greeters is what is called **“door greeters.”** The door greeters specific job is to open the door and welcome the person to our church. The door greeter needs to be standing on the outside of the door as some people might need help getting in and out of the car or help opening the door. Your main job is to open the door and greet them with a “Welcome to Cedar Hill” or “It’s so good to see you today.”

As the guest makes their way through our doors, they are met by the second line of greeter called the **“direction greeters.”** Once again, this line of greeters are exactly who we say they are; they give direction. The direction greeters are standing right where the carpet starts in the foyer. They are standing facing the doors, and as soon as the door is opened, they are greeting the people that are coming through the doors with a “Good morning! It is good to see you” if you know them personally, you can reach out and give them a hug or shake their hand. As they come through the doors, you can usually know if someone is new because they are examining everything around

them. Your name tag that you are wearing around your neck will have greeter, “How can I help you?” If they have small kids, you need to ask them about the nursery and direct them to the nursery. As you are leading them to the nursery, be “chatty” with them as you point out the signage stating just follow the signs to the nursery. When you arrive to the nursery, make sure the greeter introduces our nursery workers to the new guest. As the nursery is getting information concerning the child, make sure to wait on them and explain to them as you take them back that all the doors are locked and that a security team is always on duty during our Sunday Morning service. The reason this is important to mention is because of the perception that the nursery is far from the worship center. If they have kids that look like they are old enough to go to children’s church, take a moment to walk them up the stairs to the chapel and pointing out signage. A direction greeter also might need to point out the bathrooms or the welcome desk for any information that they might need. It is always good to have a couple of destination greeters each Sunday due to the fact that one might be called to a destination. Even

though everything up to this point is important, the most important thing the direction greeter can do is find out where their home church is as you direct them to a certain place like the nursery or show them by the chapel. You can simply ask them, “do you have a church you and your family attend?” If they say yes, ask where it is and make small talk. If they say no, not really, or I’m in between churches, say, “when we get back to the foyer, I would like to give you some information concerning our church.” As you arrive at the welcome center desk, put one of our die-cut bags in their hand with information about our church. As you give the die-cut bag to them, make sure to explain to the guest that there is a card in there that the Pastor would love for you to fill out. Then, always end the conversation with thank you so much for allowing me to direct you around our facilities. I hope you enjoy the service.”

One level of greeters that we have talked about, but we have not given a specific name is the details greeters. The detail greeter is the person or persons that works the welcome center. The detail greeter’s main job is to give

details of anything that a visitor might need to know concerning the church. The detail greeter is in charge of making sure all information is explained, all information is gathered, and information is dispersed to the right individual.

The last level of greeters before church starts are the “destination greeters.” The destination greeters are the ones that stand at the destination that we are trying to get our guest to, and that is the sanctuary. The destination greeter will give the guests a bulletin and are the first ones to notice the die-cut bag. The die-cut bag serves as an indicator to the entire church that this is a first time visitor. The destination greeter says something like, “oh, I see you are visiting with us today. We are glad that you are here.” Then the greeter can also notice if they stand towards the back and are surveying the congregation. If they do this, you may ask, “can I help you find someone?” If they say yes, try to locate them and walk them to that person. If they are looking for a seat, look towards the back to middle ways back to seat them and always seat them in front of a person that you know will talk to the person. The

other destination greeter can help by passing out bulletins until the greeter can come back to man their position.

After the service is completed, our last level of greeters are introduced. This last level of greeters are called the “departing greeters.” The departing greeters are the ones that are standing inside the foyer area and at the exit doors. The departing greeter's main job is to notice the die-cut bag for first-time visitors or the second-time visitor/follow-up visitor. If you notice a visitor with either one of the visitor indicators, the departing greeter is to go out of their way to say thank you for being here this Sunday Morning. If they have a die-cut bag, the departing greeter is to encourage them to make sure that they go through all of the information in the die-cut bag. The departing greeter is to ask if they filled out the visitor/connect card that is inside the bag. If the visitor did not fill out the card, ask them if it would be ok if you walk them through the process of filling out the card. It is vital to not push them into filling this card out, but to encourage them to fill it out. If they are hesitant, ask them to bring it back with them next Sunday and when they get to the

door, hand it to a greeter. The greeter that receives the card is to make sure it gets into the hands of the pastor or outreach leader.

If the departing greeter notices the pamphlet or brochure in a visitor's hand. The departing greeter is to encourage the visitor to read through the pamphlet and to think about filling out information through the QR code located in the pamphlet. The greeter is to encourage the visitor to notice the QR code in the pamphlet to gather more information concerning our church. The pamphlet is called “the next step” and serves as a way for the visitor to gather more information about the church without having to ask questions concerning our church. Greeters have a tremendous amount of responsibility, and they sometimes can be seen as the unsung heroes of a Sunday Morning in the church. The greeters make the first impression and the greeters make the last impression on a person. The greeters are the first face that people see when people arrive and the last face they will see as they leave.

TO HELP SIMPLIFY THE GREETERS,
THE LIST BELOW WILL HELP...

The First Sunday

- The Door Greeter
 - Stands on the outside of the sanctuary door
 - Opens the car door if needed and then opens the sanctuary doors with a welcome to Cedar Hill this morning.
- The Direction Greeter
 - They are positioned inside the door, facing the door
 - They welcome them as well... they ask them can we help you with finding anything this morning?
 - Do you know where the nursery is? Let me show you...
 - The direction greeter should point out our directional signs

If they have an older child...

- We have children's church for their age, can I show

you where it is held?

- Explain to them as you are pointing our directional signs when the children are dismissed for children's church during the service.
- If you find out they are a first-time guest or they want some information on our church, **give them a die-cut welcome bag.** Located at the Welcome Station.
- Detail Greeter
 - In charge of Welcome Center Station
 - Explain, information, gather information, disperse information to the right person.
- The Destination Greeter
 - You greet them with a bulletin
 - If they have a die-cut bag in their hand, the destination greeter is the first to welcome the guest as a noticeable guest.
 - If they are acting like they are looking for someone or looking for a seat, ask them can I

help you with anything? If they answer yes, make sure to take them to the person or find a seat for them in the back to middle ways back.

- **The Departing Greeter**
 - After the invitation, the departing greeter is to leave the sanctuary and go to their assigned spot to greet people as they depart.
 - The departing greeter is to notice the die-cut bag or the pamphlet that was given out to the visitor. The departing greeter is to encourage the visitor to go through the information that is located in either the die-cut bag or the pamphlet.
 - If they are leaving with a die-cut bag, it is vital that the greeter encourages them to fill out the info card and bring it back next week and hand it to a greeter. Make sure to say that our Pastor will be excited to know that you filled out the card. Please consider bringing it back with you next Sunday to receive more

information concerning our church.

ON THE NEXT SUNDAY THEY VISIT

AFTER A FOLLOW-UP

If they received a die-cut bag or filled out a visitor card, they will be contacted via phone call by someone on the outreach team. The outreach person will ask if they received a Die-Cut bag or just filled out the visitor card? Notice the following steps for both cases in bullet points below...

If they received a Die-Cut bag...

- The outreach team will ask them if they can locate the colorful piece of paper in the die-cut bag. Next, they will request if they do not mind, to bring the colorful piece of paper back with them next Sunday and to hand this to one of our greeters right inside the door of the church.
- When they arrive at the church the next Sunday, the door greeters will notice the colorful piece of paper in their hand and will point them to the directional greeters standing inside the door.
- A directional greeter will lead the guest to the Welcome Center. A directional greeter will inform the person working the Welcome Center that this person/ couple visited us and needs their **next step information**.
- The Next Step information will be explained later...

IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE A DIE-CUT

BAG...

- If the visitors did not receive a die-cut bag on their first visit to the church, they will be encouraged during the announcement time to stop by the welcome center station and to receive a special gift from the church. (a die-cut bag)
- The person working the welcome center station that Sunday is to encourage the visitor to enjoy the goodies that are located in the bag.
- The person working the welcome center station is to ask the visitor if they have filled out the visitor/connect card? If they have not, encourage them to do so and help them out by walking them through the process... either a hard copy or via QR code.
- The last point of emphasis is to bring back the bright colored paper next Sunday and to hand it to a greeter when they arrive where that greeter can get you more information about our church.

IF THEY RECEIVED THEIR NEXT STEP

PAMPHLET

- The next step information is to help them get familiar with our church family, our beliefs, and what other events we have going on with our church.
- The next step is what we put in the visitor's hand the next Sunday at church they are at church.

- During the welcome time, the Pastor will ask the congregation if you have received a die-cut bag but you have not received the next-step information about our church. Would you mind slipping up your hand right now?
 - If you need the next step information please feel free to stop by the Welcome Center desk and we can give you that information before you leave today.

THE NEXT-STEP PAMPHLET

The Next-Step Pamphlet is specifically designed with the visitor in mind. The intention of the next step pamphlet is to help the visitor take the next steps in deciding if this church is the place that God is calling them to attend on a regular basis. Since it is designed with the visitor in mind, the main cause for the pamphlet is to answer as many questions as possible about the church without the visitor ever having to ask the question. The next step pamphlet is a colorful pamphlet that has information such as our mission statement, mission involvement, church staff, Sunday School, Sunday School leaders, Sunday School class location, choir, children's church, youth, praise team, outreach, and Wednesday night activities for the entire family. Inside the pamphlet,

the visitor will notice our QR code. The QR code is labeled with different links with each QR code. The visitor can open each link using their smartphone, or they can see a concise version inside the pamphlet. The following QR codes are located inside the pamphlet, Sunday School information, Wednesday night activities, coffee with the Pastor, choir information, and mission involvement. Each QR code will have places inside the link to ask for more information concerning our church. Also, the pamphlet will direct people to our website to find extensive information concerning all of the QR codes. If a person doesn't have access to a smartphone, the information in the links will be provided to each person in paper format. In all of the next step information, our aim is to tell the story of our church without ever opening our mouth. We want the information that has been gathered and presented to tell the story of what God is doing at our church. The pamphlet should be a picture of a group of people gathered at the church that has found their "Go" which equates to a Two-Forty two church. If this is the case for your church, then your church is ready to Go!

Chapter Five

Go featuring the Church

What is so great about GO featuring the church is the reality that any church can tweak this in order for it to accommodate your church. Some churches, if they have enough new names each week, they might try to do this outreach each week. Some other churches might see that meeting twice a month is ideal. Then some will realize just meeting once a month is the best plan for their church. Whatever route your church decides to take, make sure that the names and contacts that your church has, aren't exhausted by reoccurring contacts. The best rule of thumb of how often to contact someone will be explained at the conclusion of this chapter. The main thing is to make it your own and try not to mimic other churches that might have a similar outreach ideas at their church.

Outreach featuring the church will consist of multiple ways that a person who has found their go to use it to glorify God. Go outreach featuring the church has five primary ways to reach others that includes writing, calling, visiting, praying, and feeding volunteers. Each area is vital in order for an ordinary church to transform into a Two-Forty two church. As each area will be

addressed in detail in later paragraphs, at the center of this outreach lies Acts 2:42. Think about what is happening as we bring our “Go” into the picture and how it correlates with Acts 2:42. That verse says continued steadfastly and this is a picture of ones going together to make visits consistently. The verse goes on to say that they had fellowship and that is what will be happening while people sit down and write letters to people that need a touch from the Lord. The verse ends by saying breaking of bread and prayers and since feeding volunteers is part of the outreach we are breaking bread. Then others will be in fellowship by praying onsite for visits, phone calls, and letters being written. In that one verse, it reminds us all of what was mentioned in the introduction of this book. The believers all had three things in common; they had one common devotion, they had one common doctrine, and they had one common denominator. As a church comes together, Acts 2:42 grows in the life of a church. As Acts 2:42 grows, the stronger the church becomes by following the simple guidelines of prayer and unity.

When a person arrives to go outreach, they will be prompted to sign in and specify which area they will be serving in that night. The areas will be in visiting, praying, writing, calling, or if you brought light refreshments, then

feeding. If you have decided to make an in-home visit, you will be paired up with someone and then the pastor or visitation leader will give you some information on the people/families that will be visited. Visiting will be broken down into the following categories; soul-winning visits, recent church visitor visits, fringe visits, or a circumstance visit. Each category is just as important as the other. It is important to choose the category that makes you the most comfortable. A person also could choose to write a handwritten letter to someone in need or to congratulate them on a certain achievement. The most important reminder is to be neat in the writing and just on certain special occasions, should letters be typed beforehand. If the person chooses to pray, they will have the option of finding a room upstairs and praying as a group or on their own. They will be encouraged to have many points of emphasis of prayer as they approach the throne of God. Then, if a person is willing to pick up the phone, they can call a shut-in, a recent visitor to an area they are associated with such as choir or WMU. Lastly, if someone that is led to bring refreshments they should. The most important point of emphasis is these are supposed to be light refreshments. It is best if the church can provide bottled water and coffee. No matter what area someone decides to minister in on a

specific night, it is important to be prayed up before and to acknowledge you are not inadequate for the building of the kingdom of God. God has blessed people with certain gifts and He expects us to use them to glorify Him. That is finding your Go!

In order to be a person on the go, we have to find people to go after. The best place to start is with people that have visited your church. Something led them to your church which in return leaves the responsibility on the church to find out why they attended your church. Since the best place to start is with people that have visited your church, the best way to engage with them is through Two-Forty two outreach. When we find our go, then we bring it to the church and we put it in play by being the hands and feet of Jesus by living out the great commission of going.

Chapter Six

In-home visitation

In recent years, in-home visitation has become more challenging due to the demanding schedules that most families possess. Even though in-home visitation has more challenges than ever before, this outreach tool is still vital for the church to use. As mentioned before, visitation is broken down into four different categories soul-winning visits, recent church visitor visits, fringe visits, and a circumstance visit. The main emphasis on in-home visitation is to find the kind of visit that suits you the best. When a person arrives to the area where the visitation information is found, you will see the three categories of visitation laid out to view as people that need a visit that night. It is a good rule of thumb to arrive early if a person is going to make an in-home visit to go over the information that is presented. The main piece of information that is presented is the person/ family profile. The profile consists of names, addresses, phone numbers, notes, etc. It is important to review the notes that might have been taken before in a previous visit. After you have arrived and the information has been viewed, it is now

time to assign visits. Each person needs to be paired with another person that wants to make the same kind of visit. If three want to go, that is fine but the ideal number is two people going to make the visits. After people are paired to go, then it is time to assign the visits that people want to make. The best way to do this is to follow the following steps: 1. State the kind of visit (soul-winning, recent church visitor, fringe visit, and circumstance visit) and allow the team to state which visit they are looking for. 2. State the name of the family 3. State any notes 4. Assign the visit 5. Then assign another visit in the same proximity of the previously assigned visit. 6. Decide who will drive. As the visits are assigned, wait to leave when all of the other visitation teams leave. After the visits are assigned and everyone is dismissed with prayer, the visitation time is one hour and try to be back at the church in one hour.

BEFORE/ARRIVING TO THE VISIT

As the teams leave the church, the passenger in the car will go over any information that needs to be addressed. The passenger needs to be in charge of the directions and any details that might have been given in order to find a

house. Before the team arrives, it is recommended to pray over the visit that is about to be made. During the commute from the church to the visit, the team needs to decide who will take the lead on this visit. The person that takes the lead will be the one that does most of the talking. The other person's main job is to run interference where the other person can have a conversation with the person. Now you have arrived to the scene and notice what happens next.

APPROACHING THE DOOR

1. As the team arrives, approach the door and knock or ring the doorbell
2. Take two or three steps back from the door and to the side slightly.

AT THE DOOR

1. When a person opens the door, the person that takes the lead needs to introduce himself as well as the other person that is with them and mention you are here to visit on behalf of the church that is being represented.
2. Even if the team knows the family they are visiting, it is important to state that this visit is on behalf of

the church.

3. After you state that you are visiting on behalf of the church, it is important to acknowledge that “you would like to come in and visit with them for a few minutes concerning the church. Is that ok?”

IF THEY SAY NO...

1. If they say no, ask them what day would be a good time to come back and pay them a visit?
2. Make note of the time and day to make the visit. This information should be listed on the family profile when you return to the car.
3. Before you leave, ask them if you can pray with them and if they say yes, then pray and then leave by telling them it was a pleasure to visit with you and look forward to a possible follow-up visit.

IF THEY LET YOU IN THE HOME...

1. The first few minutes in the home will set the tone for the entire visit.
2. Find something placed around the home to compliment them on to get a conversation started.
 - a. If kids, dogs, or something else is present that might be a hindrance, the person running interference is to keep whoever or whatever occupied where the conversation can take place.
3. If they apologize about the house possibly being in a mess, never acknowledge the apology and play it off by complimenting them about something else in the house.
4. As they ask you to take a seat, keep the conversation light at first by asking them certain questions about their job or anything that can keep the conversation light.
5. After a few minutes, it is important to find a way to turn the conversation toward the reason that the visit was made in the first place.
6. Use the opportunity to say, “we do not want to take too much of your time, the reason we are here is...”
7. Then transition into the reason for the visit and follow the steps below...

8. Pray and answer any questions that they might have concerning the church.
 - a. Ask them if they have ever received a die-cut bag or a pamphlet from the church? ask the family if they need another pamphlet.

SOUL-WINNING VISIT

At the center of a Two-Forty two church, soul-winning was the main feature of growth that happened and it should be that way in each church. Today, many churches are more inclined to swap sheep than be fishers of men. God never called us to swap sheep but called us to reach the ones that are disconnected from church and it starts with soul winning. Many people have their own approach to soul-winning and that is fine. This is for those who might need a little help in getting from inside the home to getting Jesus inside their heart.

1. Do steps 1-7...
2. As the person transitions into the main reason for the visit, in soul-winning, it is important to not state the condition they are in, we want the person to

realize it as this process unfolds.

3. At this point, you want to mention, well before we leave, is it ok if I share some something about Christ with you?
4. If they say yes, then continue... if they say no, then you will need to pray with them and invite them to church, thank them for the visit, and tell them you would like to follow up with them.
5. To continue, this is where you use what is the most comfortable way to share God's plan of salvation. i.e., The Romans road, tract, your personal testimony, etc...
6. For the ones that need help here...
 - a. Always start with **John 3:16** and emphasize the love Jesus had for us to have eternal life.
 - b. Then so what does that actually mean?
 - c. That Jesus died for us even though we don't deserve it.
 - d. Ask, have you ever given much thought into that?
 - i. No matter what they say, move

forward...

- e. Ask them, did you know that man's biggest spiritual need is? And answer it by stating it is the need of salvation.
- f. Now, lean in a little and ask, have you ever given much thought to the need for salvation?
- g. Lead with acknowledging their answer no matter what. Then ask, what does a person need to do in order to receive salvation?
 - i. No matter what the answer is, agree with them slightly.
- h. Make it clear that the main reason for the need for salvation is that without salvation, we are lost with no hope after death.
- i. God's word states: **"that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23**
- j. This means our sin has separated us from salvation
- k. But because of God's love for us, His word tells us **"that while we were sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8**

- l. God loves you so much that He died for you, and since He died for you, He gives us the choice to accept salvation.
- m. So the question is, how do I accept salvation?
- n. God gives us the answer by saying, “*behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with Me.*”
Revelation 3:20
- o. At this very moment, Jesus is standing at the door of your heart and knocking to come in and to save you.
- p. Would you like to ask Him into your heart and save you from your sins?
- q. If they say yes, lead them in a prayer and ask them to repeat after you...
 - i. Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and receive salvation, that only comes from you. I ask now, that you wash my sins away, and come into my heart and save me

from my sins. Thank you Jesus for coming into my heart and saving me.
Amen.

- r. Now let them know what just happened.
 - s. Walk them through the next steps of coming forward and making it public and then following it up with believer's baptism.
7. Congratulate them on what just happened and pray to dismiss the visit.

RECENT CHURCH VISIT

1. Steps 1-7 again.
2. If they have not received the pamphlet concerning our church, give that to them at this time.
3. Ask them if they have any questions about our church
4. Ask them if they need help in finding a Sunday School class
 - a. If small kids or youth are in the picture, remind them of everything going on with those age groups.

- b. If they do need help finding a Sunday School class, explain to them where the Sunday School class is located and the teacher.
5. Don't stay too long and remind them how thankful we are that they came to our church.
6. Before leaving, give them a flyer/ brochure of upcoming events at the church.
7. Pray and then leave.

FRINGE VISITS

A fringe visit is a visit of a church member or a previous visitor and for some reason, has become disconnected from the church. The reason this is called a fringe visit is because they are on the fringe of becoming more disconnected with the church or a church member that just needs a reminder that the church notices that this person has been missing... never say, “you haven’t been to church in a while” or something to that nature, but in return say, “the Lord laid you on my heart and so I asked so and so to come visit with me.”

1. Steps 1-7

2. Again, remind them that the visit is being made because we want to make sure everything is ok and wanted to check on them.
3. Ask them if there is anything we can do for them.
4. After a few minutes, pray and tell them we will see you Sunday.

CIRCUMSTANCE VISIT

Circumstance visits can be emotional visits and more extended visits than the other visits made. Circumstance visits are called that simply because certain circumstances are present in their life now, such as; a death in the family, diagnosis at the doctor, work-related issues, family issues, shut-in, etc. No matter what the present circumstance is, it is best for this person or family to do all the talking and to just listen to what they have to say. Reassure the ones involved that the church is praying for them during this tough time. If the team gets into the home, that is great but do not pressure yourself into the home at this moment... they might not be ready for a visit.

Chapter Seven

Letter Writing

Many people today think that “snail mail” is ineffective in reaching people. Obviously, letter writing is

not used as frequently as it has been in the past, but mailing a letter can still be effective for any outreach ministry. It has been said many times, “there is something about getting a piece of mail of encouragement.” Letter writing gives an individual a way to connect with someone in an outreach ministry that might not feel comfortable making an in-home visit or talking on the phone. Remember, being a Two-Forty Two church is finding your Go and using it as means of reaching more for the cause of Christ. Letter writing is not the typical letter writing that many might be thinking. Letter writing is broken down into seven different categories. The categories for letter-writing are as follows; church visitors, out of towners, new to the area, sympathy, homebound, missions, and events. Each area will be explained in detail in the proceeding paragraphs.

As a person arrives at Two-Forty Two outreach and signs in to the area they will be serving; they will need to decide what kind of letters they are being led to write that night. One area that should be stressed more than any, is that all letters beside the area of events should be

handwritten. As this person decides what kind of letters need to be written tonight, the next step will be deciding on whom needs a letter. This is very important that the person overseeing the letter-writing stays up to date with which letters have been sent to what family or person. The person who is overseeing the letter writing will need to have a record of when and what kind of card was sent to the person.

CHURCH VISITORS

The main reason for Two-Forty Two outreach is to gain traction with people and families. One area to gain traction with a family is to stay on top of visitors and communicating through letters. Church visitors are broken down into four areas of visitors. These four areas are initial visitor, consecutive or 2 out of 3-week visitor, continuing visitor, and reminder visitor. Each area should lead to more information and hopefully more active in their attendance in church. Two points of emphasis in this area are: A. Try to get them into a Sunday School class. B. Give as much information to this person to let them know

the church is interested in them. This is important to always send the next step connect card with the letter that is being sent. This way they always have information concerning our church and various ministries that the church has to offer.

OUT OF TOWNERS

This one is self-explanatory and goes a long ways in people that are visiting church when they are out of town.

NEW TO THE AREA

New to the area letter can go a long ways in developing a strong relationship with a person that has just moved in recently and is needing friends. New to the Area letters can give a person a sense that this church “really cares for me kind of mindset.” Oftentimes, a person can contact their local Chamber of Commerce to see if any new people have moved into the area. Also, in times past, a person could ask the school if there were any new students that are attending school this year. This could be used as a

means of getting information to someone new to the area. Another area that could be used is writing a letter to a new person in the neighborhood or someone who has recently moved to a new location. Whatever avenue someone wants to use to welcome someone new to the area is alright.

SYMPATHY

A sympathy letter can go a long way in reminding someone that the church cares about them. A sympathy letter should be used to send to someone that has lost a loved one. If a letter-writing team really wants to be on top of things, try to be reminded to send one out the first year after a family loses someone. This avenue of letter writing should be used not only for church members, but also for people within the community that is struggling with the loss of a loved one.

HOMEBOUND

In homebound ministry, many times the people that are no longer able to come to church feel disconnected.

This is where letter writing can truly be a blessing to any church. Homebound ministry letter writing can get creative with their ideas in this area. They could plan and get kids to draw or color a picture for someone or any other idea that pops in to a person's mind. The main thing is to always keep the homebound in the loop and they are not forgotten. Homebound cards should be sent every six weeks or so or on special occasions.

MISSIONS

The ones that are on the field working day in and day out need to be reminded from time to time they are not forgotten. If your community has certain mission organizations that you support, then this is where you would need to drop a letter of encouragement to that missionary or organization. If you are a Southern Baptist affiliated church, the North American Mission Board (NAMB), has a spotlight missionary each month to pray for as well as information to write these missionaries a letter. It is crucial to enclose in the letter that is being written information about the church as well a picture of

the people that are writing the letter and praying for the missionaries. This letter writing can go a long ways in building relationships with mission organizations in your area as well. If a church has a local association, then write a letter to the local association stating they are being prayed for as the letter is being written. Also, a church can take this to the state level or even the national level stating they are being prayed for as the letter is being written. Once again, use your GO in this area to reach out to any mission minded person that God has laid on the heart of the person writing the letter.

EVENTS

This area is where the church keeps people connected and serves as a reminder of things that are going on. Events stem from the areas of achievements, promotions, or just being recognized. If someone scores a touchdown on Friday night during the local High School football game, the church should send a cut out of the paper laminated or just acknowledged that the church recognizes their hard work. If a wedding announcement is

mentioned in the paper, send them a reminder that the church is praying for them as they approach this special day. The list can go on and on. If the person working in this area and thinks that a person should be recognized, then they should heed to the leading of the Holy Spirit and recognize that person the Lord has laid on their heart.

Examples of Letters

FIRST TIME VISITORS

(Date)

Dear _____,

Thank you for worshipping with us at Cedar Hill Baptist Church. We hope you felt the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, we would like to extend an invitation to visit one of our Sunday School classes on Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. We have a class for everyone! If you are not familiar where our classes are located one of our greeters at all of our entrances will assist you in finding the class for you. We hope to see you

again soon for Sunday school and worship. God
bless you.

In Christ,

(sign your name)

DO NOT ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

2ND WEEK OF VISITING

(Date)

Dear _____,

Thank you so much for visiting with us again this past Sunday. It brings us great joy knowing that you continue to visit Cedar Hill Baptist Church. If you sense God might be leading you to join with us in reaching our city to Christ, we would love for you to explore the QR Codes on the next step card enclosed. If you have any questions or would like detailed information concerning our next step connect, please stop by the welcome center next Sunday to receive this information.

We hope to see you again soon.

In Him,

(Sign Your Name)

ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

4-6 WEEK LETTER

(Date)

Dear _____,

God continues to do wonderful things here at Cedar Hill Baptist Church. Words cannot describe the encouragement we feel because of your visits to our worship services. We believe that God has certainly placed His hand of guidance upon the direction of our church at this time.

As we have mentioned at other times, if there are specific questions about the Staff or ministries, we will be glad to convey to you as much information as possible. If your family has any special needs that we can pray for,

please don't hesitate to let us know. We will consider it an honor if God should lead you to become part of our special family at Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

Sincerely,

(Sign Your Name)

DO NOT ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

OUT OF TOWNERS

(Date)

Dear _____,

Thank you for visiting with us this past Sunday at Cedar Hill Baptist Church. We hope you felt "at home" and that you experienced the presence of the Lord. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We hope you will visit with us again when you are in the LaFollette area.

Sincerely,

(Sign Your Name)

DO NOT ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

NEW TO THE TOWN/ NEW RESIDENT

(Date)

Dear _____,

If you have either just moved to the LaFollette area, or made a move within the region, we would consider it an honor if you would join us for worship at Cedar Hill Baptist Church. We are located at 636 Demory Road in LaFollette.

At Cedar Hill, we strive to be a place where people feel at home immediately. It would be a wonderful place for you to meet new friends, a place kids grow in Christ, get acquainted with leaders in the community, and most importantly, strengthen your relationship with God. If you would like more information concerning Cedar Hill, feel free to explore the next step QR codes listed with this letter. If there is anything that Cedar Hill can do to help you become more acclimated with the community, feel free to reach out to us by the information provided on the next step connect card.

We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

(Sign Your Name)

ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

SYMPATHY

(Date)

Dear _____,

Cedar Hill Baptist Church wanted to let you know that we are praying for you and your family during this difficult time in the loss of your loved one. We pray that God's love and grace will sustain you.

If there is anything that we can do for you at this time, please let us know by phoning the church office, 423.562.9318. God bless you.

Revelation 21:4

(sign your name)

DO NOT ENCLOSE NEXT STEP CARD

MISSIONS

(Date)

Dear _____,

God's word reminds us to "not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9) Cedar Hill Baptist Church wants to encourage you today by saying, do not lose heart in doing good. We thank you for your obedience of heeding to the call that God has placed on your heart. You are being prayed for this week by name and we pray blessings over your ministry.

Sincerely,

Cedar Hill Baptist Church

ENCLOSE THE POSTCARD OF THE
PRAYER TEAM

EVENTS

Possibly a flyer with information sent out at the first of the month to keep people in the loop of what is going on at the church. Other areas of emphasis are achievements of

people around town and beyond and recognition from something a person accomplished. Some ideas below...

Stay in the loop

- At the beginning of the month, send out reminders for the next 6 weeks

Achievements

- Sporting events, wedding announcements, or anything that is mentioned in the paper or on social media.

Recognition

- Anything that anyone was mentioned in an article or or facebook and etc...

Chapter Eight

Phone Calls

Some people love talking on the phone and others

tend to shy away from phone conversations. The person that volunteers for phone call ministry needs to be passionate and willing to do more listening rather than talking sometimes. One area of concern with phone call ministry is the fine line of going off script and having the “robot voice” on the phone. This fine line needs to always be at the front of the person making the phone call. This person will always have a script to go by and should practice it before making the phone call. The last thing the person making the phone needs is the thought that the person making the call is acting like a “telemarketer” trying to sell the person on the other end of the phone something.

There is a number one priority phone call that will be made each time in outreach and that is the first time guest. The information will be explained in depth at the conclusion of this chapter how to make sure the church uses the first time guest to turn into a repeat guest and eventually a follower of Christ or new member. The caller will walk the first time visitor through a detailed step of intentional questions to make sure the first time visitor

knows how thankful the church was to have them in the recent service they attended.

There is one obvious difference between the phone calls and letter writing. This obvious difference is in the way the person is communicating with a person. This is no different when it comes to the outreach material that is provided. The phone callers will be using the same information that has been given to the letter writers but tweaked just a little. In making phone calls, there are only four categories that will be focused on during outreach time. The four categories are as follows; first time guests, four to six week guests, sympathy, and homebound. These areas can serve as a sounding board for each church by the information that is gathered on the other end of the phone. It is crucial for the person who is making the phone call to take notes while listening if any important information is given while on the phone. This information can be pass along to the Pastor for a possible follow-up call or even a visit.

One hurdle that can hinder anyone from doing the phone call is the fear of being stalled while talking to

someone. If this is the case, it is important to follow the acronym FORM. The “F” stands for, “tell me about your **Family**.” This can serve as a way of detouring the person down a different avenue as well as helping the caller not to stall during the conversation. The “O” stands for, the “**Occupation**” that a person might do for a living or retired from. Sometimes a person likes to talk about what they do for a living and can help change the perspective of why a person is calling. The “R” stands for do you have any “**Religious Background**” before attending this church? Then the “M” stands for, the “**Message**” that we are about at Cedar Hill. The message is crucial because this might present a time that a person shares the gospel with the other person on the other end of the phone call. Each phone call that a person will make should have close by the “FORM” information as well as a detailed step by step plan of how to present the gospel to a person over the phone. If the person will follow the step by step actions, the Holy Spirit will take over and walk them through this process and it will be a beautiful event to share with the entire church.

FIRST TIME VISITOR

Date:

Name:

Reason for Call:

Can I speak with **(person/couples name)**? My name is **(State your name)**,

- I am calling on behalf of **(Your Church)**.
- Did I catch you at a bad time? If no continue
- First off, thank you for filling out a visitor's card.
- Our Pastor, **(Pastor's name)** truly does appreciate it when guests take the time to fill one out.
- Did you get a chance to meet our Pastor after church? (yes/no)
 - IF YES, Well good, Did Pastor (Pastor's Name) mention to you that someone from the church would be in contact with you this week? (answer yes) GREAT!
 - If NO, I am sorry that you didn't get to meet him
- As I mentioned earlier, I am **(your name)**, I wanted to thank you for giving **(Church Name)** a visit!
- We hope that you truly felt at home and enjoyed the service.

- I have been a member here for (# of yrs)
 - I raised my kids here
 - I was saved in this church
 - I was baptized in this church
 - I was married in this church
 - I joined in my (age gap 30's 40's) after I (state the reason for joining)
- This church truly has been a blessing to me.
- I won't keep you long on the phone, but I did want to invite you again this Sunday back to church.
- We would love to get an information bag in your hands if you didn't receive one.
 - Did you receive an information bag?
- What we will do is myself or (name of weekly greeter) will be outside up under the covered entrance to the worship center.
- We will have name tags on that says greeter with our name on it.
- We will have the information bag in our hand, ok.
- We will walk you in and help you find a seat.
- Once again, thank you for visiting (Church name)!

My name is (name) and the greeter you will be looking for this Sunday is (name of greeter).

- If you have any questions about (Name of the Church) this week, please reach out to us ok.
- Can I pray with you before we get off the phone?
 - If no, then say thank you, have a good day!
 - If they say yes... Dear Lord, thank you for allowing my path and **(their name)** to cross. We pray dear Lord, that the _____ family knows they how thankful that You sent them our way. We pray that you give them a good rest of the week and if You see fit, bring them back to us next Sunday. IN Jesus name, Amen.

4 TO 6 WEEKS PHONE CALL

Date:

Name:

Reason for Calling:

Can I speak with **(person/couples name)**? My name is **(State your name)**,

- I am calling on behalf of **(Your Church)**.
- Did I catch you at a bad time? If no continue
- We are thankful that God has continued to lead you to **(Name of Church)** to worship with us!
- Since you have visited a few times, we at **(Name of Church)** like to touch base with our continued visitors to see if you have any questions at this time about our church?
- If yes, try to answer them as good as possible
 - Always direct them to being contacted by a staff member and a good time for a phone call.
- I'm just curious, has anyone reached out to you or have you found a Sunday School Class?
 - If yes, rejoice with them
 - If no, state that we would love to get you/ and or your family plugged in to a class

somewhere.

- If this is something that you are interested in, we start Sunday School at 9:30 each Sunday Morning.
- We will have greeters at all entrances that would love to assist you to a classroom.
- Listen, I do not want to take anymore of your time, but thank you for taking my phone call today and especially your continued visits to our church.
- We pray that the Lord confirms to you where He wants you to attend church.
- Can I pray with you?
 - If no, thank them again for the conversation you just had with them
 - If they say yes... Dear Lord, thank you for allowing my path and **(their name)** to cross. We pray dear Lord, that the _____ family knows they how thankful that You sent them our way. We pray that you give them a good rest of the week and if You see

fit, bring them back to us next Sunday. IN
Jesus name, Amen.

SYMPATHY

Date:

Name:

Reason of visit:

Can I speak with **(person/couples name)**? My name is **(State your name)**,

- I am calling on behalf of **(Your Church)**.
- Did I catch you at a bad time? If no continue
- **(Name of Church)** wanted to let you know that we are praying for you and your family during this difficult time in the loss of **(Name of person)**.
- **(Name of Church)** is truly praying that God's love and grace will sustain you during this time.
- Can I pray with you?

Lord, we are reminded by your word that you are an ever present help in a time of need. Lord we do pray that you will continue to strengthen the **(Name of Family)** during a time that you can truly on give the strength to carry on. In Jesus name, Amen.

HOMEBOUND

Date:

Name:

Reason for Call:

Can I speak with **(person/couples name)**? My name is **(State your name)**,

- I am calling on behalf of **(Your Church)**.
- Did I catch you at a bad time? If no continue
- Like I said earlier, I am **(State your name)** to check on you to see how you are doing and to remind you are being prayed for each week.
- State any events that are going on at the church
- Remind them once again they are thought of many times throughout the week.
- Pray with them.

“F.O.R.M”

“F” Family

- Tell me about your family?
 - Are you married? Have kids?
 - Name of kids and ages?

- Kids involved in any activities?

“O” Occupation

- So what do you do for a living?
 - How long have you been doing this?
 - So where is this place located at?

**** Lead in with, “so I heard about your family and your work, what about your church background?” Then go directly to the first question. Do not give them time to answer about church background.****

“R” Religious Background

- Are you attending church at this time?
 - If yes, if you are confident in their answer ,then ask so what is the name of the church and where is that located?
 - If you are not confident in the answer, just say you are glad to hear that...

“M” Message

IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF...

- Before I get off the phone, is it ok if I share some something about Christ with you?

- If yes, proceed
- If no, pray and thank them for the phone call.
- Our biggest spiritual need is the need of salvation.
 - God's word states: **"that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23**
- This means our sin has separated us from salvation
 - So the question is, how do I accept salvation?
 - God gives us the answer by saying, **"behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with Me." Revelation 3:20**
 - At this very moment, Jesus is standing at the door of your heart and knocking to come in and to save you.
 - Would you like to ask Him into your heart and save you from your sins?
 - If they say yes, lead them in a prayer and ask them to repeat after you...
 - Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and receive

salvation, that only comes from you. I ask now, that you wash my sins away, and come into my heart and save me from my sins. Thank you Jesus for coming into my heart and saving me. Amen.

- Walk them through the steps of following this up with believers baptism and get this person in touch with the Pastor.
- Rejoice them on decision that has been made.
- Pray with them and get off the phone or return to the reason you called and continue.

Chapter Nine

Living out Two- Forty Two Daily

**Specifically for Cedar Hill Baptist Church LaFollette, TN
Written in 1st person by Dr. Bryan Burge**

This is where Two-Forty Two gets really fun when we take it beyond a group of people gathered together to encourage people. Taking this beyond the church house is the next step after a church becomes the Two-Forty Two

church. After the church becomes a Two-Forty Two church, a person thinks about it constantly. The following process is Cedar Hill living out Two-Forty Two daily.

MONDAY'S: BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

IN TOWN:

Each week Cedar Hill will have a different business in town that we will spotlight as our business of the week. This means on Monday mornings I will buy a dozen of doughnuts and take to our local business that is our spotlight business of the week. I will communicate to the owners that each week we have a group of people that pray for specific needs each day and today, your business is this week's weekly spotlight. Then I will ask to pray with them and their business and before I leave, I will get a picture with the business owners. After we receive the picture, then it will be uploaded to our social media platforms stating who they are and what we are doing. Then our members will know to like and share this post.

TUESDAY: SILENT BLESSING

On Tuesday we should be looking for ways to specifically be a blessing for someone without them knowing it. The area of concentration that I want us to focus on is in the drive-thru or pay for a table at a sit down restaurant. If we are in a drive-thru or at a restaurant, if the Spirit leads you to pay for someone's meal then be obedient and do this for the Lord. As you ask to pay for this person's meal, ask the cashier to give the person you paid for a card that states Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

POP-IN QUESTION

While you are at the gas pump or in line somewhere and if the thought "pops in" your mind to ask the person near you, "Excuse me, do you know where Cedar Hill Baptist Church is?" no matter what their response is, explain to this person that you are a member at Cedar Hill

and would love to see them at our church. Give them the Cedar Hill Card or the next step pamphlet.

THURSDAY: BREAKFAST WITH BRYAN

Returning will be Breakfast with Bryan with the same setup but with a few different twists this time. Not only will we setting up at different venues, we will be celebrating the stories that were shared with me about being a Two-Forty Two church. Also, during this time, I will share who our business spotlight was this week and encourage each person to continue being a Two-Forty Two Church.

Chapter Ten

Personal Note to Cedar Hill

Specifically for Cedar Hill Baptist Church LaFollette, TN

Written in 1st person by Dr. Bryan Burge

As Cedar Hill comes to the end of this vision, I firmly believe God placed this vision in my heart years ago for Cedar Hill and we didn't even know each other. In 2008, I was twenty-four years of age and working in a machine shop in Tupelo, MS. From year 2008 to year 2019,

the Lord placed me in churches to learn from my mistakes, surrounded me with true men of God that poured their life in to me, and allowed me to receive a conservative Seminary Education. Now we sit here in 2022, I am no longer surrounded by most of these men nor in the realm of education. I believe that now is “Go Time.” For the first time in my ministry, I am placed at a church that has the people and the funds to become a Two-Forty Two church. In the past, I have served at churches that had the people willing to do what needed to be done but I did not have the funds, or had the funds but didn’t have the people. I know for a fact that God has placed me here at Cedar Hill Baptist church for “such a time as this” to implement this movement of becoming a Two-Forty Two church. Let us face reality, Cedar has the people and they have the funds. The churches that are on a mission to reach their community have a blank check and say whatever it takes we will do even when others think it might be irresponsible. It is biblical, go and read Acts 2:40-47 and see they were willing to give to a point that cost them the shirt off their back. I thank God that the Lord didn’t put

a price tag on my salvation and never said “That cost too much for me to die on the cross for Bryan Burge.” The people are here at Cedar Hill. The funds are here at Cedar Hill, as this is being written, Cedar Hill has over \$400,000 in the bank. There is no reason why Cedar Hill cannot be the Church that is recorded in Acts 2:42-47. In closing, the money is not the main object that gets this job done. What truly makes a Two-Forty Two church it is a group of people that quit looking at life in the physical and finally look at life through the spiritual. This means when it doesn't make sense on paper the Two-Forty Two church still does what God is leading them to do. These men were willing to fail for the cause of Christ. I know for me, I would rather fail knowing I tried something instead of looking back and saying, “what if.” The Lord has put a burning desire in my heart to present this to Cedar Hill. I truly believe that Cedar Hill has the potential to reach many and grow the kingdom of God. What I love about Two-Forty Two is the fact that the potential rest solely on the commitment level of the people not on the Pastor. If we recall, it was ordinary people in Act chapter two that did extraordinary things for

the cause of Christ.