

As our church continues to grow, the various ministries of our church grow as well. One area is the Prayer Support Ministry. This is a vital ministry of our church intended to service our own church family, and as we grow, there will be more prayer requests submitted. Therefore, it is wise to begin following the guidelines set in place for this ministry.

Guideline #1: The request should be for either (1) someone within our church, (2) family or relative of someone at our church, or (3) a friend or worker that someone at our church knows personally. The key being, the "sender" of the message should know the person personally.

(Reasoning: The primary focus of this ministry is for our own church family, and the potential volume of calls.)

Guideline #2: The person sending in the request should have DIRECT permission from the person that we are actually going to pray for.

(Reasoning: This is a good witness and testimony, especially if the person is not saved. We also want to give God ALL the glory when the requests are answered! Also, by asking permission, we continue to keep clear of all appearances of gossip.)

Guideline #3: The person sending in the request should be willing/able to send updates in a timely manner.

(Reasoning: It is GREAT to see how God works within the situation. It is a great illustration to our kids as we pray for the requests. AND, some of our prayer warriors will continue to pray for a request until it is answered. Isn't that wonderful!)

Reminder!: If you have a burden that doesn't fall within these guidelines, please feel free to personally ask a few friends to pray. Remember that the Bible promises to listen to even the prayers of one person in James 5. I know how our hearts get burden for people that we hear about, and we should pray when God burdens our hearts. However, the Prayer Support Ministry is really intended for the PBC family to pray for others within our church family.

Thank you for your time and allowing me to explain the guidelines of our Prayer Support Ministry.

Have a GREAT and BLESSED day,
Melissa