

Fall Party and Event Theme

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I know it's a little too early for fall, but I'm overhauling the event themes on the website, and I know a lot of you are already making fall plans. I hope this post helps you out.

I'm a big lover of fall. What's not to like. Cozy sweaters, beautiful leaves turning, fall flowers in bloom, bright orange pumpkins, fuzzy throws, hot cups of cider or hot chocolate, cooler weather after a hot summer, and the holidays approaching.

So, with all of that said, you know I like me a good fall party or event to attend with friends! Just *sittin'* on a cool fall porch having coffee or apple cider, *sippin'* and *chattin'* with friends, can be an enjoyable experience. And if you have someone bring a guitar for group singing, you will have the makings for a really good time!



Fall Event Concept

—I have combined some of my older fall themes to make this theme concept.

— “A Tisket. A Tasket” originally posted November 1, 2001

— “Don’t Fall Apart” originally posted September 20, 2010

— “Falling In Love with Jesus” originally posted August 21, 2012

—Combined, Tweaked and Updated June 2020

The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Title Ideas

- A Crop of Good Friends (scrap-booking party)
- A Cup of Fall (fall tea, or meet for coffee, cider, or hot cocoa)
- A Gobbling Good Time
- A Heart Full of Thanksgiving
- A Pilgrim Thanksgiving
- A Tisket-A Tasket (God Has Filled my Blessing Basket)
- All Fall Down (worship)
- Apple Days
- Apples of Gold (pdf)
- Attitude of Gratitude
- Autumn Calling
- Back to School
- Baskets of Blessings
- Blessings From Above
- Bountiful Blessings
- Bushel of Blessings
- Changing Seasons
- Cornucopia of Blessings
- Count Your Blessings
- Cozy Up to Sweater Weather
- Cup of Blessings
- Don’t FALL Apart!
- Don’t Fall to Pieces!
- Don’t Worry...Be Thankful
- Fabulous Fall
- Fall Block Party
- Fall Carnival
- Fall Chili Dinner
- Fall Celebration
- Fall Craft Fair
- Fall Critters (baby shower—Make it a Woodland Theme)
- Fall Dessert Party
- Fall, Football, & Fun
- Fall Fashion Show
- Fall Forward
- Fall Harvest Gathering
- Fall Into Fitness (exercise focus)

- Fall Into Service (or into giving, friendship, love, etc.)
- Fall Jam (or Let's Jam—a homemade jelly/jam making night)
- Fall Kick Off
- Fall *Leaves Us Happy*
- Fall Movie Night
- Fall Out of Fear
- Fall Porch Sit & Chat
- Fall Splendor
- Fall Tea
- Falling For Apples (or pumpkins, acorns, etc.)
- Falling In Love with Jesus (or Fall in Love)
- Festival of Fall
- Fire Up for Fall
- *Friendsgiving*
- Fun in a Nutshell (squirrel, woodland critter baby shower or birthday party)
- Gather a Harvest of Blessings
- Gather With Thankful Hearts
- Grateful Hearts
- Great and Mighty Things
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Great Things He Hath Done
- Happy Fall Y'all
- Harvest Bash
- Harvest of Blessings
- Harvest Fair
- Harvest Festival
- Harvest Party
- Hayride Night
- In Gear for Fall
- In the Pumpkin Patch
- Join The Feast
- Joyous Fall
- Jump Into Fall!
- *Leaving* it to Jesus
- Leaves and Lattes
- Let Your Fears Fall Behind
- Lil' Acorn or Little Acorn (baby shower or small child birthday)
- Lil' Pumpkin or Little Pumpkin (baby shower or small child birthday)
- Name Them One by One
- Nature Walk
- Praise Night (singing and testimonies)
- Pumpkin Patch Parade (Pie judging and pie and coffee for dessert)
- Sweater Weather
- Over The River and Through the Woods
- *Raking* In the Fun
- Season of Bounty
- Seasons of Change
- Seasons of Life
- Sharing The Harvest (community project or feeding)
- Showers of Blessings
- S'mores Party
- Something To Crow About
- Sugar and Spice (fall dessert party)
- Thanks-*Living*
- Thankful Hearts Are Happy Hearts
- The Big Squash Out
- Totally Turkey

- Turning Over a New Leaf
- We Gather Together
- What a Hoot! (Talent night —Use owl clip art on invitations)
- With a Grateful Heart
- Use a Breast Cancer Awareness Theme Page for an October theme.



Bright Idea! Many of the titles above make great wording for fall bulletin boards!

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on our love for Jesus and worshiping at His feet. (Falling in love with Jesus)
- Focus on giving our fears over to the Lord. (Don't Fall Apart)
- Focus on counting all of our blessings and being grateful.
- Focus on *turning over a new leaf* and changing our ways.
- Focus on the *seasons of life* and dealing with change.
- Focus on those things you need to *squash*, such as anger, hate, etc.
- Focus on enjoying the blessings of the harvest and fruit of the vine.
- Focus on hosting a Praise Night of singing, testimonies, and praise
- Focus on family and friendships by spending time with them during fall celebrations.
- Focus on hosting a *Friendsgiving* Dinner to engage family, friends, and/or community.

Theme Verse Suggestions

"...and came and fell at his feet." Mark 7:25 (KJV)

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Psalm 56:3 (KJV)

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 100:4 (KJV)

Devotional Starters and Workshop Ideas

- Living in Our Season
Talk about the different seasons of life.
 - Spring – time of growth
 - Summer – time to soak in the sun (Son)
 - Fall – time to get ready for winter (preparing our hearts)
 - Winter – time to go through hardships and tough times.
- Seasonal Views
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/downloads/devotional/seasons-devotional-starters.pdf>
- Leaving it to Jesus (Turning everything over to the Lord.)
- Dealing with Fears (Acknowledging and facing our fears. Giving them over to Jesus.)
- Preparing Our Hearts for Thanksgiving (Getting things right with the Lord so we can be totally grateful and thankful in our hearts.)

Simple Decorating

Fall is one of those times I think it is okay to go all out and decorate, even though I usually try to steer you all down the *simple* route. After all, God made all those beautiful things of the harvest time for us to enjoy!

- Apples
- Cornstalks
- Cornucopias
- Fall leaves

- Gourds
- Hay bales (use the “fake” ones from the craft stores. Much lighter and no allergy issues.)
- Decorative/Ornamental corn
- Chrysanthemums or any fall flowers
- Natural elements such as vines, branches, pine cones, acorns, and twigs
- Pumpkins
- Squash
- Wheat
- Any fruit or veggie of harvest time!

Ice Breakers

Discussion Starter Questions

- *When did you fall in love with Jesus?*
- *What attribute do you love the most about Jesus Christ?*
- *What made you fall in love with their husband? (if applicable)*
- *What made you fall in love with your best friend(s)?*
- *What are you the most thankful for?*
- *What are the top three things you are the most grateful for in your life?*
- *What’s your worst fear?*
- *When were you most afraid in your life?*

Fall Football

Have a game of Nerf football for a family/friends get-together or for the kids.

Phobia Quiz

For a *Don’t Fall Apart* or *fears* related program—do a quiz and name the phobias. Look for lists online. Here are a few familiar ones –

- *Arachnophobia*– Fear of spiders.
- *Claustrophobia*– Fear of confined spaces
- *Acrophobia* – Fear of heights
- *Mysophobia* – Fear of germs or dirt

Music

- *The Windows of Heaven*
- *Let's Just Praise the Lord*
- *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
- *Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow*
- *More Love to Thee* (Elizabeth P. Prentiss)
- *I Keep Falling in Love with Him* (Lanny Wolfe)
- *Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You* (U.A.)
- *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (William R. Featherston)
- *O, How I love Jesus* (Fredrick Whitfield)

Favor Ideas

- Mini pumpkin (real! with pretty hang-tag attached)
- Candy Kisses (in fall wrappers – usually available around October)
- Sunflower seeds (buy in large bags, divide into small cello bags to package individually)
- Apple cider packet (with pretty hang-tag attached)
- Hot chocolate packet (with pretty hang-tag attached)
- Homemade apple cider mixes in pretty mini jars.
- Homemade hot cocoa mix in pretty jars.
- Blessing Mix (Look for directions online.)
- Decorated fall leaf cookie (individually wrapped)
- Packaged candy apples

Door Prize Ideas

- Decorative turkey
- Fall wreath
- Fall dishtowel
- Fall garden stake
- Fall garden flag
- Fall pillow cover
- Fall mug
- Fall motif tote bag
- Hot cocoa or hot cider gift basket

- Specialty pumpkin pie from a local bakery
- Check with your local handmade crafters for various things like fall centerpieces, wreaths, etc.

Just for Fun

Sweater Swap

Have your invited guests bring one (or more) used sweaters to swap.

Dress Up

If this is for a church-wide Thanksgiving dinner, you may want to make pilgrim hats for the kids (or adults too!).

Community Outreach

Fall in love with your community! Get involved in your community and help with feeding the homeless for Thanksgiving, serve at a mission, or do some type of project to reach others with kindness.

Fruit Picking

Get together and go to an orchard to pick apples together or any late seasoned fruit.

Jam

Have a jelly and jam making time with seasonal fruits. Works best with small groups.

Group Craft

Do a fall craft project together making fall wreaths, pressing leaves, etc

Invitation Wording Ideas

- Our Lil' (or Little) Pumpkin is turning.... (birthday party)
- Our Li'l (or Little) Acorn is turning.....(birthday party)

- A new Little Acorn will soon be falling from the tree. Let's make a shower for her/his mother as nice as can be! (baby shower)
- The Little Pumpkin is on his/her way! (baby shower)
- Let's cozy up to sweater weather and meet for coffee/hot cocoa on....(fun with the girls!)
- What's in the Pumpkin Patch? (gender reveal baby shower)
- Sugar and Spice makes fall nice. You are invited to a Fall Dessert Party. Bring one fall dessert to share. We'll supply the coffee. (dessert party)

Food and Serving Ideas

- Hot cocoa or coffee bar
- Chili dinner
- Donuts and apple cider
- Hot cocoa and cookies
- S'mores
- Spice Cake
- Pumpkin pie and coffee
- Pumpkin roll and coffee
- Pumpkin
- Pumpkin flavored *anything!*
- Warm apple crisp
- Homemade apple cider donuts

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Thanks for checking out these fall ideas. Have anything to add? I love hearing all of your fun party and event ideas.

Creative blessings,

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