What's New in the Office?

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1. Streaming of Worship Services

- <u>Churchonlineplatform.com</u>
- Have to have a livestream license.

2. Websites

- Websites give general information about your church. Always have location and contact information as well as service times on every page.
- Must update regularly. Freshen up photos at least every other year.
- There are many website providers. Research what is best for your organization. Mount Carmel uses Subsplash.
- Need to register your domain. Register.com. There are others, research what is best for your organization. Mount Carmel uses register.com
- Standard platforms are: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- For multiple Facebook accounts, you can manage with Facebook Business Suite. Free.

3. Social Media

- Social Media is critical in the life of a church post covid.
- Most popular Social Media platforms is Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Post regularly. Pastor doing videos is very engaging or fun announcement videos are always engaging to the church.
- Pre-Covid studies showed the best time to post was between 6:30-8pm weeknights. It's key to just make posts.
- Facebook Business Suite is available to manage multiple Facebook accounts. Main Church page, Student ministry page or even Children's Page. Children's Page is private.

4. Worship Guides/Bulletins

- Content. Communicate events and activities over worship information
- Have it available in digital format
- Canva is a new web-based software that is great in designing bulletins and newsletters and other publications. Free. Premium subscriptions unlock more templates. (canva.com)

5. Newsletters

- Mailchimp.com
- <u>Constantcontact.com</u>
- Or email through church management system
- 6. Tithe Envelopes
 - Business Mail reply. Game changer during covid!
- 7. QR Codes
 - QR codes is a link. Great for event registrations.
- 8. Computers/Network Systems
 - Cloud based servers.
 - Use laptops over desktops
- 9. Church Database Systems
 - Web based systems.
 - Research those that interest you.
 - Call and/or visit other churches in your area that are using the database for pros/cons.

10. Other Software

- Pdfsam.com
- Adobe Photoshop Elements
- Quickbooks online
- Espace
- Google products
- Office 365
- Text In Church
- Right Now Media