

## **BENEVOLENCE**

### **TITLE: MINISTRY OF BENEVOLENCE**

### **CHAIRMAN: KEN MURPHY**

### **LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS**

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Gerald Copeland | Linda Copeland | Rudy Pierce     | Nita Pierce  |
| Bob Hankins     | Wanda Hankins  | Cecilia McCain  | Stan Holland |
| Lou Holland     | Melba Nash     | David Myers     | Rachel Myers |
| Barbara Mosley  | Roy House      | Terry Wilkerson | Skip Garner  |
| Bob Bagwell     | Buddy Cagle    | Gerald King     |              |

### ***I. PURPOSE STATEMENT***

Our purpose is to serve those in this community who are in need by providing food and other assistance, to introduce Christ to our community, and provide a platform for good works by our members. To honor and glorify Christ by helping the needy in ways we are able.

### ***II. RESPONSIBILITIES***

#### **A. Chairman – Ken Murphy**

1. Oversee the performance of the ministry. Recruit and encourage workers and lead them by instruction and example.
2. Chairman and assigned workers will investigate the legitimacy of requests for help.
3. Chairman and assigned workers will provide appropriate help for legitimate requests.
4. Chairman and workers will manage food pantry and funds dedicated to this ministry.
5. Keep records of all who receive assistance and make referrals to other ministries for other appropriate action (i.e. evangelism, etc.).
6. Provide food for holiday baskets for the needy.
7. Make quarterly reports to elders.
8. Procure food from the Bay Area Food Bank in Theodore, Alabama.
9. Encourage congregation to donate surplus clothing and other items to be given to Goodwill in exchange for certificates for purchase that can be used by needy people to buy needed items from Goodwill.

## B. Team Members

1. All will pray for the ministry and other ministries that we will bring glory to Christ and His church.
2. Assigned workers will take requests for help, take down all necessary information, and check our records for previous requests for help and the help that was provided.
  - a. Gerald Copeland – Assist chairman
  - b. Rudy Pierce – Help where needed
  - c. Bob Hankins – Help acquire and store food
  - d. Wanda Hankins – Help acquire food, bag food, and assist in its distribution
  - e. Cecilia McCain – Help to interview applicants, maintain records, and make quarterly reports to food bank
  - f. Harold Enke – Help acquire, transport, and distribute food
  - g. Lorraine Enke, Linda Copeland, Nita Pierce, Lou Holland, Barbara Mosley, Juanita Sanders, JoAnn Gibbon – Help interview food applicants
  - h. Roy House, Stan Holland, Gerald King, and Freddy Corina – help with food distribution
  - i. Melba Nash – Help distribute food
  - j. Carra Deck, Glenda Carpenter – handle requests for food from those who weren't able to be present at the food distribution. They also maintain and distribute the Goodwill certificates we receive.

## C. Ministry Responsibilities

1. Provide food and Goodwill certificates for legitimate requests for help.
2. Take donated clothing and other items to Goodwill and exchange for purchase certificates.
3. Provide transportation for the elderly, who have no other means to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and pharmacy (A list of volunteers will be available at the church office to be called when this service is needed).
4. Do yard work, housework, and home repairs, such as can be accomplished within the ability and budget constraints of this ministry for the needy members and those outside the church when appropriate.
5. Payment of money for utility bills, etc, will be handled on a case by case basis and with the consent of the elders.

### ***III. BENEVOLENCE ACTIVITIES FOR 2010***

- A. This ministry will work to maintain a good supply of nutritional food to be given to the needy, to advertise to people in our area that we will distribute food on the first Thursday of each month at the multipurpose building between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to any approved applicants.
- B. There will be tables available at the food distribution to help people who are interested in Bible study and for those who have prayer requests.
- C. A few days prior to the food distribution, 3 or 4 volunteers will visit the food bank to purchase the groceries and will prepare the bags of groceries to be given out.
- D. Other requests for help will be handled on a case by case basis and those that require expenditure of funds will be handled in consultation with the elders.

### ***IV. GOALS***

- A. To build up contacts to come to our church building for food and to develop Bible studies.
- B. To answer other calls for help on a case by case basis.
- C. To make the congregation aware of what we are doing and solicit their participation in any way we can.