

## **WHEN TO CALL THE PASTOR**

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You should call the Pastor when:

- \*You are facing serious life challenges
- \*Someone wants to join the Church
- \*There is the birth of a child
- \*There is illness in the house
- \*When there is death in the home. It is polite to call the Pastor to assist you with funeral arrangements.
- \*There is an engagement leading to marriage.

The Tremont Temple Missionary Baptist Church seeks to be a serving church in the greater Macon, Bibb County, Georgia community and the Pastor seeks to provide servant leadership for the Church ministry. Service is the major goal of our Church and her many ministries. Remember, we are “co-laborers together,” whatever our Church desires to do can only be done as we are willing to permit it. Following are some of the means by which our church seeks to serve.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

When you feel the need for special care in the area of problem solving, please call the Church office and set up an appointment with the Pastor.

### **SOCIAL NEEDS**

Our church is sensitive to the social needs of our members. Although the Church is not a “welfare agency,” nor merely a hand-out organization, the church is prepared to offer reasonable assistance when there is an emergency need. We provide assistance for food, clothing, utilities and shelter. When there is a need, contact the Church office at (478) 746-9752, or your assigned Family Deacon.

## **ILLNESS**

When there is illness in the family, you should contact the Church office at (478) 746-9752, a Deacon, or Pastor Holmes. All members and ministries of the church are encouraged to aid in the visitation ministry. It is NOT to be expected by any member that Pastor Holmes may hear of an illness via the grapevine. It is NOT to be expected for Pastor Holmes to do ALL of the visiting. The Pastor should be especially notified when surgery is involved and/or when a family member is critically ill. Pastor Holmes would like to be present with members to offer prayer, comfort and encouragement.

## **MARRIAGE**

When two people are planning to become husband wife, the Church is anxious to play her part. Pre-marital care sessions are required! **Pastor Holmes will not perform a marriage ceremony without the marriage care sessions taking place.** Persons planning to marry should contact Pastor Holmes well in advance of the selected date chosen for the wedding. See the wedding procedure for further information.

## **BIRTH**

When a child is born to one of the families of the Church, the entire Church family rejoices in this blessed event. Contact the Church office with this news as soon as possible. Baptist do not believe in the practice of “infant baptism.” However, there is the practice of “baby dedication.” This short service will be held during the first Sunday at 10:45 during Worship Celebration. Call the Church office when this service is desired. Please leave specific information with the secretary such as the child’s name, date and place of birth, parents names, etc.

## **DEATH**

As soon as death occurs in the family, the Pastor and/or the Deacon should be notified. The Pastor will help in all possible areas of concern. The family may wish to call a mortician of their choice or seek the Pastor’s counsel in this matter. The Pastor will assist in the scheduling of the Funeral Service and in the preparation of the Order of Service. At no time should any church member attempt to “fit” the Pastor into the plans for the funeral arrangement. Be sure to contact Pastor Holmes before finalizing any date and time for funeral services to be held at the Church or funeral services in which the Pastor is expected to participate. For more information see the Funeral Procedure.