

# **BENEVOLENCE**

## **Responsible Deacon: Steve Graham**

To develop, organize and maintain a Benevolent Program that is focused on helping those of our Congregation who have deserving needs as well as helping those outside the church with spiritual, as well as material needs in times of crisis in their lives. A method must be developed to know of members of the Congregation with special needs and coordinate assistance. The aim of the Benevolence Program is to provide not just physical monetary aid to the needy, but to teach Christ and His church as well.

1. To investigate request for assistance from within and outside the Congregation
2. To develop a means of obtaining information on those of our Congregation who have a need or needs, but do not request assistance
3. To provide assistance to those who, through investigation, have legitimate needs.
4. To carefully account for all expenditures by keeping records of receipts, invoices, etc. (as much documentation as possible)
5. Establish a network of members who have skills that can be used to help our members with household repairs, auto repairs, etc.
6. To assess the possible long term needs of members of the Congregation
7. Select a member to assist you in this work. Keep him informed of your activities, so he can substitute for you when necessary.
8. Develop a program of support for those of our community. Focus on emergency needs and, also, if we can setup visits to teach them after helping.
9. Explore with the Eldership the feasibility of keeping on hand a supply of food, clothing, furniture, etc. for those in need.
10. Prepare a budget for anticipated expenditures to be presented to the Elders.