



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Cook-Off

- Get the pastoral staff and church leaders together for a cooking competition. Have people make a cash donation to vote for their favorite dish.
- Have a themed cook-off—chili, clam chowder, casserole, dessert—between church members. Either charge a small entry fee or tasting fee. Draw in your judges/ church members by highlighting the fact that they'll get to sample a number of tasty dishes.
- Man Dish vs. Man Dish. Have the men of your church bring their best “manly” dishes to the table! As above, people can vote by making a cash donation to their favorite dish or you could also charge a small entry/tasting fee.



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Auction/Silent Auction

- Have church members and/or local businesses donate items for a silent auction. (Pies, antiques, a nice dinner, gift baskets, and so forth.) Open this up to the community as an outreach. (We know of one group who sold a pie for \$300!)
- Host a service auction. Have church members identify services they are willing and able to auction and then let the bidding begin. (Examples: Handyman, cleaning, cooking, yard work, and so forth.) Don't forget to get the youth involved! They can tutor, babysit, pet-sit, wash cars, and even help with holiday decorating. For added fun, have each church member dress the part. For example, if they'll be doing yard work, they could dress in overalls and bring a rake. You may also want to consider combining the auction with a dinner or dessert night to increase your audience size.



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Sponsorship

- Offer your church members the opportunity to sponsor a lady from the church. Break the cost down, so they'll know how much they need to give. You never know . . . there may be a businessman or businesswoman in your church who could sponsor several ladies.
- Have the men or youth of the church sponsor an event with proceeds going to the *Kindle the Flame* ladies. (Examples: A taco or spaghetti dinner, golf tournament, movie night, and so forth.) Advertise this as a way to give back to their wives, moms, and fellow church members.



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Pancake Breakfast

- Host a pancake breakfast/fundraiser as a community outreach. Make the breakfast free—with donations welcome—to those outside the church.
- Hold a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's. Fundraisers are held Saturdays from 8–10 a.m. Contact your local Applebee's for more information. (We know of one group who did this and raised \$1,500 in one morning!) There may also be other restaurants who offer similar fundraisers.





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Photo Booth Fun

- Set up a fun, silly photo booth for church members that will be available before or after service. Charge them a small fee to have their picture taken. (Ideas: Western, Hollywood, Victorian, and so forth.)
- Bring in a local photographer to take a nice family photo of church members for a small fee. You may be able to get the photographer to donate their time. Or you may have a photographer in your congregation who could help out.



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Get the Community Involved

- Have a public bake sale and bring out your best baked treats!
- Host a tea for the ladies in town accompanied by a silent auction. Ask local businesses to donate items.
- Hold a yard sale . . . the bigger the better! (We know of one group who joined with a local Senior Center and raised around \$3,000 on one Saturday!)

These are also great ways to get your church's name out there!



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Special Events

- Hold a church and/or community dinner and sell admission tickets. It doesn't have to be fancy. Try tacos with all the trimmings or lasagna and garlic bread. The choice is up to you!
 - Gather the sprinkles, gummy bears, and chocolate syrup, and invite your community to an ice cream spectacular! Charge a small entry fee for each person. You may also want to rent some inflatables or set up games to help draw in more people from the community.
 - Do you have some talented kids and adults in your church who love to act? Try hosting a Dinner Theatre and open it up to your community. They'll get dinner and entertainment—all for one price. (You could also make this a Night of Comedy. Dinner and a laugh . . .)
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ANSWERS FOR ALL THOSE EXCUSES

I Can't Attend Because . . .

I don't have the finances.

ANSWER: It's time to get out that budgeting worksheet! Figure out exactly how much money you will need to attend the conference and how much you will be able to set aside yourself each week/month. Break it down, so you'll know exactly how much remaining money you'll need. Then you'll know what to believe God for. Remember, the Lord does give us the desires of our hearts (Ps. 37:4). Every time you think of this conference and every time you participate in a fundraiser, say out loud, "God, I thank you that you're supplying all of my needs" (Phil. 4:19). Then watch Him show up and go to work on your behalf! He'll cause those fundraisers to be a success. He'll give you opportunities to earn more money. He'll show up with a bonus on your doorstep. Finances are not an issue when the Lord is on your side—and He is!

I don't have child care.

ANSWER: Start planning ahead of time! Ask friends and family if they would be available to watch your children for a few days. There may be someone from the church, or a doting relative, who would love to spoil your kids for a few days. You may even want to consider getting together with another mom to share the costs of hiring a babysitter.

I don't know what I will be doing at that time.

ANSWER: If you don't make your plans now, something else *will* come up—guaranteed. That's just the way life is. But when you make the commitment to invest in yourself and get away with God, He will make a way for you. You need this time . . . for you!

I'm doing fine. I don't need to get away and be refreshed.

ANSWER: Sometimes we're carrying baggage we don't even realize we're carrying. That's the way we ladies are! But even if we really are doing "fine," this is still a great opportunity for us to get away and hear from God. He has direction and strength that He wants to give us for the future.

I don't like women's conferences.

ANSWER: Neither did Lynette Hagin. (Read her story in the **About** section at rhema.org/ktf.) That's why this is not your average women's conference! Lynette wants to raise up women who can balance being a godly woman, wife, and mother, with the divine calling God has placed on their lives. Come on . . . try it once! You won't regret it!

My husband and kids can't take care of themselves?

ANSWER: They can probably take care of themselves more than they're letting on! Just think of this as a great learning experience for them. And remember, it's OK if your husband doesn't run the house exactly like you do. It's only a few days and most kids don't complain about getting to eat more pizza!

I don't know anyone who's going.

ANSWER: Although this may seem rather intimidating to you, it's actually a good thing. This conference is about building and strengthening relationships with other women. You'll get to make new friends who will speak into your life for years to come. Be bold to take this step! It's worth it!



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I can't get the time off from work.

ANSWER: Have you asked for the time off? If not, that's the first step. If you have asked and your boss has refused, you may want to go back and ask again. Explain that the conference is an investment in yourself and in your work. When you return, you'll be refreshed, re-energized, and ready to hit the ground running. Your productiveness will increase exponentially. It never hurts to ask!

My life is too busy. I can't take a break.

ANSWER: That's exactly why you need to attend *Kindle the Flame*. Burnout is a real thing, and if you don't slow down every now and then, it will hit you. You must also remember that this conference will refresh and re-energize you. When you return home, you'll be able to catch up on everything you missed and so much more!

Oklahoma is too far away.

ANSWER: Planes, trains, and automobiles . . . Oklahoma isn't as far away as you think! But if that doesn't convince you, maybe you need to stop seeing the distance as a bad thing. Sometimes it takes getting away from our everyday lives (a long way away!) to hear God better.

I don't have anything to wear.

ANSWER: This conference isn't about high fashion. As long as there are clothes on your body, you are good to go! Sure, some women choose to dress up. But in every service you'll also find women in jeans and T-shirts. Come just as you are!

I'm on a special diet.

ANSWER: The Broken Arrow/Tulsa area offers many restaurants and grocery stores for you to choose from. And at both of the *Kindle the Flame* luncheons, salad will be on the menu. You can also pack your own snacks to carry with you. There will be something you can eat!



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