

## **EMPHASIS FOLLOW-UP: AFTER THE EMPHASIS IS OVER...**

1. Encourage each Sunday School class to continue the ministries begun during these emphasis weeks – perhaps on a monthly or quarterly basis.
2. Recommend that Sunday School members keep their “Make the Connection with Others” cards over the coming months as a reminder to pray for and connect with others.
3. Have an assigned team to personally contact each visitor who attended during the weeks of the emphasis.
4. Have a “Celebration Sunday” meal event at the conclusion of the emphasis. Invite people from the neighborhood to attend. In larger churches, encourage an adult class to partner with a children’s or teen class to host a “Celebration Sunday” meal and invite people who attended during this emphasis.
5. Honor Sunday School classes that have demonstrated growth during the emphasis.
6. On a Sunday following the emphasis, plan to recognize new attendees who came to the church because of the activities of the emphasis. Celebrate newly-established spiritual victories.
7. Host a “meet the pastor” luncheon or coffee as opportunities for new attendees to fellowship with the pastoral staff and families and other key church leaders. Provide information about how they can become involved with the ministry opportunities available at your church.
8. Encourage Sunday School classes of all ages to plan follow-up parties or socials to involve the new attendees.