

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Bereavement Committee: Our mission is to minister to the needs of the Congregation in all of their spiritual needs, to include coping with the death of a loved one. In keeping with that thought the Bereavement Committee was formed. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate with our ministries in feeding grieving families. A family suffering from the loss of a loved one should not have to worry about feeding themselves or family members that come to grieve with them on the night prior to the burial. This is a time when we, as loving church members, will minister to the family to satisfy their physical as well as spiritual needs.

Benevolence Committee: This committee is responsible for distributing church allocated funds to help certain individuals who have requested assistance. As a guideline/benchmark, the committee will consider giving assistance as follows: eighty percent (80%) to Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church members and their families, and twenty percent (20%) to non-members as an outreach effort. Each individual must complete a form for Assistance (located in the Church's office) and return to the Benevolence Committee mail slot (located in the Fellowship Hall). The Committee meets on each request and will notify the individual(s) if the request has been approved.

Building and Grounds: The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for inspecting the buildings and grounds for repairs and/or to enhance the appearance. The committee also serves as a liaison between the trustee ministry for enhancement purposes.

Church Anniversary Committee: The Church Anniversary Committee plans and implement programs that commemorate the church's growth from the founding to the present. These programs and activities acknowledge the past and present ideas for the future. Committee membership is voluntary, and an invitation is extended to the congregation each year.

Church Finance: The purpose of the Church Finance Committee is to assume total responsibility for the finances of the congregation. This shall include developing and monitoring a church budget/financial recording and reporting, disbursement, investment planning, and auditing of records.

Deaconess Ministry: The obligational function of the Church Deaconess is to strive to maintain a spiritual tone of Christian Faith and Christian Love along with performing the outlined service tasks: 1) Preparation and Setup of the Lord's Supper, 2) Preparation of baptism candidates, 3) Assisting the Pastor and Deacons on visitations with the bereaved, sick and shut-in members and their families and 4) Strive to work within oneself to instill, teach, promote and exemplify Christian values to new members and youth as mentors.

Deacons Ministry: The Deacon Ministry is a plan through which the deacons help the pastor in ministering to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of each church member and family. Members are assigned to Deacons according to the member's last name. For example, if your last name begins with the letter F, then Deacon Lyles may be your Deacon. There are many ways that a Deacon can be of assistance to a church member and his/her family. (1) visiting you; (2) witnessing to unsaved family members; (3) rejoicing with you and your family; (4) being your friend; (5) giving support in the time of crisis; (6) answering questions about your faith or about

your church; (7) helping you grow and have fellowship with other members and families in the church; (8) praying for and with you.

Decorating Committee: The Decorating Committee's main objective is to beautify the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in a way that the Lord will receive the glory. The committee is responsible for decorating the Family Life Center for church events that include the church body such as but not limited to the Church Anniversary, Pastor's Anniversary, and Revival. The Motto is, "To God be the glory."

First Response Ministry: First Responder's Ministry (1RM) is a service group made up of church members who volunteer to provide immediate medical services to those in need. We are excited about this ministry and the positive impact it will have on this body of Christ and the community. 1RM members are always on Duty during Sunday Church services. Our goal is to work with existing ministries, auxiliaries, and groups of RBMC. Deacons, Trustees, and Ushers are provided with the necessary information to alert us to respond to particular situations or health issues, when needed. We are committed to being obedient to God's will and His way, whether it is for health-related topic discussions, participation in Health Fairs, continued medical assistance education, etc. We do not provide medical diagnosis, medication administration or replace the role of your personal MD or Health Care Provider. We will act as a unit to function for the good of the body of Christ.

Hospitality Committee: The Hospitality Committee makes a follow-up telephone call to the pastor/person who the Pastor has personally invited to be the speaker/facilitator at one of the Church's programs; prepares an itinerary for the visiting pastor during his/her stay; and provides transportation to and from the airport; welcomes visitors who are attending the Church's Sunday Morning Worship Services; requests of the ushers that seating be reserved for guest churches; requests of the trustees that parking spaces be reserved for the buses and cars of visiting churches; greets guest churches upon their arrival and escorts members into the sanctuary; directs/escorts visitors to the Family Life Center or Fellowship Hall when visitors are to be served food; assists with helping visitors departure to be a safe one; and accommodates visiting pastors during an overnight stay.

Human Resources Committee: The Human Resources Committee takes a leadership role and provides services in support of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church. The Committee will act as a catalyst enabling all employees to contribute at optimum levels towards the success of the Church.

Kitchen Committee: The Kitchen Ministry prepares and serves food for all church activities. The goal of the staff is to prepare meals that are savory and to serve them in a Christ-like and professional manner.

Media Ministry: The Media Ministry's primary duty is to operate audio, the video system and projection for all church services. Both services are usually recorded on CD, DVD and cassette every Sunday, and copies are made available for members.

Multi-Media Ministry: The Multi-Media and Sound Ministry is responsible for making sure the congregation is able to focus on worship during each worship service and special events that takes place in the sanctuary. Our goal is to be an invisible part of each worship service to enhance the congregation's ability to worship through sight and sound.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is a standing committee that consists of five (5) members elected at the Church's annual meeting, who represent a cross-section of the Church membership who is well informed of the requirements and responsibilities of the Church officers. This committee works closely with the Church Council and is entrusted with the finding of members who are well fitted to bear the responsibility involving each leadership position. It conducts its work in harmony and confidentiality and presents its recommended slate of officers at the annual Church meeting or a special Church called meeting for the purpose of filling an unexpected position.

Nurses' Ministry: The Nurses' Ministry was established in 2003 to list the names of nurses who volunteer to be available to respond during church services should an emergency or need for first aid occur. It maintains a display of free health-related brochures and pamphlets, maintains fully stocked first aid kits and assists with health fairs and screenings to promote good health. A close working relationship exists between the Wellness Ministry and Ushers Ministry. Nurses' ministry members are available to assist other church ministries in securing speakers, presenters and/or materials. The Ministry is comprised of licensed nurses and church members who have had some type of medical-related training. The ministry is available to do other related services, as deemed necessary by the Pastor.

Pastor's Aid Ministry: The Pastor's Aid Ministry is dedicated to assisting and enhancing the spiritual and physical needs of our Pastor. These needs include such things as supporting him on trips to associations and conventions, seeing that his robes are properly maintained, initiating and carrying out the events for his anniversary and birthday, providing needed items for his office and other assistance as needed/requested.

Publicity Committee: The Publicity Committee is responsible for promoting the Church in and out of the community by way of written communication, radio, TV, CD's, tapes and other media sources.

Receiving Committee: The Receiving Committee Counselor is responsible for counseling with individual(s) who respond to the Pastor's call for salvation and/or membership. The Counselor assists the individual(s) in determining which qualification of membership applies: Candidate for Baptism, Christian Experience, Watch Care or by Letter.

Resource Committee: This committee is charged with providing the names of agencies and other resources to be utilized by individuals in various situations of need. The committee serves as a first line of defense before having to make financial requests to the Benevolence Committee.

Security Ministry: The purpose of this Ministry is to ensure the safety of our members as we come together to worship. The goal is to be peacemakers for all that enter our sanctuary. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

Solicitation Committee: The Solicitation Committee was organized by Pastor Fred W. Coit as a means to acquire funds to support the Senior and Youth Ministries. Monies are to be solicited from financial institutions to accomplish this goal. Moreover, the committee also intends to apply for grants to aid their mission.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministers are Christian men and women in our congregation who received training to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Your information is kept in the strictest of confidence.

Transportation Ministry: The Transportation Ministry provides transportation for anyone in need of a ride to church, i.e., 8:00 a.m. worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Trustees Ministry: The Trustee Ministry is responsible for the care and maintenance of the church building and its property and the monitoring of church funds. Trustees are appointed.

Ushers' Ministry: The Ushers Ministry at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church are selected on the basis of dignity, poise, friendliness, loyalty, faithfulness, courtesy and the ability to meet and greet the public. Their first priority is to be a good Christian. The Ushers contribute to the worship service by being friendly, helpful, and preserving order and decorum. The Ushers also assist trustees in collecting gifts, tithes, and offerings during worship service.

Wellness Ministry: The purpose of the Temple of God Wellness Ministry is to optimize the quality of life for the Ridgewood Church family and community by encouraging individuals to adopt healthy and wholesome lifestyles. "Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." 3 John 2. The Ministry is looking for those who have a gift and knowledge of health and fitness or a desire to learn and share with others the benefits of taking care of God's creation, their body! Meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday in each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Quarterly Ridgewood Community Walks (3rd Saturday in March, July and October).