

Fulton Church Ministry Team Charter

Date of Draft: July 9, 2022

Name of Ministry Team: Fulton Cares (formerly Caring Committee)

Mission and Purpose of Ministry Team:

The mission of Fulton Cares is to show God's love and grace by bringing encouragement and care to our Fulton Church family and our community during life's challenging moments.

Fulton Cares works in coordination with our pastors, congregation, and local organizations to support people through services such as:

1. When someone suffers a loss in their family and wishes to have a funeral luncheon, Fulton Cares will plan, prepare and serve food for up to 400 guests.
2. If there is a need that merits financial aid and complies with our guidelines, benevolence funds may be granted.
3. In the event of an illness, medical event, or the death of a family member, Fulton Cares can coordinate assistance such as meal delivery.
4. As a way of connecting with members of the Fulton Church family who are shut-ins, recently injured, seriously ill, or grieving the loss of a family member, Fulton Cares purchases, assembles, and delivers gift baskets during the year.
5. To reach out to those struggling and/or requesting prayer, Fulton Cares sends handwritten cards of encouragement and support.
6. Upon the death of a member of the Fulton Church family, a Gideon Bible will be donated in their memory.

Targets Audience(s): Fulton Church Congregation and Local Community

Guiding Principles and Values:

Compassion – Calls us to love our neighbors, and support those who are in need.

Accountability – Be trustworthy stewards of the funding generously provided.

Relationships – Build strong relationships within our church and community.

Encouragement – Be the kind of people who give hope, instill confidence and provide support.

Service – “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”, 1 Peter 4:10.

Leadership Structure:

Chairperson
Financial Secretary
Ministry Team (3-5 volunteers with a passion to serve)

Chairperson and Financial Secretary determined by Ministry Team vote with input from Fulton Church leadership.

Measures of Success:

Received funds will be distributed each year, except for a \$2000 reserve, while complying with all accounting rules & tax laws.
The checkbook register and quarterly report will match the bank records and pass an annual audit by the Fulton Church Treasurer.
Donations will be distributed in compliance with IRS guidelines.
All funeral luncheons are prepared and served on schedule, within budget, and all facilities are cleaned and returned to their proper state.
A minimum of 4 cards per month are mailed to those suffering loss, illness, or needing encouragement.
A representative from Fulton Cares will attend the weekly prayer meeting to pray for the needs of our congregation.
“Care Baskets” are assembled and delivered 1-2 times per year to shut-ins and those suffering loss or major illness.
Within one week of being notified of a death within the congregation, the necessary forms will be completed and submitted to obtain a Gideon Bible in memory of the deceased.
Meal requests will be coordinated and communicated to the congregation to meet delivery dates and times.

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