



Senior Adult Day PLANNING GUIDE

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HE FIRST SUNDAY in May is designated as Senior Adult Day to ...

- express appreciation to senior adults for their service in the kingdom of God and their work in the church.
- observe how senior adults use their spiritual gifts.
- make other age groups aware of the blessings of senior adults.
- praise God for the contributions of senior adults.

PLANNING FOR SENIOR ADULT DAY

1. Planning originates from the senior adult council, coordinator, staff person, or planning committee.
2. Subcommittees are appointed to deal with attendance, worship, choir, ministry activities, food, transportation, and publicity.
3. Activities are scheduled.

SENIOR ADULT WEEK

- **Ministry:** Select activities such as visiting residents at nursing homes or taking meals to those who are homebound.
- **Fellowship meal:** Have a potluck lunch after church. Seniors don't get to bring anything, not even Elizabeth's good ol' banana puddin'! After lunch, have two or three seniors lined up to give their testimonies about trusting God, when they went through something that reinforced the idea of building on the foundation of Jesus, studying and not just reading the Word. Ask them to share a Scripture that ministered to them or a hymn that helped reinforce that Scripture.
- **Special programs:** Enlist speakers and guests.
- **Senior adult retreat:** Provide a time of reflection, fellowship, and fun.
- **Special emphases:** Feature one each day. ☸

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ and Piano Prelude

“There Is a Fountain” (*Pedalpoint*, Spring 2021)

Congregational Call to Worship 501

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Prayer

Piano Offertory

“King of Kings” (*Pedalpoint*, Spring 2021)

Recognition of Senior Adults

Testimony by a senior adult, someone whose life exemplifies 1 Corinthians 3:11

Responsive Reading 27

“Our Confidence in Christ” (p. 861 in back of hymnal, led by a senior adult serving as a worship leader)

Hymn 454

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (segue, no break)

Hymn 455

“In Times Like These” (segue, no break)

Hymn 456

“How Firm a Foundation” (Sing three verses and modulate to verse 4.)

Choral Worship

“We Honor and Bless Your Name” (*Glory Songs*, Spring 2021)

Message

Jesus Christ, Our Foundation: Speak to the importance of building your life on the foundation of Jesus Christ, of studying the Word, of quoting the Word as needed, and of applying the Word in daily life.

Invitation Hymn 470

“Without Him”

Announcements

Benediction

Choral Response to Benediction

“Like Jesus” (*Glory Songs*, Spring 2021)

Piano/Organ Postlude

“Come, People of the Risen King” (*Pedalpoint*, Spring 2021)

Pedalpoint and *Glory Songs* may be ordered at 1-800-458-2772 or lifeway.com. Hymns are from the *Baptist Hymnal*, 2008.