



**Kirkville First
Assembly of God
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Kirkville First Assembly of God Benevolence Ministry

The Benevolence ministry is comprised of a benevolent team headed up by the Lead Pastor. The Benevolent team works with people who are in challenging circumstances and offers help in assessing their needs by working together to find solutions.

How We Help:

- Financial Assistance
(for basic living expenses - rent, food, and utilities.)
- Prayer, Spiritual Guidance and Accountability
- Biblical Stewardship and Budgeting Guidance
- Links to Support Services

Expectations of Individuals:

- Be Available
- Be Motivated
- Be Teachable (Proverbs 25:11-12)
- Be Open to Change
- Pray
- Be Honest and Transparent

As a church we believe we are required to be wise stewards of the resources God has given us to use. We have limited resources and are limited in how much assistance we can provide. In order to determine how we can help best, please be open and honest about your circumstances and provide any documentation needed.

Benevolence Application Distribution

Benevolence Applications are reviewed on Wednesdays. You will receive a call on Thursday by 4 p.m. to let you know whether or not we're able to assist you.

Due to the large number of calls and requests for assistance, we are unable to meet each and every need that comes to our attention. Even though God continues to bless Kirksville First Assembly of God in many ways, we still only have a limited amount of benevolent funds available. God has entrusted us with these resources and we must use them wisely. In Ephesians 5:17, in order to understand what God's will is, we must diligently seek His discernment for each need. ***Financial assistance is ONLY meant for temporary rehabilitation, and should not be considered for supplemental income.**

"God calls us to work hard to meet our needs and the needs of others." (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6) The Kirksville First Assembly of God Benevolence Ministry was created to meet the unforeseen physical needs of those who are a part of our church first, and the needs of the community second. To be considered part of our church fellowship, a person must be attending Kirksville First Assembly of God for at least two months - faithfully. Because we have a Biblical responsibility to those who call our church fellowship their home to meet their spiritual needs for salvation and discipleship, we must not neglect their physical needs. So, because our funds are limited, these people will be given first consideration for assistance.

"As Christians, we are commanded to love our neighbors." (Luke 10:25-37) If you currently have a church home, we do ask that you reach out to them and seek assistance from them first. Your church has a Biblical responsibility to help you. If you don't currently have a church home, or your church home is unwilling to help, please know we do love and care for you. In order to know whether or not we are able to help you, please read over the guidelines and fill out the application. Again, we do ask that you be open and honest when filling it out.

Guidelines

General Guidelines

1. Each family/individual is eligible for assistance **once** during a six-month period.
2. Due to the volume of benevolence requests and the availability to respond to each request, applications must be filled out and emailed to: info@kirksvillefirst.org.
3. Documentation is **required** if needing assistance with bills, rent, etc.
4. The form must be **completed** in **whole** to receive assistance. If you have any questions, email the church office at: info@kirksvillefirst.org.
5. Signature is **required**.

Benevolence Application

Please fill out the application completely and with honesty. The Benevolence Team is accountable to God and to the congregation for the stewardship of funds. Please keep this in mind for your cooperation and accountability. Please be rest assured, all answers/information is kept in strict confidence of the Benevolence Team and Church Board.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

I attend Kirksville First Assembly of God (circle one): Weekly Monthly Occasionally Don't Attend

Are you currently a member or regularly attend another church? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

If yes, have you asked assistance from your church? (circle one) Yes No

Were they able to help? Why or why not? _____

Have you reached out to other churches/agencies in the Kirksville area? (circle one) Yes No

Were they able to help? Why or why not? _____

Are you working right now? (circle one) Yes No

Do you have any income coming in? (circle one) Yes No

Current Circumstances: (Please provide enough information to help us understand what your situation is and how we can help you.) _____

***If you have a bill, please provide a copy with this application. Please provide any other documentation needed.**

Household Information

Name (self): _____

Name: _____

Children (if any): _____

Goals For the Future

What are your goals for the next 2-6 months? _____

What are your goals for next 6 months-1 year? _____

What steps are you taking to reach these goals? _____

I acknowledge that this form has been filled out in its entirety and all information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that I will provide whatever documentation is needed to help make sure my application will be read by the Kirksville First Assembly of God Benevolence Team. I understand if I have any questions, I can email the church office at any time. I give permission for the Kirksville First Assembly of God Benevolence Team to clarify information and to do whatever is needed to help in the support of my benevolent need.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Ultimate Source

Do you see God as your ultimate Source? (circle one) Yes No

Do you know that and understand God has a plan of salvation for you? (Circle one) Yes No

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? (circle one) Yes No

If no, would you like to experience salvation? (circle one) Yes No

Do you have questions about the salvation process and/or Jesus Christ? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, what questions do you have? _____

Tithing

If you currently attend a church, do you tithe regularly? (circle one) Yes No

What does tithing mean to you? _____

Have you prayed for wisdom on how to manage your finances? (circle one) Yes No

Counsel and Other Support Systems

If financial counseling is necessary:

1. Would you be willing to receive counsel? (circle one) Yes No

2. Will you diligently attend any sessions, classes, etc. to receive advice for your finances?
(circle one) Yes No

*Links to other support agencies are provided. Be sure to check those links out for more help and support.

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