

## Ministries Presentation Bereavement Ministry

- Living for God**
  - 1 Peter 4:8-11** Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## What is the Ministry?

- Bereavement Ministry of WCG of Livonia**
  - The Bereavement Ministry is made up of various members of the congregation who perform a service or fulfill an activity for someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one.

## Why Does The Ministry Exist?

- Mission Statement**
  - Mark 10:45**- For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
  - Provide Repast Meal
  - Send flowers as a symbol of love & comfort from the congregation at large.

- Short Term Goals**
  - Develop a core team.
  - Develop additional coordinators.
- Long Term Goals**
  - Have a facility to prepare & serve repast meals.
  - To fulfill part of the vision of WCG-Livonia.

## Who Is In The Ministry?

- Jesus is the head and the one who makes it possible.
- Coordinators: Henry and Bessie White
- Many members in the congregation.

## When Do We Meet?

- | <u>Meetings</u>  | <u>Needs</u>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since it's a needs based ministry, we meet on the phone.</li> <li>Recruitment Meeting being planned.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food preparation</li> <li>Food delivery</li> <li>Meal service</li> <li>Hall set-up and clean up</li> <li>Arrange for flower delivery</li> </ul> |

## Where Has the Ministry Been Effective?

- The Bereavement Ministry has been effective in providing a needed service to grieving members and their families.
- 1 Cor 12:26** - And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

## Where has the Ministry been Working?

- With grieving members of the body, their family members, friends, and neighbors.
- In the lives of those serving the bereaved.
- John 13:35** - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- Matt 5:16** - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

## Summary

- | <u>Challenges</u>   | <u>What You Can Do Today</u>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing with death is difficult.</li> <li>Focusing on care for the living.</li> <li>Maintaining a spiritual rather than physical understanding of death and grieving.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This ministry needs your prayers that it will be focused on the compassionate care of those suffering a loss.</li> </ul> |