

The Path Church

PO Box 578 | Tyrone, GA | 30290

BENEVOLENCE:

An act of kindness, a generous gift, a desire to do good to other, charitableness.

Purpose of the Benevolence Fund

The Benevolence Fund is a budgeted fund made available to members of The Path Church (TPC) who are struggling financially due to unforeseen circumstances. Members can request benevolence through an application process. The fund consists primarily of contributions from members of TPC and its expenses consist of funds disbursed for its intended purposes at the direction of Benevolence Fund Committee. The church Board of Directors may choose, at its discretion, to decline certain requests.

General Guidelines

The Benevolence Fund is intended as a source of last resort, to be used only after the Church member requesting assistance has explored all other possibilities of help from family, friends, savings, investments, etc. The Fund is intended to be a temporary help during a time of crisis.

Generally, assistance from the Benevolence Fund to a recipient or household cannot exceed a maximum amount per recipient within a 12-month period. In very unusual circumstances, households and individuals who need substantial funds may need to follow up with other resources.

While not a requirement for every situation, a member requesting assistance may be asked to receive financial counseling. The Benevolence Fund Committee may deny help to anyone who, in its estimation, will have negative or irresponsible behavior reinforced by such financial help. A member requesting help must be willing to give the Benevolence Fund Committee permission to follow up on any of the information provided to the Committee. The Committee will be sensitive to confidential issues.

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Benevolence Need Categories

- Utilities (lights, gas, water)
 - *Phone bills may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Food
- Medical Treatment (including prescription drugs medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury)
- Transportation to or from a place of employment.
- Assistance with funeral expenses may be considered for members, the spouses and children of members, and for individuals for whom the member was “caretaker”.

Although not all inclusive, below is a list of some needs that may not be met by the Benevolence Fund:

- Mortgage and rent
- Cable TV and internet
- School expenses (i.e. tuition or fees), business investments, or anything that brings financial profit to the individual or household applying
- Pay-off of credit cards - Exceptions can be made when an individual has had to use a credit card in a crisis or emergency (e.g., hospitalization, death, etc.)
- Needs of individuals who are wanted by the law or for paying fines as a result of breaking the law
- Legal fees
- Penalties related to late payments or irresponsible actions
- Private school fees or tuition
- Business ventures or investments

Disbursement of the Funds

All disbursements from the Benevolence Fund shall be made directly to the party or entity to whom payment is due.

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Application

Full Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Employer:

Single Married Divorced Separated Other _____

(If other, explain)

Name of Spouse, if Married:

How Long Have You Been a Member of TPC? _____

Funds Needed for Payment of: Mortgage/Rent Utilities Medical Food
 Transportation Other (Explain):

(Additional Information May be Requested)

Amount Requested \$: _____ Date Funds Are Needed _____

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What situation(s) created this need? (attach additional pages if necessary)

Attach supporting documentation of the amount, name, address and phone number of each party for whom requested funds will be paid.

What steps have been taken to obtain financial assistance from non-church sources?

How will you meet this (these) financial obligations going forward?

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Attach proof of your total monthly income.

Has Applicant Received Assistance from TPC in the Past 12 months?

No Yes, what was the total amount received? \$_____ Date_____

NOTE: By signing below I attest to the fact that I have read the Benevolence Fund Policy and that I fully understand the information being requested from me in this application process and that to the best of my knowledge I have provided the Committee accurate and honest responses.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____