

An Arresting WMB Idea

A month before the World Mission Broadcast (WMB) offering, place radios around the sanctuary with the monetary goal and the date of the offering.

Determine if the pastor is comfortable with the following idea, and ask for the pastor's preference of what is to be done after the "arrest."

On the day of the offering, two people dressed as police officers or military police enter the church just as the pastor is beginning the morning's sermon. One of them announces that they are arresting the pastor for preaching about God. *(This part should be kept secret, for the shock effect on the congregation.)* The NMI president (or someone else appointed)



carries on a whispered conversation with the police, then goes to the pulpit to announce the "fine" needed (the church's WMB goal) to have the pastor released from prison. Receive the offering at this time and have it counted during the remainder of the service.

The pastor could pre-record the sermon for the day and have it played over the public address system, after a person carries one of the radios to the front and acts like it is being turned on and tuned to a station. Or the pastor can have it worked out that someone else could preach the message, acting at first like it was a complete surprise.

To close the service: if congregation meets the goal, the pastor re-enters the sanctuary and closes the service in prayer, especially praying for those people who will be touched by the WMB offering. If the goal hasn't been met, the NMI president closes the service with prayer for the goal to be met and also the people in prisons for following Christ.