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ACTIVITIES & IDEAS
FOR SINGLES
IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

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*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

— Ephesians 2:10

A Word Before We Begin

Singles ministry is one of the most vital—and most underserved—areas of local church life. Whether someone is single by circumstance or by calling, whether young, middle-aged, or a senior adult, the single believer is a full, whole, and significant member of the Body of Christ. This guide exists to help local church leaders, singles group coordinators, and passionate volunteers build meaningful, Spirit-filled ministry for the singles in their congregations.

The activities in these pages were born from real experience—tested in local churches, refined by dedicated leaders, and offered in the spirit of fellowship and love. Each section provides practical mechanics, suggested materials, inspiring scripture, and leadership notes to help you move from idea to implementation.

I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

— 1 Corinthians 7:7 (NIV)

Paul's words remind us that singleness is not a waiting room. It is a calling, a gift, and a season of unique fruitfulness. A thriving singles ministry helps people embrace where they are, grow in Christ, and make a lasting impact in the world around them.

Your life is significant right now, exactly as you are.

Use this guide freely. Adapt it to your context. Pray over every activity, every event, and every person who walks through your door. This isn't just a programming resource—it's a ministry philosophy wrapped in practical tools.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is organized into five major ministry pillars, each containing multiple activities:

- Fellowship & Fun — Building authentic, lasting community
- Service & Outreach — Loving the world beyond the church walls
- Spiritual Growth — Bible study, devotionals, and discipleship
- Special Events & Conferences — Larger gatherings for vision and unity
- AWCF-Wide Singles Initiatives — Connecting the global singles family

Each activity chapter includes:

- Overview & Purpose
- Scripture Foundation
- Step-by-Step Planning Mechanics
- Materials & Budget Notes
- Leadership Tips
- Variations & Ideas

PART ONE

Fellowship & Fun Activities

Fellowship is not a side feature of church life—it is at the very heart of what it means to be the Body of Christ. Singles often face the unique challenge of social isolation, especially those who live alone. A robust calendar of fun, relational activities creates the glue that holds a singles group together and makes the church feel like home.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.

— Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

1. Game Night

Overview & Purpose

Game Night is one of the simplest, most cost-effective, and universally beloved fellowship activities you can host. It tears down walls, sparks laughter, and creates memories. People who arrive alone quickly find themselves laughing with strangers who become friends.

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

— Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

1. Choose a venue — the church fellowship hall, a large home, or a rented community room all work well.
2. Select a Game Mix: board games (Settlers of Catan, Scrabble, Taboo, Uno), team trivia, and card games. Mixing competitive and cooperative games ensures everyone engages.
3. Assign a Game Coordinator who manages tables, explains rules, and keeps energy high.
4. Provide light refreshments—snacks, coffee, lemonade. Potluck-style works great.
5. Open with a brief welcome and a short prayer. Close with announcements and prayer.
6. Aim for 2–3 hours. End on time.

Materials

- Board games (church-owned or borrowed from attendees)
- Tables and chairs in clusters of 4–8
- Name tags for first-time visitors
- Score sheets and pens for trivia rounds
- Optional prizes: small gift cards or novelty items for winners

Budget

\$0–\$40 for a group of 20–40 people (refreshments only). Games are reusable indefinitely.

Leadership Tips

- Mix up the tables intentionally — don't let cliques form by letting people always self-select.
- Include icebreaker-style group games at the start before splitting into smaller table games.

- Designate someone to greet newcomers at the door and personally introduce them to others.

2. Outing to Putt-Putt Golf

Overview & Purpose

Outings move fellowship outside the church walls and into the everyday world. Mini golf is low-pressure, low-skill, and massively fun for all ages and abilities. It creates natural conversation, friendly competition, and shared memories that people actually talk about later.

...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

— Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

7. Research local mini golf venues — call ahead to ask about group rates (typically available for 10+ people).
8. Set a date 3–4 weeks in advance and promote it across all communication channels.
9. Collect RSVPs and reserve tee times if needed.
10. Arrange carpools or meet at the venue with clear directions posted in advance.
11. Consider adding dinner before or after at a nearby casual restaurant.
12. Designate a leader to handle the venue transaction on the day.

Leadership Tips

- Create lighthearted awards — Most Holes-in-One, Best Attitude, Funniest Mishap.
- Take group photos and share in your singles group channel or social media.
- Use carpool time as organic discipleship and relationship-building opportunity.

3. Group Dinner Outing

Overview & Purpose

Table fellowship is one of the most ancient forms of Christian community. Jesus ate with people constantly. A shared meal breaks down every barrier and creates the kind of warmth that draws people back. Monthly or quarterly group dinners give singles a table to belong to.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

— Acts 2:46 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

13. Choose casual dining where conversation flows naturally; large round tables are ideal.
14. Call ahead for large party reservations (groups over 8 almost always need them).

15. Consider rotating coordination — let a different member suggest the restaurant each time.
16. Themed dinners add energy: International Cuisine Night, Southern Comfort Night, Dessert Only Night.
17. Open with a brief table blessing. Consider placing a conversation-starter card at each setting.

Variations

- Progressive Dinner — appetizers at one home, main course at another, dessert at a third.
- Potluck Dinner at the church — low cost, high community, maximum creativity.
- Cook together: a cooking class outing or church kitchen cookoff.

Leadership Tips

- Never let someone sit alone at the end of a table. Assign a greeter to intentionally sit with newcomers.
- Keep group conversation inclusive — have 2–3 discussion questions ready if the conversation lulls.

4. Group Thrift Shopping Outing

Overview & Purpose

Thrift shopping as a group is surprisingly fun and deeply relational. It encourages creativity, good stewardship, and shared laughter. It is also a great equalizer — everyone is on the same budget playing field, which makes it genuinely welcoming to singles from every economic background.

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

— 1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

18. Choose one or two local thrift stores (Goodwill, Salvation Army, local consignment shops).
19. Add a fun challenge: everyone has a \$10 budget to put together the most creative outfit, decor find, or gift.
20. Set a time limit (1–1.5 hours in-store), then reconvene for judging and sharing.
21. Follow up with coffee or dessert nearby to share finds and laugh together.

Challenge Ideas

- “Best \$10 Outfit” fashion show
- “Most Creative Home Décor Find” competition
- “Secret Santa Thrift” — each person finds a gift for a randomly assigned group member

PART TWO

Service & Outreach Activities

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and love people (Matthew 22:37–39). Singles, often with more flexibility in their schedules, can be incredibly powerful agents of service and compassion. Service activities also unite the group around a mission beyond themselves — and frequently draw in seekers who simply want to do good in the world.

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

— Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

5. Serving the Local Food Bank

Overview & Purpose

Volunteering at a local food bank is one of the most impactful, accessible, and spiritually rewarding service activities a singles group can do. It connects abstract faith to tangible love in action, cultivating humility, gratitude, and compassion in everyone who participates.

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

— Isaiah 58:7 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

22. Contact your local food bank 2–3 weeks ahead. Most have organized volunteer slots for groups of 10–30.
23. Register online or by phone. Confirm date, headcount, dress code (closed-toe shoes required), and tasks.
24. Brief your group before arriving: This is ministry, not just volunteering. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.
25. Arrive 10–15 minutes early and follow the food bank's orientation process.
26. Common tasks: sorting donations, packing boxes, stocking shelves, distributing to clients.
27. Debrief afterward — gather for prayer and reflection. What did God stir in you today?

Going Further

- Host a Food Drive Sunday at church before the visit — come with donations already in hand.
- Adopt a monthly service slot so your group becomes a consistent, recognized presence.

Leadership Tips

- Do not cancel last minute — food banks schedule around volunteer counts and depend on you.
- Create a sign-up sheet well in advance and confirm attendance 48 hours before the date.

6. Special Project: Helping Seniors in Your Church

Overview & Purpose

The senior members of your congregation are treasure chests of wisdom, prayer, and faithfulness. Many live alone and face practical needs they can no longer easily address themselves. A dedicated ministry to seniors is beautifully reciprocal — the seniors gain help and companionship, and the singles gain mentors, perspective, and a profound sense of purpose.

Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

— Leviticus 19:32 (NIV)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.

— Proverbs 16:31 (NIV)

Home Help Projects

- Yard work, lawn mowing, leaf raking, garden maintenance
- Light home repairs: changing light bulbs, minor painting, weatherstripping
- Grocery runs, errand assistance, prescription pickup
- Technology help: setting up smartphones, tablets, video calling for family

Companionship Projects

- Monthly visit teams — pairs of singles assigned to visit specific seniors regularly
- “Adopt a Senior” program — each single commits to checking in on a senior monthly
- Shared meals — invite seniors to join the singles for dinner and let them share their stories

Planning Mechanics

28. Ask pastoral staff to confidentially identify seniors with needs.
29. Match projects with willing singles based on skills and availability.
30. Schedule a “Senior Service Saturday” — one Saturday per month or quarter.
31. Always go in pairs or groups for safety and accountability.
32. Follow up with a testimony time at your next meeting — these stories build the group’s faith.

Leadership Tips

- Get pastoral approval and involvement — this blesses the whole church, not just the singles.
- Be consistent. A senior visited once and then forgotten experiences more hurt than if never visited.
- Cultivate intergenerational friendship, not just charity. Ask seniors about their lives and faith journey.

7. Christmas Outreach & Caroling

Overview & Purpose

Christmas is one of the most powerful opportunities of the year to demonstrate the love of Christ to a hurting world. Caroling and Christmas outreach uniquely combine joy, music, community, and the proclamation of the Gospel. For singles who may feel the ache of holiday loneliness themselves, this activity transforms personal pain into redemptive purpose.

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’

— Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics — Caroling

33. Choose venues 3–4 weeks ahead: nursing homes, hospitals, homebound church members, or neighborhood streets.
34. Contact nursing homes and hospitals for permission and scheduling — most welcome carolers in December.
35. Organize 2–4 songs your group can sing with confidence. Mix traditional carols with worship songs.
36. Prepare printed lyric sheets for all participants.
37. Dress uniformly if possible — matching scarves or Christmas sweaters add charm and visual identity.
38. Bring small gifts to distribute: candy canes, Christmas cards with a Gospel message, handmade ornaments.
39. Debrief over hot cocoa afterward and share stories from the evening.

Planning Mechanics — Gift Outreach

40. Partner with Angel Tree (Prison Fellowship), Toys for Tots, or local shelters.
41. Collect donations from your singles group and broader church community.
42. Organize a wrapping party — make it an event itself with music and fellowship.
43. Deliver gifts personally whenever possible for maximum relational impact.

8. Nursing Home Ministry

Overview & Purpose

Regular ministry to nursing home residents is one of the most spiritually significant, chronically underserved forms of outreach a singles group can pursue. Many residents rarely receive visitors and deeply long for human connection and spiritual encouragement. A consistent nursing home ministry transforms a singles group into a visible, loving force in the community.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

— James 1:27 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

44. Contact the activities director of 1–2 local nursing homes to establish a regular monthly schedule.
45. Plan each visit with a simple structure: singing (2–3 hymns or worship songs), a short devotional (5–7 minutes), and personal visitation time.
46. Bring instruments if musicians are available — piano, guitar, and simple percussion bring tremendous joy.
47. Gently offer prayer and Gospel conversation to residents not yet part of a faith community.
48. Keep visits warm, bright, and unhurried. Never make residents feel like a checkbox.

Materials

- Song sheets in large print (many residents have vision difficulties)
- Instruments if available
- Treats or small gifts (confirm food policies with the facility first)
- Bibles for residents who would like one

Leadership Tips

- Assign consistent team members to the same residents — relational continuity is the ministry.
- Train volunteers: speaking with someone who has dementia, handling emotional moments, offering prayer gracefully.
- Debrief and pray together after each visit — these encounters are both spiritually heavy and beautiful.

9. Outreach & Visitation

Overview & Purpose

Beyond organized programs, a culture of personal outreach is foundational to a healthy singles ministry. Singles should be equipped and encouraged to intentionally reach out to the lost, the struggling, and the new. Visitation is the ministry of presence — and showing up changes everything.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

— Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

Types of Outreach Visitation

- New member welcome visits — personally welcome new singles within their first two weeks
- Absentee follow-up — reach out to singles who have missed without explanation
- Community outreach — door-to-door prayer and invitation in a designated neighborhood
- Hospital/homebound visitation — representing the church to those who are sick or shut in
- Personal evangelism — building relationships with unchurched neighbors and coworkers

Equipping Your Team

49. Host a 2-hour training: how to open a spiritual conversation, share a testimony, offer prayer, and invite someone to church.
 50. Provide a simple visitation report form so the pastoral staff stays informed.
 51. Pray over your outreach team before every visit — commission them with intention.
 52. Celebrate salvations, baptisms, and church additions that result from singles outreach publicly.
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PART THREE

International & Domestic Missions

Singles are uniquely positioned for missions involvement. With fewer home-based obligations, many singles carry the flexibility, energy, and passion to engage in both short-term and long-term missionary service. A singles ministry that cultivates a Great Commission vision produces world-changing disciples.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

— Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

10. Supporting International Missions

Practical Ways to Engage

- Adopt a Missionary — personally pray for, write to, and financially support a specific missionary
- “Missionary Spotlight” at your monthly meeting — learn about one field, pray specifically, and give toward their work
- Host a World Missions Night — invite a returned missionary to speak, share video updates, take a special offering
- Short-Term Mission Trips — organize a team for a 7–14 day trip to a ministry field

Planning a Short-Term Trip

53. Connect with your AWCF leadership to identify approved mission partners and fields.
54. Begin planning 9–12 months in advance.
55. Budget per person typically \$1,500–\$4,000 depending on destination. Fundraise together as a group.
56. Provide pre-trip training: cultural orientation, spiritual preparation, and practical skills.
57. Document the trip thoroughly; share testimonies and photos on return to inspire the whole church.

11. Domestic Missions & Community Service

Practical Domestic Activities

- Partner with a local inner-city church or ministry for regular service days
- Disaster relief response — coordinate relief teams after local floods, storms, or other disasters
- Backpack or School Supply Drive for underprivileged children in your community
- Sponsor a church plant — give financially and prayerfully to a new work in a needy area
- Habitat for Humanity build days — physical labor alongside other community volunteers

Leadership Tips

- Keep missions connected to worship. After every service project, spend time in prayer and scripture.
 - Create a missions budget line in your singles group finances — even \$20/month from a small group goes far globally.
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PART FOUR

Spiritual Growth Activities

Fellowship without discipleship produces shallow community. The singles ministry must be a place where people genuinely grow — learning the Word, developing a prayer life, and being equipped for every good work. Spiritual growth activities are the backbone of any lasting singles ministry.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

12. Bi-Weekly Bible Study

Overview & Purpose

A consistent, well-led Bible study is the spiritual anchor of your singles ministry. When singles open the Word together, ask honest questions, and apply truth to their actual lives, real transformation happens. The bi-weekly format creates rhythm without overwhelming busy schedules.

Choosing a Format

Format	Best For
Book Study (verse-by-verse)	Deep exegetical teaching
Topical Study	Life-application focused
Character Study	Biographical discipleship
Video-Based Curriculum	Guided discussion with expert teacher

Planning Mechanics

58. Choose a book or topic series in prayer. Consider the felt needs of your group: identity, relationships, purpose, finances, or emotional health.
59. Secure a consistent, comfortable location: church classroom, someone’s home, or a coffee shop back room.
60. Set a predictable time — Tuesday evenings at 7PM, for example — and guard it.
61. Prepare 3–5 discussion questions per session. Good questions invite reflection: “What surprised you in this passage?” “How does this challenge you personally?”
62. Create a safe environment where questions are welcome and doubt is honored, not dismissed.
63. Close every session with group prayer — break into pairs or triads for more personal prayer time.

Materials

- Printed study guides or shared digital documents
- Whiteboard or flip chart for group discussion
- Bibles (bring several extras for guests)
- Coffee and light snacks — ambience matters for creating a relaxed, open atmosphere

Leadership Tips

- Rotate facilitation among prepared group members — this develops leaders organically.
- Keep the study at 60–75 minutes maximum. Longer sessions quietly erode attendance over time.
- Follow up mid-week with a reflection question sent to the group to keep the Word alive between sessions.

13. Devotionals at Group Functions

Overview & Purpose

Every fellowship activity is an opportunity to weave in the Word. A 5–10 minute devotional at game night, during a dinner, or at the start of a service project ensures that everything your group does is anchored in Christ — not just social activity with a Christian label. Short, well-prepared devotionals leave impressions that last long after the event.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

— Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

64. Assign a different group member to prepare a 5–7 minute devotional for each event.
65. Give them a theme or scripture reference in advance, tied to the event’s purpose or season.
66. Structure: Read the scripture. Make one clear point. Share a brief personal story or application. Close with prayer.
67. Never apologize for including the devotional — own it with joy and confidence. It sets the tone for everything.

Sample Devotional Themes by Activity

Activity	Devotional Theme
Game Night	Competing well, losing graciously (Phil 4:11)
Thrift Shopping	Contentment and stewardship (1 Tim 6:6)
Food Bank Service	The ministry of presence (Isaiah 58)
Dinner Outing	Table fellowship (Acts 2:46)
Senior Ministry	Honoring the aged (Lev 19:32)

14. Singles Breakfast & Devotional

Overview & Purpose

A quarterly singles breakfast is a beloved tradition in many healthy church communities — a relaxed, nourishing gathering that blends good food with spiritual encouragement. Breakfast carries a warmth and intimacy that other settings often lack. It says: you belong here, and there is a seat at this table for you.

Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord.

— John 21:12 (NIV)

Planning Mechanics

68. Schedule quarterly (4 times per year) — ideally on a Sunday morning before service, or a Saturday morning.
69. Keep the menu hearty and accessible: scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuits, fruit, juice, and coffee.
70. Assign a hospitality team of 3–4 to arrive early, set up, and prepare or set out the food.
71. Follow the meal with a 20–30 minute devotional — longer format than event devotionals, with more depth and discussion.
72. Consider inviting a guest speaker: a pastor, counselor, or someone with a powerful, relevant testimony.
73. Close with group prayer.

Suggested Devotional Topics

- Identity in Christ: Who are you apart from your relationship status?
- God’s faithfulness in seasons of waiting
- Healthy relationships and biblical boundaries
- Pursuing purpose as a single believer
- The gift of singleness: Paul’s perspective

Budget

Approximately \$8–\$12 per person. Cover via group tithes/offerings, a small door donation, or church subsidy.

Setting the Atmosphere

- Tables set in round, community-style seating — no rows, no stage feel
- Tablecloths and simple centerpieces — invest in ambience; it communicates value
- Soft worship music playing as people arrive
- Name tags for anyone who might not know everyone yet

PART FIVE

Singles Conferences

Local activities build community. Conferences expand vision. When singles gather from across a region or the globe, something shifts in the atmosphere — they realize they are part of something far larger than their local group. Isolation breaks. Hope rises. A singles conference is often a turning point in a believer’s journey.

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

— Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

15. Hosting a Local or Regional Singles Conference

Planning Mechanics

74. Form a planning committee of 5–8 volunteers covering: Program/Speaker, Logistics, Registration, Hospitality, Worship, and Communications.
75. Book a speaker 3–6 months in advance — choose someone with a clear, honoring, life-giving message for singles.
76. Choose a scripture-anchored theme. Examples: “Wholly Whole” / “Built for This” / “For Such a Time.”
77. Format options: one-day conference (Friday evening + Saturday) or weekend retreat format.
78. Promote via church bulletin, social media, your AWCF network, and personal invitation.
79. Set up simple online registration with a two-week-out deadline.
80. Follow up with attendees post-conference — send a recap email with resources and next steps.

Sample One-Day Conference Schedule

Time	Activity
8:30 AM	Registration & Fellowship
9:00 AM	Opening Worship & Session 1
10:15 AM	Breakout Groups / Activities
12:00 PM	Lunch (catered or potluck)
1:30 PM	Session 2
3:00 PM	Workshop Options (2–3 topics)
4:15 PM	Closing Worship & Ministry Time
5:00 PM	Dismissal & Fellowship

Budget Guidance

- Speaker honorarium: \$200–\$800 depending on travel involved
- Venue (using the church facility reduces cost significantly)
- Worship team or worship tracks

- Printed programs, registration materials, signage, name tags, décor
- Budget per person typically ranges \$15–\$45. Registration fees can offset most or all costs.
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PART SIX

AWCF Singles Ministry Opportunities

One of the greatest privileges of being part of the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship is access to a global network of believers who share your faith and your calling. AWCF has built intentional spaces for singles to connect, grow, worship, and serve on a scale that no single local church can replicate. Every AWCF single should know about these gatherings — and every singles ministry leader should actively encourage participation in them.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

— Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

16. AWCF Singles Meeting at Regional Conferences

Why Every Single Should Attend

- Experience worship and ministry with singles from across the entire region
- Hear speakers specifically called to and equipped for singles ministry
- Build friendships with AWCF singles beyond your local church
- Receive targeted prayer and ministry for the specific challenges singles face
- Grow in vision for what God is doing among singles on a global scale

How to Prepare Your Group

81. Announce the upcoming Regional Conference — and the Singles Meeting specifically — at every local group gathering.
82. Organize transportation: carpool, charter a van, or coordinate individual travel plans.
83. Register for the conference in advance through official AWCF channels.
84. Debrief as a group after the Singles Meeting — share testimonies and how God moved.

For Schedules & Registration

Official AWCF Events: awcf.org/events

Make attending the Regional Conference a cultural expectation of your singles group — not just an option.

17. Singles Dinner at AWCF World Congress

What Makes the Singles Dinner Special

- Formal dinner setting that honors and celebrates the single believer
 - Singles from dozens of nations — a truly global family gathered at one table
 - Inspiring speaker or panel tailored specifically to singles' lives, faith, and futures
 - Worship and ministry in an intimate, intentional setting
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- Friendship and connection with AWCF singles leadership from around the world
- A powerful, tangible reminder that you are never, ever alone

Planning to Attend

85. Register for World Congress as early as possible — space fills quickly and demand is high.
86. Specifically register for the Singles Dinner as part of your World Congress registration process.
87. Encourage your entire local singles group to attend World Congress together as a unit.
88. Dress appropriately — the Singles Dinner is a special, celebratory evening event.
89. Come with expectation. Bring a journal. God often speaks with unusual clarity at these gatherings.

For Schedules & Registration

AWCF Events Page: awcf.org/events

Year after year, the AWCF Singles Dinner produces testimonies of transformed perspectives, renewed purpose, powerful encounters with God, and lasting friendships that began in that gathering. Your presence at that table is part of something God has been preparing.

PART SEVEN

AWCF Singles Online

Ministry to singles doesn't stop at the church door or the city limits. AWCF has established a dedicated online home for singles across the fellowship — a hub for resources, community, and connection that extends your ministry into the digital world and keeps people engaged between in-person events.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

— Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Resources for Personal Growth

- Devotionals and teaching content specifically created for singles
- Articles on faith, relationships, purpose, and navigating singleness as a believer
- Recommended reading, study tools, and curated resources
- Recorded messages from AWCF singles events and conferences

Community & Connection

- Join the AWCF Singles network — connect with singles from around the globe
- Virtual events and online gatherings hosted throughout the year
- Prayer request submissions and a prayer community that actually prays
- Information on upcoming in-person and hybrid singles events near you

How to Use This in Your Ministry

90. Share the link at every singles group meeting: “Visit awcf.org/singles for resources, events, and community.”
91. Challenge group members to join the AWCF Singles network online.
92. Use AWCF singles content as supplemental material for Bible studies and devotionals.
93. Announce virtual events so local members can participate from home between group gatherings.
94. Encourage members who move, travel, or can't attend in person to stay connected online.

Join the global AWCF Singles community: awcf.org/singles

PART EIGHT

Building Your Leadership Team

No singles ministry can thrive long-term on the shoulders of one person. Building a distributed, empowered leadership team is essential for sustainability, health, and growth. The goal is a team where each person owns their role with joy, because they feel genuinely called to it.

But select capable men from all the people — men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain — and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

— Exodus 18:21 (NIV)

Core Leadership Roles

Role	Responsibility
Singles Ministry Coordinator	Overall vision, pastoral connection, leadership culture
Fellowship Coordinator	Plans and executes social and fun activities
Service & Outreach Lead	Organizes service projects and missions engagement
Spiritual Growth Lead	Leads Bible study, devotionals, and discipleship
Communications Lead	Social media, announcements, group communications
Hospitality Lead	Welcomes newcomers, manages event atmosphere and warmth

Developing Future Leaders

- Name potential leaders early — invest in them personally before they hold a title.
- Give people responsibility before they feel fully ready. Growth happens in the doing.
- Debrief after every event: What worked? What would we do differently? This is leadership school.
- Create a pipeline: Participant → Volunteer → Team Lead → Coordinator.
- Celebrate people publicly. Honor and recognition are not optional in healthy volunteer culture.

PART NINE

Sample Annual Ministry Calendar

A consistent calendar communicates that this ministry is serious, organized, and worthy of people’s time and commitment. Here is a sample annual blueprint to adapt to your local context and culture:

Month	Featured Activities
January	New Year Vision Night + Bible Study Launch
February	Singles Breakfast & Devotional + Game Night
March	Food Bank Service Day + Bi-Weekly Bible Study
April	Senior Ministry Saturday + Outing (Putt-Putt or Dinner)
May	Short-Term Missions Prep + Bi-Weekly Bible Study
June	Summer Outing (Group Dinner or Outdoor Activity)
July	Regional Conference — AWCF Singles Meeting
August	Thrift Shopping Outing + Bi-Weekly Bible Study
September	Singles Breakfast & Devotional + Nursing Home Ministry
October	Outreach Visitation Day + Game Night
November	Thanksgiving Service Project + Bi-Weekly Bible Study
December	Christmas Caroling & Outreach + Christmas Party

Add World Congress and the AWCF Singles Dinner to your calendar the moment official dates are released at awcf.org/events. Plan travel and registration well in advance.

A Closing Word from Bethany

You have taken on something that matters deeply — not just to the people in your group, but to the heart of God. Singles ministry done well says to every person who walks through the door: You are seen. You are valued. You are whole. You have a purpose that doesn't begin when or if you get married. Your life is significant right now, exactly as you are.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

— Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Some of the people you serve will go on to plant churches, lead missions, raise godly families, and change the world. Some will simply become more faithful, more joyful, more connected versions of themselves. All of it matters. Every game night, every bowl of soup at the food bank, every quiet conversation after Bible study — it all matters in eternity.

Lead with joy. Lead with consistency. Lead with prayer. And when you feel like giving up, remember: you are not working alone. You are part of a family — a global network of believers who are all running the same race, toward the same finish line, for the same King.

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I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

— Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

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Resources & Links

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- Find Regional Conference Singles Meetings and World Congress Singles Dinner schedules at awcf.org/events
- Share this guide with your pastor and with other singles ministry leaders in your region
- Join the global AWCF Singles network and never do this ministry alone

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