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Church Website Health Check

25 yes or no checks, score it yourself, free scorecard

Use this scorecard on your current church website. Work through the 25 checks on a phone and on a computer. Tick Yes or No for each one. Count the Yes answers for your score out of 25. Then read the note on what to fix first.

This is a planning worksheet, not an audit, a security review, or a promise of search rankings. Tamarack Web Design is a Nampa, Idaho studio. We build websites for churches and nonprofits, and we meet in person in the Treasure Valley and Magic Valley.

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Your church

Church name	
Website address	
Completed by	
Date	

How to score

20 to 25. The basics are in good shape. Fix the remaining No answers when you can, starting with anything related to giving, safety, or wrong service times.

13 to 19. Visitors are probably hitting a few snags. Start with the category that has the most No answers, often mobile, service times, or giving.

0 to 12. Start with three things: readable on a phone, correct service times and address on the home page, and a giving or contact path that works. Then rebuild or replace what you cannot keep current.

The 25 checks

	Yes	No

Mobile

1. The home page is readable on a phone without pinching or sideways scrolling.	☐	☐
2. Buttons and links are large enough to tap with a thumb.	☐	☐
3. The menu opens and closes cleanly on a phone.	☐	☐
4. Service times or your main offer are visible on a phone without hunting.	☐	☐

Giving and contact

5. There is a clear Give, Donate, or Contact button that is easy to find.	☐	☐
6. A person can give or submit a request on a phone, without a broken form.	☐	☐
7. It is obvious whether gifts go through your own account, not a third party that holds the money for you.	☐	☐
8. A visitor can find a phone number or email without digging through several pages.	☐	☐

Service times and visit info

9. This week's service times, or your regular times, are on the home page.	☐	☐
10. The address is correct and easy to copy, with a map or directions link.	☐	☐
11. A first-time guest can find parking, children's ministry, or what to expect on Sunday.	☐	☐
12. You have a way to post special services or events when the calendar changes.	☐	☐

Sermons and content

13. Recent sermons, messages, or updates are listed somewhere obvious.	☐	☐
14. A new visitor can tell what your church believes or what a Sunday is like, in plain language.	☐	☐

The 25 checks, continued

	Yes	No
15. Audio or video, if you offer it, actually plays on a phone.	☐	☐
16. Older messages are organized by date or series, not left in one long unmarked list.	☐	☐

Speed

	Yes	No
17. The home page feels ready in a few seconds on a phone, not stuck on a spinner.	☐	☐
18. Photos look sharp enough, but the page is not dragging because of huge files.	☐	☐
19. There is no full-screen animation or splash that blocks the content.	☐	☐
20. Text and buttons do not jump around as the page finishes loading.	☐	☐

Safety and upkeep

	Yes	No
21. The site uses HTTPS, and the browser does not warn that it is not secure.	☐	☐
22. Someone on your team can get into the site or the domain account, and the password is not shared on a sticky note only.	☐	☐
23. If the site runs on WordPress or similar, it has been updated in the last few months.	☐	☐
24. You have a backup, and at least one person knows how you would get the site back if it broke.	☐	☐
25. If you collect emails or form submissions, you have a privacy note and a way for people to stop hearing from you.	☐	☐

Total Yes answers (out of 25) ☐

What to fix first

Yes No

Count the No answers in each category. Start with the category that has the most, in this order if you are tied: Safety and upkeep, Giving and contact, Service times and visit info, Mobile, Speed, then Sermons and content.

If service times or the address are wrong, fix those the same day. A beautiful site with the wrong time will send people to an empty building.

If the site is hard to use on a phone, that work comes next, because most first-time guests are on a phone.

If giving or the contact form is broken, fix the path before you add new pages.

If you cannot keep sermons or events current, simplify. A short, accurate site is better than a long one that is months out of date.

If safety items are No, get help with HTTPS, backups, and account access before you spend time on new design.

Want a second pair of eyes? Tamarack Web Design will review your notes in an intake conversation, in person in the Treasure Valley or Magic Valley, or by video. Plan prices are published at tamarackwebdesign.com/pricing. Setup starts at $1,350. For plans bought by December 31, 2026, the Companion client portal is included free for as long as you keep your plan, a $300/year value.