1. Spiritual preparation

To properly prepare the church for the Evangelist, launch a season of fasting and prayer. It is vital that the church be prepared in their hearts and spirits for the upcoming service or services. The Pastor can also preach on Revival/Renewal for a few weeks prior to the meeting!

2. Financial preparation.

For Pastors who may not be certain that the congregation is able to meet the needs/budget of the Evangelist, prepare by putting back an amount in a revival fund weekly leading up to the meeting. Any size church can host an Evangelist with some forethought. This will insure that the Pastor and the Evangelist will not be embarrassed by the offering! Pastor/Church should be prepared to cover the round trip mileage allowed by the IRS if the guest is driving. Also cover airfare if the guest is flying. Pastor, give your people an opportunity to give/sow into your Evangelists ministry in each service. Your guests offering should be a separate offering. Cover the hotel cost and use a hotel that you have inspected personally and are pleased with the accommodations. It's important to have the offering counted and ready to give to your Evangelist upon completion of the final service. Please do not offer to mail it to your guest but have it ready! Be as generous as possible, as the Evangelist deals with cancellations, the month of December ect....

3. During the scheduled services.

Pastor, please make room for the Holy Spirit to move by giving generous time for the Evangelist to preach and bring people to the altar. When you have a guest, all other things like water baptisms, communion, baby dedications ect... should be conducted on your regular weeks when you do not have an Evangelist scheduled.

4. Final thoughts.

Enjoy fellowship with your guest speaker. Get to know them, their family and ask what ministering assignments they are engaged in. You will make lifetime friendships that God will use to further his kingdom and bless you and your church!!