Building Apps with No Code

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Who am I?

- Software Engineer for 10 years in the tech industry
- Built a couple apps
- I am passionate about building apps in order to reach people for Christ.

Why I chose to build an app with no code

I have a lot of ideas **and not a lot of time to build them all by hand**.

You have time, **but not the expertise** to build by hand.

Ministry App Ideas

- Hymnal/Songs Directory
- Create and save Bible lessons
- Bible study tracker
- Pathfinder tracker
- Audioverse/Sermon Platform
- Guestbook/Mini CRM
- Church App with member login
- Prayer App
- GLOW App
- Track outreach for individual homes in your local community

What app ideas do you have?

The church needs apps

It's expensive and time consuming to build more apps.

If non-coders can create apps then more ideas will get published.

What is an app?

An app or a computer software application that is a computer program designed to help a person perform a task.

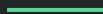# Spreadsheet Software

- Excel
- Google Sheets

Apps allow you to write and read data

- Spreadsheets allow you to create reports on numerical data that you first write and then read that data as a report
- Social media apps allow you to write posts and read other people's posts
- Video editing apps allow you to create videos by writing video data as clips and reading those clips in an order you specify and export as a full video

Write out your requirements

What should this app do?

- Be as specific as possible

- Keep your scope small

Design your data

What data do you need for your church and/or ministry?

- Attendance records

- Community outreach results

Diagram your UX flow

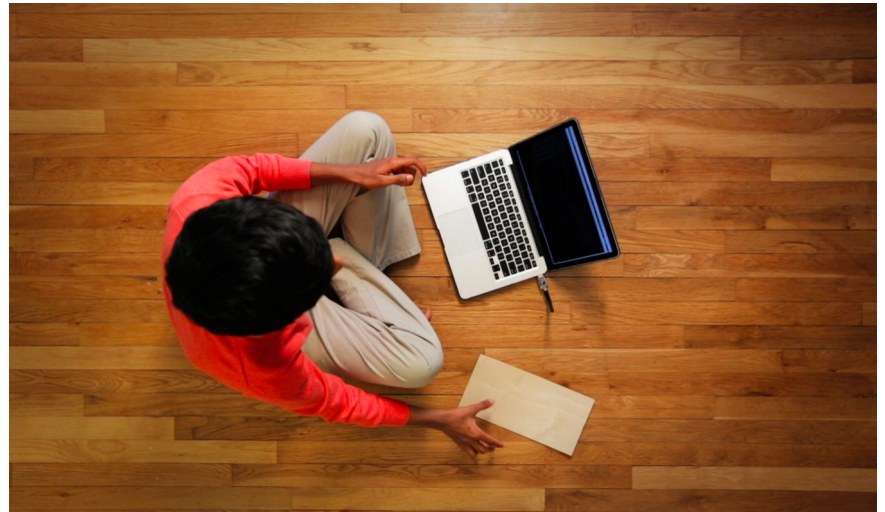What actions should a person perform in your app to complete their task?

- Tap a button

- Type out text

Let's build an app

- Adalo (no-code app platform)

- Wix (front-facing website)

Questions To Ask Yourself

1. Is this idea something my community members will benefit from? Does it solve a problem?

2. Is my community interested in new technology? If not, how do I get them on board with my ideas?

3. Do they have ideas for apps as well? Be open to suggestions.

The app you choose to build can have a major impact on your community.

Conclusion

You have so many resources and helpful tools at your fingertips (literally) that can help your community.

All you need to do is begin.

What will I do next?

Brainstorm some ideas for helpful tools that your community will enjoy using.

Talk to them about what they need.

Look at other apps for reference or ideas.