



Benevolence Request Information

Our concern for you is not limited to your financial situation. We care about your emotional, spiritual, and relational health, as well as your general well-being. Please let us know how we can pray for you or have a church leader contact you.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Explanation of the Benevolence Fund

The church has a Benevolence Ministry with a limited financial fund. The fund is made available by application to church members, travelers, and people in our community. The Benevolence Fund is to assist persons who are having financial difficulties due to various unforeseen circumstances. The money is granted as a gift, and repayment is not expected. However, if the recipient desires to give to the church at a later time, the recipient is encouraged to give directly to the general fund of the church.

Please be aware that the church receives many requests and is not able to give financial help to everyone who requests it. We also request that benevolence amounts provided by the church be kept in confidence. Your request will be reviewed and you will be contacted if more information is needed. If your request is approved, it may take up to one week to receive funds.

The Benevolence Request Form

When a church assists church members or other individuals, the IRS requires the church to keep certain documentation and records on individuals the church has helped. The Benevolence Request Form is filled out each time the church helps a person financially. This form is confidential and will be kept on file. Information is available to pastoral staff, financial administration, and church board members.

The Benevolence Request form must be fully completed for an applicant to be considered. We understand that in times of need, situations can be difficult. The purpose of the Benevolence Request form is not to make things more difficult for you. The purpose of the form is to help our church to be good stewards of the offerings people give.

If there is not enough space on the front side of the form, please use an additional piece of paper.

Applicants for financial assistance are awarded financial assistance based on financial need. Applicants are not granted financial assistance based on relationships between the applicant and church leaders or significant church contributors. The church does not discriminate applicants based upon race, color, sex, national origin, age, geographic territory, or disability. However, the church reserves the right to make choices based on doctrinal beliefs.

The church may provide short-term (emergency) assistance and longer-term aid to ensure that victims have the basic necessities such as food, clothing, housing, transportation, and medical assistance. The preferred method of providing assistance will be to pay the applicant's needs directly to a business provider. Assistance may also be provided in the form of cash grants or vouchers for goods or services. The type of aid that is appropriate depends on the individual's needs and available resources.

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