

## Endorsements for *Fresh Ideas*

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Wilson, Dr. Charles L.	Senior Pastor, Sunnyvale First Baptist Church, Sunnyvale TX

## ENDORSEMENTS FOR *FRESH IDEAS*

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**Once in a while a book comes along that is so jam packed with creative practical ideas, you want every one in the ministry to have it. This is just such a book.**

It's obvious to the reader that the wonderful practical ideas in this book come from the creative mind of one who has a heart for the ministry of the local church. We are grateful to Diana Davis for this work.

—David & Nancy Baldwin  
Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention  
Anchorage, Alaska

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I like things that are helpful and practical. I enjoy laughing in a world that doesn't seem to have much to laugh about.

I enjoy Diana's *Fresh Ideas* because they are full of wit, humor, practical good hearted practical advice for everyday living. Diana is an engaging, fun person with the ability to help us look at familiar things with a new, creative flair.

This book is a wonderful tool for that puts fresh air into some stuffy routines. I highly recommend, *Fresh Ideas*."

—Dr. Thane Barnes  
Executive Director, Nevada Baptist Convention  
Reno, Nevada

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Why are Diana Davis' fresh ideas so captivating and practical? Her e-mail address defines the primary source of her thoughts. It is [jesuslivesindiana@gmail.com](mailto:jesuslivesindiana@gmail.com). Her ideas are fresh because she abides in Christ, because Jesus lives in her and shines through in a flow of fresh ideas. When you need a fresh idea, do what many others have learned to do. Turn to Diana Davis.

—Dr. Jimmy and Joan Barrentine  
Executive Director, Iowa Baptist Convention  
Des Moines, Iowa

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In his second epistle, Peter counsels his readers about not being ineffective and unproductive in their knowledge of Jesus Christ. In this book Diana Davis shares helps which can keep churches from being ineffective and unproductive in their service of Him.

**She packs more useful, practical material into a page than most do in a chapter!**

—Rose (Mrs. Roger) Bear  
Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, Indiana

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As a pastor I wear so many different hats. Honestly, I find it difficult to always keep moving forward day after day in preaching, evangelism, pastoral care, administration, and vision casting.

When Diana's articles "Fresh Ideas" started appearing in our State Paper, wow, a fresh wind blew into my sails. These articles humbly brought the experience of a pastor's wife, a leader, women's speaker, VBS teacher, friend, and most importantly an encourager to inspire me and others.

She weaves practical application, excitement, and Biblical insight through all her articles. These ideas can be easily understood and applied.

Diana's creativity and insight always challenge me to grow and get the ball rolling when I need it most.

—Jim Bohrer  
Pastor, Hope Community Church  
Brownsburg, Indiana  
(Diana's Pastor)

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*Fresh Ideas* is a must-have if you want to connect with a loved one who needs to hear the Good News in a new way.

Some of us have been "doing church" for so long, we're more than ready for some fresh ideas! Diana's dynamic relationship with Christ shines through every page. Her desire to help others know Jesus as she does is the driving force behind this work.

Buy it, use it, and give a copy to a friend.

—Connie Cavanaugh  
Speaker, columnist and author of *From Faking it to Finding Grace*  
Calgary, Canada

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**"Fresh Ideas is a fresh idea. You will see how "iron sharpens iron....If you want to do ministry out of the ordinary, you will love this book.**

**The concept is wonderful.**

—Jodi Francis (Mrs. Morris) Chapman  
Wife of President//CEO Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Diana Davis presents answers to contemporary issues with an unusual and refreshing manner. *Fresh Ideas* affords the reader an opportunity to receive help without paying a great price of precious time.

Help is at hand from Diana Davis in "Fresh Ideas". Rarely does one find purposeful answers and insights with such ease.

Diana Davis offers help to the busy pastor or church find ways to advance the kingdom of Christ in her writing "Fresh Ideas".

—Tim Clark  
Executive Director, Utah-Idaho Baptist Convention  
Draper, Utah

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Diana Davis exudes creativity in her new book. Her joy for life and her years of experience in and around church ministry have well-equipped her with a host of wonderful insights and practical ideas invaluable to any church leader.

What a treasure to now have these in one volume. I highly recommend this book.

—Dr. Gary Cook  
President, Dallas Baptist University  
Dallas, Texas

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Diana's ideas are not only *Fresh Ideas*, but practical and applicable to most churches. She writes from a first hand perspective of what she has seen work in her own churches and churches she has visited across the country.

You will be amazed at how many times you will read something and find yourself saying "that's a fresh idea that will work in my church"!

—Jaye Copeland  
Childhood & WMU/Women's Ministry, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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*Fresh Ideas for Your* is a must have book for every pastor and his wife. The ideas will be great for church functions, community events or outreach programs.

This book has been needed for a long time. I plan to buy it by the case to give to pastors and association leaders.

—Dr. Craig Culbreth  
Director of Partnership Missions, Florida Baptist Convention  
Jacksonville, Florida

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If you have been doing "business as usual" in your church planning and you need a new spark, then this book is for you.

We highly recommend Diana Davis's, creative, imaginative and practical ideas. We believe that those ideas will generate excitement and enthusiasm for many church activities. You can use the ideas as suggested or tweak them to suit your particular church, group, class or event.

We commend Diana for her thoughtful and fine work.

—Jeanette and Dr. Carlisle Driggers  
Executive Director, South Carolina Baptist Convention  
Columbia, South Carolina

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From years of successful experience as a pastor's wife, Diana Davis has written perhaps the most useful book on the nuts and bolts of "doing church" to come along in decades!

This encyclopedic collection of concrete ideas is a must for all ministers and members who want to keep their church functions, ordinances, outreach, ministries, etc. innovative and effective.

Get your church out of its rut with this highly useable tool box.

—Dr. Mark Edlund  
Executive Director, Colorado Baptist Convention  
Denver, Colorado

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Fresh Ideas are like new wine in fresh wineskins for Christian leaders today. They are timely as well as refreshing and will prove to be valuable helps enhancing our walk with the Lord and His church.

Many of these ideas will be implemented in our third world culture as we train leaders in the harvest.

—Rich Fleming  
IMB Missionary  
Querétaro, Mexico

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I have known Diana Davis for several years, and she has always been full of ideas! These are just some of the best ones! If you're looking for a few fresh ideas to jump start your ministry, you've got the right book!

— David Francis  
Director, Sunday School, LifeWay Church Resources  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Diana Davis' ideas for outreach and evangelism are creative, simple, and fun. They are ideas that the entire church will enjoy doing, and the benefits are clearly seen.

—Chris Gustafson  
Pastor, Eastern Heights Baptist Church  
Jeffersonville, Indiana

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*Fresh Ideas* is more than a collection of creative thoughts! Diana Davis has taken relevancy to the next level. This book inspires me to create meaningful experiences with people.

*Fresh Ideas* opens up new possibilities for methodology, excellence, and effectiveness in ministering to others.

Every pastor should read this book and make it available to church leaders!

—Dr. Jim Hamilton  
Executive Director-Treasurer, Dakota Baptist Convention  
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Innovative, Imaginative, and Inventive ...

...are just three words I would use to describe the great ideas that Diana has for helping us create an exciting and relevant ministry to our community.

Diana just drips with creative ways to enhance your impact in the community for Jesus Christ."

—Clark Harless  
Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church  
Knox, Indiana

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Diana Davis is constantly looking for a "fresh idea." Some of them she gets by observation, keeping her ears and eyes open and her "creativity antenna" up. Others she gets by inspiration.

Her monthly article in the "Indiana Baptist" has encouraged church leaders across our state and now is going to make an even greater impact on the entire Christian community. I would recommend every church leader read this book. It will be a valuable practical resource that just makes "good sense".

—Dr. Mark Hearn  
Senior Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis  
President, State Convention of Baptist in Indiana

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Diana has so beautifully shared her creativity in her book *Fresh Ideas*. These ideas come from years of experience as a Pastor's Wife and from articles she has written for the Indiana Baptist state paper. I have participated in many of these activities with her over the years, and I have found them extremely practical and usable. In her book for church leaders, she relates thoughts and creative suggestions that cover many topics related to church life. I highly recommend this tool for launching new ministry/mission opportunities.

—Paula Hearon  
Wife of Executive Director, Dallas Baptist Association  
Dallas, Texas

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*Fresh Ideas* is a practical, comprehensive handbook to help anyone interested in effective ministry through the local church. From her years of experience as a pastor's wife Diana gleans the best ideas and condenses them into easily accessed information.

If you have a question about details for an event or ministry, *Fresh Ideas* provides an answer!

I only wish Ken and I had this book when we started serving churches 38 years ago!

—Paula (Mrs. Ken) Hemphill  
Women's Mobilization Consultant, International Mission Board, SBC  
Travelers Rest, South Carolina

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You have demonstrated the truth that there are so many good ways to do what we do in growing God's church.

As I read some of the ideas, more ideas came to mind. This book will have significant influence in helping creative thinkers think beyond the ordinary when planning the work of ministry.

I was personally enriched by reviewing the multiple ways of breathing fresh meaning and life into the routine elements of worship and ministry.

—Dr. Veryl Henderson  
Executive Director, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Diana writes a monthly article in our Indiana Baptist magazine. I can hardly wait for our copy each month to read what new ideas she has gathered. Each idea has the potential to reach the unchurched in our community in a new and exciting way. It's great when someone can take an idea and recreate it to reach out for our church. Our church has used some of her ideas and they also have helped to create an environment of creativity in our people. Thanks, Diana, for your good work.

—Paul Hollis  
Minister of Education, Oakhill Baptist Church  
President, Executive Board, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana  
Evansville, Indiana

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*Fresh Ideas* is a great resource for every Christian leader.

Packed with useful ideas for all aspects of church life, this book will help you think creatively about your church's ministry.

—Ann (Mrs. Jeff) Iorg  
President's Wife, Golden Gate Theological Seminary  
Mill Valley, California

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*Fresh Ideas* should be on the shelf of every church staff member and church leader.

Whether you're planning observance of a special day, promoting missions, doing evangelism or any one of dozens of other church activities, you'll find hundreds, no thousands, of creative, simple and effective ideas in this book.

If you get one creative idea from Diana, it will be more than worth the price, but you'll get a lot more as you use this book over and over again in the years ahead."

—Marty King  
Associate Executive Director, Illinois Baptist State Convention  
Editor, *Illinois Baptist*, Springfield, Illinois

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Diana's fresh ideas are like a breath of fresh air to those seeking practical new ways to do church and be the church.

Every one of Diana's fresh ideas will add quality and freshness to your ministry.  
In this one book you will find the practical resources that will revitalize your church's ministry.

—Dr. David Lee  
Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware  
Columbia, Maryland

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*Fresh Ideas* catalogues best practices that are creative, innovative, and pragmatic.

Diana Davis compiles 'I wish I'd thought of that' ideas that can add new vitality to your church and ministry.

Retool your ministries for greater impact with Diana's creative make-overs.

—Sherry Lee  
Consultant/Specialist for Ministers Wives and Families  
Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware  
Columbia, Maryland

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Would you like to be introduced to a rich spiritual smorgasbord of ministry ideas that are ... Practical ... Relevant ... Creative ... Workable ... and Successful?

Diana Davis has invested her life in the local church – as a Christian servant, Pastor's wife, and as a very involved State Executive's spouse.

Regardless of the size or style of your church or ministry, *Fresh Ideas* will introduce you to suggestions that you can immediately put into practice or that you may easily adapt to meet your unique needs.

Your church staff and lay leadership alike will benefit from this extremely practical tool!

—Dr. Scott Miller  
Senior Pastor, Graceland Baptist Church  
New Albany, Indiana

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Who isn't looking for *Fresh Ideas*! Diana Davis saves us much time and offers in addition an overwhelming abundance of creativity and productivity to be applied in countless settings in the kingdom. Whether in women's ministry events, special occasions in the church, and in a myriad of ways throughout the kingdom of Christ--here you will find fuel to get your own wheels turning as well as carefully scripted ideas ready to use on a moment's notice.

I have been reading the author's column in the Indiana Baptist State Paper with avid interest. Many of her columns have been clipped and filed. I welcome the opportunity to have them all bound and on my shelf for my ready reference and to share with my students!

—Dr. Dorothy Kelley Patterson  
Professor of Theology in Women's Studies  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Fort Worth, Texas

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"Fresh Ideas" was familiar to me before the voice or the smile of this warm and witty soon-to-be-friend of mind was! Her articles of cutting edge but practical ideas were

being printed in our state's monthly Baptist newsletter and each issue that arrived in the mail was immediately opened and flipped thru to see what creative idea was being shared!

Buy some extra copier paper and turn on the START button for you surely will be making copies for your personal files as well as files to share with others of the many ideas you will find in these pages.

Better yet – buy an extra copy of this “stoking the fires of evangelism” book and give it away!

Diana – you've changed the face of “lifestyle evangelism” and I love it!

—Sandra K. (Mrs. Anthony) Payton  
Pastor's Wife/Heart2Heart/Sisters Who Care Facilitator  
Come As You Are Community Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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With *Fresh Ideas* Diana Davis has created a priceless book for the seasoned minister as well as the beginner.

Her practical approach to ministry is refreshing and will enhance programs for churches of all sizes.

Her ideas are impacting how our church planters are doing *church* even here in Kiev, Ukraine.

—Joel and Mary Ellen Ragains  
IMB Missionaries  
Kiev, Ukraine

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This is a book for which you've been waiting! With multiple, special events to plan and coordinate, creative juices often seem to stagnate. Where can you turn for a comprehensive, relevant approach for church celebrations, ministry, missions and social events? From the observance of the ordinance of baptism to planning women's ministry outreach, Diana Davis skillfully offers us a plethora of tested, invigorating ideas. As worshippers, our goal is to bring glory to God in all we do. As leaders, we are to encourage and equip the Body of Christ for kingdom service. A user-friendly reference, Diana's book, *Fresh Ideas*, has the potential to rejuvenate the ministry of your church and become an indispensable resource for best practices!

—Bobbie (Mrs. Jerry) Rankin  
International Mission Board  
Wife of IMB President, Former Missionary, Asia  
Richmond, Virginia

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Admit it! We get many of our more creative ideas from our wives. After 35 years as a Pastor's wife Diana garnishes the Christian workers' sometimes mundane approach to ministry, and church-life in general, with a unique repertoire of *Fresh Ideas*.

Diana Davis' *Fresh Ideas* have invigorated the imaginations of myself and the co-laborers in our church.

I highly recommend this innovative, yet easy to use, collection of practical, Spirit-filled suggestions meant to honor Jesus in all of church life.

—Ashley Ray

“Fresh Ideas” ...Refreshes

Diana Davis takes the concepts and strategies of biblical ministries and translates them into easy, practical hands-on application.

Her enthusiasm and creativity capture relational evangelism and practical ministry, moving the believer to realize, “I can do that!”

Both church leaders and the people in the pews will be inspired by the multitude experiences Diana has collected from her own church involvement. All will be refreshed with the “how to” of what we all know we should to be doing.

“Fresh Ideas” are word pictures that demonstrate timeless truths in action.

—Dr. John Rogers, Jr  
Missions and Evangelism Team Leader  
State Convention of Baptists in Indiana  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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Diana Davis’ “Fresh Ideas” columns have frequently enlivened the pages of Florida Baptist Witness with pithy, practical and sometimes provocative thoughts that are helpful to churches, pastors and all followers of Christ.

—James A. Smith Sr.  
Executive Editor, *Florida Baptist Witness*  
Jacksonville, Florida

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I can’t think of a better title than *Fresh Ideas*, or a better person to write about Fresh Ideas than Diana Davis. In a day when churches must think outside the box to see people regularly, consistently won to faith in Jesus Christ, Fresh Ideas is exactly what we need!

Diana’s spirit of encouragement is contagious and effectual to all who know her. May God be glorified through this book, and may the growth of the Kingdom of our Lord be the result.

—Larry Snyder  
Pastor, Victory Baptist Church  
Clinton, Indiana

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Looking for a fresh idea? Here is a whole book full of them!

This ready resource is short and simple, organized for easy use, and filled with great and practical ideas for almost every occasion.

Thanks, Diana, for this helpful tool!

—Steve Swofford  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rockwall, Texas  
President, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention

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Keeping creative methods of communication in the church is harder today than ever before. There is greater competition for the attention of our people. Diana's collection of ideas is a great reference to bring any program, ministry, or event to new life.

—Rick Terry  
Associate Pastor, Worship & Media, Fall Creek Baptist Church  
President, Main-1 Media, Indianapolis IN

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*Fresh Ideas* is filled with helpful ideas any church can implement. Diana's many years as a pastor's wife keep her focused on strengthening the local church and reaching out to the community.

This is a book every pastor will want to have in their library and will want to share with key leaders in the church.

—Dr. David Waltz  
Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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"Forest Gump said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates!' Diana Davis has bound together a wonderful 'assortment of delightful helps and encouragements in this one volume. I'm forever looking for just this variety of 'fresh ideas' to stimulate the creative juices that it takes to keep church life exciting, contemporary and appealing

Thank you Diana for these sweet bites of just what will do us good!"

—Dr. Bobby H. Welch,  
Past President, Southern Baptist Convention  
Author, Retired Pastor, FBC Daytona Beach, Florida

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Diana Davis' book, *Fresh Ideas* is truly a fresh idea.

Pastors and church leaders continually need inspirational nuggets to help stay current. Diana's insight helps us be reminded of the truth, "Little things can make a big difference."

—Dr. Charles L. Wilson  
Senior Pastor, Sunnyvale First Baptist Church  
Sunnyvale, Texas

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This work represents years of ministry experience in a variety of church settings. It reflects the heart of one who desires to connect with people and to help those people connect with God in fresh ways. For every idea in this book, the Holy Spirit is capable of inspiring an infinite number of additional ideas.

Let Diana's offering be used by the Lord to awaken your creative heart and mind so that many more may worship and serve Jesus Christ with vigor.

Sid Woodruff  
Men's and Deacon Ministry Specialist, LifeWay Christian Resources  
Nashville, Tennessee