



There are lots of ways your Life Team can equip your congregation to affirm life. When you pick an idea(s) that fits your church's life-affirming "maturity" and your Life Team's mission, **humbly submit ideas** to your pastor/worship leader well. Explain exactly how the idea will work and explain/offer your Team's readiness to help implement. Allow plenty of time (typically 1-3 months, depending upon the sensitivity and complexity of the idea) for church leaders to process and approve the idea.

Attention Life Team Leaders: Do not give this entire list to your Team! It'll overwhelm them! Present a few items of your choosing to your Team for them to consider. Ideas are rated to help you choose wisely:

1. simple - for newer Life Teams and less mature life-affirming congregations
2. moderate - for Life Teams at least 1 year old and maturing life-affirming congregations
3. complex - for established Life Teams and mature life-affirming congregations

IDEA	DESCRIPTION AND HOW TO DO IT	RATING
<i>Announce your Life Team</i>	Let your congregation know that your Life Team exists through all available church communication channels! Explain your mission and how you're looking to carry it out. Do not use the phrase "pro-life." Do this repetitively. It will take time for your congregation to (a) know you exist, (b) understand what you do, and (c) embrace the fact that you're not just a fire-breathing anti-abortion group.	1
<i>Wear "Precious Feet" pins</i>	Lapel pins of a 10-week-old baby's feet or hands are a good testimony to life. Wear and distribute them. Order by searching the web for "precious feet pins."	1
<i>Give people a free subscription to CFL News</i>	<i>CFL News</i> is our monthly e-letter and it's full of inspiration and information for maturing champions of life. Get permission from people before subscribing them here.	1

<i>Direct people to life-affirming websites</i>	Use personal email, social media, church publications, and other means to point people to Christ-centered life-affirming websites.	1
<i>Establish a social media presence</i>	Create a profile on one or more social media outlets (e.g., Facebook, Instagram). Be gracious and balanced in your content. This is best done by someone with skill in social media. Be sure to maintain your outlet after you build it!	1
<i>Give a flower to older adults</i>	Work with pastoral leaders to determine cut-off for who's an "older adult," and for help planning this event. Give a flower to these adults during the worship service, citing Scripture to honor them.	2
<i>Hold a diaper drive</i>	Challenge everyone in your church to bring a pack of diapers, wipes, or related item to the church over a 2-Sunday period. Collect all the items and deliver to a local pregnancy center. Contact the pregnancy center for help.	2
<i>Build a web page</i>	It's best to work this out with whomever manages your church's website. The Life Team can fit under various ministries (e.g., missions, mercy ministry). Be sure to articulate your mission, the kinds of things you do, when/where you meet, and how to get in touch with more questions. Be sure to update your page often.	2
<i>Launch individual, small baby bottle collection</i>	Hand out <i>small</i> (~6") coin-slotted baby bottle for families to fill with loose change as a fun/easy way to engage entire families. A good time to do this is between Mother's Day (hand out empty bottles) and Father's Day (collect full bottles). Give proceeds to CFL or a life-affirming agency.	2
<i>Launch large, church-wide baby bottle collection</i>	Place <i>large</i> (~2' tall) coin-slotted baby bottles around the church for people to deposit loose change. Collect the bottles in a month or two and give the proceeds to CFL or other life-affirming agency. A good time to do this is between Mother's Day (hand out empty bottles) and Father's Day (collect full bottles).	2
<i>Distribute bulletins and flyers</i>	Distribute flyers to inform and engage congregants in the life arena. Be absolutely sure you and church leadership agree with flyer's message before distributing. Distribute personally, in a display, on a limited-time table, etc..	2
<i>Visit life-affirming agency</i>	Organize group(s) from your church to visit to a life-affirming agency's location (e.g. crisis pregnancy center) to open their eyes to needs and opportunities.	2

<i>Distribute life-affirming articles</i>	Distribute church leader-approved articles as a web link, on social media, as a bulletin insert, and/or through other church-approved distribution channels.	2
<i>Invite guest speaker for church groups</i>	Groups in your church (e.g. men's min., women's min., youth, missions) are often looking for guest speakers. Help them by booking a CFL staff member, or a life-affirming agency representative to speak.	2
<i>Attend denominational and other life-affirming regional events</i>	Denominations or regional affiliations often have life-affirming observances/events, especially in January. Encourage your Team and church to participate/attend. Check CFL's online calendar for events.	2
<i>Plan a meal-talk</i>	Lunches work best after Sunday worship; desserts work almost anytime! Provide for free. While/after eating, have CFL, or another life-affirming agency or speaker, talk or lead a discussion about a life topic.	2
<i>Establish a baby item drop box</i>	A permanent receptacle to collect baby items for donation to those who care for moms who chose life for their baby. Get permission from church/facilities. Find out needs from local life-affirming agencies. Repeatedly encourage your congregation to donate items. Contact life-affirming agencies when box is full for pickup.	2
<i>Establish a Life Team display</i>	This is an information beachhead in your church. It should include your Life Team's mission, and when/where the Team meets. It should reflect the multiple facets of the life arena and be warmly inviting. It should be tidy and professional. Never use bloody, polarizing, or graphic images. Assign Team member to maintain display.	2
<i>Distribute prayer calendar</i>	Distribute as a web link, on social media, as a bulletin insert, and/or through other church-approved distribution channels. Here is a sample 31-day prayer calendar for the life arena.	2
<i>Customize church sign or marquee</i>	Many churches have a sign out front that they can customize. With permission, put a life-affirming message on that sign. This is a good witness to the public and your congregation. Be gracious in your wording; seek to connect, not condemn. Avoid the phrase "pro-life." Using Scripture is a good idea.	2

<i>Watch and discuss a movie</i>	Many good movies have been released in recent years that deal with life issues. Organize a fun time of popcorn and fellowship around the movie. Lead a <i>discussion</i> (not lecture) afterward about the worldview expressed and the Bible's teaching. Look for gaps and overlaps in worldview. Contact CFL for a list of good movies and help with discussion guides.	2
<i>Adopt a prayer resolution</i>	Have your church's leader board adopt a life-affirming prayer resolution and make a commitment to pray for life-affirming things. Publish the resolution on the church's website and/or social media. Encourage a church leader to invite others to join leadership in their commitment to pray for life. Here is a prayer calendar from which you can derive your own prayer resolution.	2
<i>Hold a prayer vigil</i>	Set aside time for life-specific group prayer to show dependence on God and unify hearts. Be creative: 24-hour prayer vigils with people signing up for 30 minutes at a time, evening candlelight vigils, vigils outdoors in front of the church, etc. Use CFL's 31-day prayer calendar for help with prayer topics.	2
<i>Make bumper stickers available</i>	Attractively make gracious life-affirming bumper stickers available to people. Search the web for suppliers. Avoid harsh or demeaning messages.	3
<i>Hold a Bible study</i>	Suggest this for existing small groups/ministry to allow in-depth exposure to life issues and the opportunity to interact and discuss life issues. Be sure church leaders approve the study. Fit to church Bible study calendar if possible, or kick off around sanctity of human life season (January).	3
<i>Promote your state's "Choose Life" license plate</i>	Contact your state's license office to find out if you have a "Choose Life" plate option. Work with the plate's non-profit organization to offer the plate to your congregation.	3
<i>Participate in a local Walk/Run for Life</i>	Many life-affirming agencies hold an annual Walk/Run for Life. Coordinate your church's involvement as a Team - make it easy for them (e.g., meet and carpool from your church to the Walk). Contact local life-affirming agencies for more info and promotional ideas and giveaways.	3
<i>Participate in a local parade</i>	Lots of local communities hold parades (e.,g. a July 4th parade), and open participation to organizations in the community. Ask your local government about upcoming parades and put together a positive, gracious, life-affirming float. Hand out free Lifesaver	3

	candy with a positive life-affirming message attached. Since this is a public witness and since you represent your church, get church leadership permission first.	
<i>Hold a sexual integrity rally</i>	Equips teens and parents in things pertaining to sexual integrity. Contact local life-affirming agencies for resources, speakers, and upcoming opportunities. Also check out national events that you can attend as a church.	3
<i>Call for childrens' artwork</i>	Invite children in your church to draw pictures that show the beauty of life (during Sunday School, at home, etc.) and then place these pictures around the church, especially during SOHL season. Give them Scriptures and ideas to guide their creations. This is a bright and joyful testimony to all who see it. Organize this with you Sunday School Coordinator in advance, and check with facilities about hanging artwork.	3
<i>Hold a life-affirming Sunday School series</i>	Here is a sample curriculum composed and implemented by an actual Life Team. Here is an inspiring video testimony from a Life Team that's held an adult life-affirming Sunday School series.	3
<i>Hold a blood drive</i>	Root this event in the gospel: we give blood to save lives because Jesus gave His blood to save our lives. Contact your local Red Cross for help.	3
<i>Throw a baby shower</i>	Gather a group together to donate new or slightly used baby items that will be given to a crisis pregnancy center. Women's groups are ideal places for this. Doing this as part of a lunch is fun. Contact local life-affirming agencies for help.	3
<i>Place roses in the sanctuary</i>	Do this before Sunday worship. Explain the roses' significance to the congregation. White rose for babies lost to miscarriage, red rose for babies born in the congregation, yellow rose for babies saved from an abortion.	
<i>Hold a seminar, symposium, debate, conference or lecture</i>	These events nourish focused, deep thought and interaction on life-affirming subjects. Done right, they can be open to the public. They take significant planning and approval. Be sure speakers are Christ-centered, gifted communicators. Check with local life-affirming agencies for ideas and speakers.	3
<i>Attend the March for Life in Washington DC or at your</i>	Marches for Life typically happen around the sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade (January 22, 1973). Coordinate your church's	3

<i>local State Capital</i>	involvement several months in advance. Check with local Right to Life groups for information, or visit www.marchforlife.org .	
<i>Hold a fast & break-fast</i>	Here is a PDF to help you inform and invite people to experience a biblical fast and feast. You can also invite folks to participate in one of CFL's worldwide Fast & Feasts - check our calendar for upcoming dates.	3
<i>Place memorial crosses in the church lawn</i>	Make or buy simple, small, white crosses and put them in your church's lawn as a somber testimony to the reality of abortion. Ideal around SOHL season. Include a sign that shares abortion facts. Be gracious in your wording on the sign. This is a bold stand and must be approved by church leaders who will work with you to prepare your people.	3