

WHAT IS AN USHER?

A Church usher is the first official representative of the Christian Church that anybody sees when they arrive and as such plays an important role in making the people feel welcome to the service.

He/She introduces visitors to the church by having them sign a visitor's card. The church usher helps the Pastor to make the service a success by putting the congregation in the right frame of mind to receive the message. The usher meets the people with a pleasant smile, a warm welcome, and directs them to comfortable seats. He/She also sees to it that perfect order is kept in and around the church at all times during the services.

Ushers are forerunners, for they prepare the church for the guests by being the first to arrive at the church; they receive the order of the day from the Pastor; they see that the church is in proper condition to receive the guest; they see that hymnals, fans, church literature, collection envelopes, and any other items that are to be distributed to the congregation are in their proper places. Church ushers are missionaries for the church for they perpetuate the spirit throughout the congregation

Duties of an Usher

- Greet people entering the service
- Seat attenders
- Collect the offering
- In the case of an emergency, report or contact the people needed for the situation.
- Keeps order in the sanctuary
- Cleans and prepare the Church
- Count people in service
- Provide summary of service in weekly Service report.
- Distributing and collecting surveys
- Distribute bulletins and service programmes
- Collect details of Visitors to allow for Structured followup

Humility is key in an usher. Ushers are required to be punctual and time conscious as they are required to be at church far earlier than the rest of the congregation.

Characteristics of an usher

- Prayerful
- Respectful
- Team Player
- Polite
- Attentive & Alert
- Patient & Longsuffering
- Bold (Psalms 138 vs3)
- Smart
- Submissive
- Helpful