

Good words for Great Souls

BY MARK PATTERSON

A newsletter is an easy and effective way to grow interest in your church. Use it to address regular parishioners or newcomers and inform them about upcoming events. The front page usually contains a list of the feature articles enclosed within. Remember to choose topics catered to your chosen audience. Highlight fun moments from past events, share thoughts on a powerful piece of scripture, or announce activities and charity work. Pair them with your best photos. You can also add your address and other contact details. Finally, double-check facts to make sure everything you publish is accurate.



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