

Open Door Baptist Church

Benevolence Fund Guidelines

- 1) The primary objective of the Benevolence Fund is to assist with the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing.
- 2) All Benevolence is given to assist the recipient in helping him/her work through a financial problem. Benevolence is not intended to bail someone out of their situation. Those seeking Benevolence assistance must also put forth an effort to resolve their situation.
- 3) All Benevolence checks will be made payable to the debtor only, never to the recipient of the financial aid.
- 4) The Benevolence Fund at Open Door Baptist Church is in place for the purpose of furthering the Kingdom of God. Galations 2:10 tells us to help the needy. I Timothy 5 tells us that we must discern who is really needy. II Thessalonians 3:10 says “If any would not work, neither should he eat.”
- 5) Open Door Baptist Church will assist people in need only in obedience to the Lord’s will and will not be influenced by the urgency of circumstances.
- 6) All follow-up is the responsibility of the person submitting the request.
- 7) Every case is confidential.
- 8) Each individual situation is to be discussed and reviewed before any recommendation of benevolence is approved.
- 9) Benevolence requests under \$500 need approval by two Deacons and the Treasurer and requests over \$500 need full board approval. The Deacon Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month.
- 10) A Benevolence Request Form must be completed for proper documentation (forms are located in the copy room).