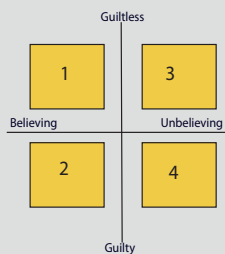


**Quadrant 1 (Guiltless/Believing)**- For the church, ministry to the poor should first begin within the church. Biblically, there are further distinctions made. Generally, primacy should be given to believers who are poor by “no fault of their own” (Jer. 2:34). Biblical examples include widows who are faithful to God and have no family able to care for them (1 Tim 5:3,5). As we try to practically implement this principle, other examples might include: infant orphans, believers who are heavily burdened with medical bills, believers who are oppressed by governments and social structures, or individuals associated with the persecuted church around the world, who are living in physical poverty as a result (Acts 2, Galatians 2:10, 6:9-10, Matthew 25:40).

**Quadrant 2 (Guilty/Believing)**- Those in this quadrant, still in the “household of faith” that Paul states we should care for first (Gal. 6:10), are believers who are poor because they somehow aided in their own financial or physical detriment. Biblically, Paul addresses the believers who are idle saying, “If one is not willing to work, let him not eat” (2 Thess. 3:10). So maybe they were guilty of idleness, which led to physical or financial poverty but are now repentant and desire help and accountability. Another example could be a repentant believer who is striving to free himself from debt accrued because of past foolish choices but despite a sustained effort it is improbable that he will pay it off without help.

**Quadrant 3 (Guiltless/Unbelieving)**- The guiltless/unbelieving are those who are poor “by no fault of their own” (Jer. 2:34), yet they are not followers of Jesus and should not be given priority over categories one or two. Practically, quadrants 3 and 4 get roughly 30% of the church’s designated resources. As we speak the gospel to unbelievers, Jesus’ example and emphasis to the poor leads the people of the church to intentionally engage the unbelieving poor. Those belonging to this quadrant might include: unbelieving widows, unbelieving orphaned, abandoned, or abused kids, those heavily burdened with medical bills, and unbelievers oppressed by governments, social structures or individuals, who are living in physical poverty as a result.

**Quadrant 4 (Guilty/Unbelieving)**- The final priority of caring for the poor lies within members of the guilty/unbelieving community. Members of this quadrant are those who are not trusting in Christ and who have made poor decisions to aid in their own financial or physical detriment. Examples of those within this quadrant would be: those with large amounts of consumer debt, addicts of any sort, prostitutes, etc. For practical ways to love the poor, see the following sections.



**PHILOSOPHY**  
 One of the goals of Treasuring Christ Church is to reach across all boundaries for the sake of the gospel and for the glory of God. One of these cultural boundaries that gets a lot of biblical attention is poverty. In caring for the poor, the church’s aim is to get the message of the gospel of hope to those who, due to life situations, feel hopeless. Following biblical principles, the church has an undeniable priority to care for the believing poor, that is, those whose lives have been radically altered by Jesus but who, as they follow him, experience financial, emotional, or physical neediness. This does not mean the church doesn’t extend mercy to the unbelieving poor. It does mean that as we spend our time, money and other resources, the church’s top priority should be the poor in our local body. To demonstrate this, we suggest that roughly 70% of the church’s benevolence towards the poor will be given to believers and 30% to unbelievers. To further explain this concept, consult the diagram to the right.

Often, the Bible speaks about caring for the poor. While one category of the poor is referring to the “poor in spirit” (ex. Matt. 5:3), another and more common usage is of the financially or physically poor. Yet, these two categories should not be seen as mutually exclusive, as the gospel should permeate any attempt to help both the spiritually broken as well as the financially or physically bankrupt. Indeed, those who are physically poor graphically illustrate our own impoverished spiritual condition. Seeing the importance of caring for the poor in Jesus’ earthly ministry, the church must see its responsibility to prioritize the believing poor. But as we follow Jesus’ example, we cannot stop there. It was Jesus who called his followers to extend mercy to the battered man because of the injustice done to him in the story of the “good Samaritan” (Luke 10) and to invite to the dinner table not those who can pay you back but the poor who can’t pay you back (Luke 14:13) and who described his coming as being anointed to “proclaim good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18). Therefore, as we follow the example of Jesus’ mission and try to keep biblical priorities with proper emphases, we have taken biblical categories in describing the poor and developed a chart as a visual tool to help us practically wade through caring for the poor. The numbers in each quadrant loosely represent biblical priorities while the crosshairs communicate categories.

## Compassion for the Poor



### Ideas in Loving the Believing Poor

- Give above and beyond your regular church gift to our “internal benevolence” fund so we can distribute it to the most pressing needs.
- Get to know those in your community group to see if they have needs.
- Seek to help reduce consumer debt of church members
- Provide financial counseling or accountability
- If you have a skill (ex. mechanic, doctor, dentist, construction, etc. . . ) that could help those who are poor who find themselves in an emergency, then you could donate your services or assist them at a reduced rate.
- If you have two cars, let people who need short term help use one if you can spare it.
- Provide groceries for those who are struggling getting food.
- Invite people who struggle financially over to your house for meals.
- Let someone stay in your house for a short time to help him get on his feet.

### Men’s Shelters

The Healing Place.....838-9800  
 1251 Goode Dr, Raleigh NC 27603

One night, Non -medical detox (3-5 days)  
 Recovery Program 7-12 mos. (18 +)

*To stay in the emergency shelter men must be at the South Wilmington St center by 4pm each day for pick up.*

South Wilmington St Center.....857-9428  
 1420 South Wilmington St, Raleigh NC 27603

7 days/24 hours. Check in is from 5pm-7pm. First timers can check in anytime.

*New Guests guaranteed a bed for first night only. Emergency shelter beds are on a lottery system.*

Raleigh Rescue Mission.....828-9014 ext 231  
 314 E. Hargett St, Raleigh 27601  
 Life Plan program

### Women’s Shelter

The Healing Place.....865-2550  
 3304 Glen Royal Rd, Raleigh NC 27617

One night, Non -medical detox (3-5 days)  
 Recovery Program 7-12 mos. (18 +)

*To stay in the emergency shelter women must be at the Women’s Center at Blount & Hargett by 3:15pm each day for pick up.*

Raleigh Rescue Mission.....828-4980ext 111

Emergency shelter women/children  
 line up begins at 3:30pm. Beds are given based on availability.

The Helen Wright Center .....833-1748  
 401 W. Cabbar St, Raleigh NC 27601

Homeless Women only/no families.  
 Open 24 hours a day on weekends  
 week days closed from 9am-4pm.  
 Call or stop by to be put on the waiting list.

### Women’s Shelter cont’d

Salvation Army.....834-6733  
 215 S. Person St, Raleigh NC 27601

Women & Children (boys 12 & younger)  
 Call to get on a waiting list. Must pass a drug test in order to be admitted.

### Hot Meals

Shepherd’s Table Soup Kitchen.....831-2010  
 121 W. Morgan St. Raleigh NC 27601  
 M-F hot lunch served 11am-Noon

Salvation Army.....834-6733  
 215 S Person St, Raleigh NC 27601

Soup served M-F from 5pm-6pm.  
 All members of the community can come.

First Baptist Church.....832-1649  
 101 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh NC 27601

Breakfast only on Sunday mornings  
 8:30am, you must attend 7:30am service.

*We exist to spread among all peoples a joyful love of Jesus Christ in all things to the Glory of God.*

## Hygiene : Showers

Cornerstone.....508-0777  
220 Snow Ave, Raleigh NC 27603  
M, T, Th, F 8:30am-12pm & 1pm-5pm  
W, 1pm-5pm

Urban Ministries.....834-4707  
840 Semart Drive, Raleigh NC 27604  
M-F, 9am-1pm  
*Towels & toiletries provided*

## Toiletries

First Baptist Church.....832-4485  
99 N. Salisbury St. Raleigh NC 27601  
W, 10:30am-12pm, Th, 1pm-2:30pm

The Women's Center.....829-3711  
128 E. Hargett St. Raleigh NC 27610  
Appointment only & need based

## Laundry

Cornerstone .....508-0777  
220 Snow Ave, Raleigh NC 27603  
Tuesday & Friday 8:30am-11:30am  
*Serves the first 7*

## Clothing

With Love from Jesus .....233-8010  
421 Chapanoke Rd. Raleigh NC 27601  
T, W, F, Sat, 10am-12pm

First Baptist Church.....832-4485  
99 N Salisbury St, Raleigh NC 27601  
W, 10am-11:30am, Th, 1pm-2:30pm  
*Some type of ID required*

## Identification

Birth Certificates  
NC Division of Vital Records.....733-3526  
225 N. McDowell St, Raleigh NC 27601  
Can immediatly obtain birth certificates  
in person from any NC county. \$15.00 fee  
\$5.00 for any additional copy.  
[www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com)

## ID's

South Wilmington St Center.....857-9428  
1420 S.Wilmington St, Raleigh NC 27603  
M, W only 1pm-4pm  
*ID Men only*

Women's Center.....829-3711 ext 108  
128 E. Hargett St. Raleigh NC 27610  
Call for appt. *Women Only*

NC Division of Motor Vehicles.....816-9128  
3231 Avent Ferry Rd, Raleigh NC 27606  
M-F 8am-5pm  
Valid or expired photo ID or 3 forms of  
approved ID.  
*\$10.00 fee is sometimes waived for homeless  
customers who present a letter from an agency that  
provides care/shelter verifying that they are homeless.*

## Employment

Job Link Career Center.....250-3770  
220 Swinburne St, 3rd Floor, Raleigh NC 27610  
M-F 9am-4:15pm, Tues open until 8pm  
Job seekers can search for employment

Jubilee Jobs.....834-0372  
Step Up Ministry, 1701 Oberlin Rd, Raleigh NC  
Progarm that provides skilled  
compassionate job preparation &  
placement services to unempoyed job  
seekers through a process of mentoring  
& active assistance.

Labor Ready.....831-1018  
207 Oberlin Rd, Raleigh NC 27605  
We are always in need of dependable people  
who are ready to serve the growing needs of our  
customers.

## Substance Abuse Services

ATC.....250-1500  
3000 Falstaff Rd, Raleigh NC 27604  
Detox & Inpatient service 24 hours a day  
7 days a week.

The Healing Place (Men's).....838-9800  
1251 Goode Dr. Raleigh NC 27603  
Non medical Detox 3-5 days  
Recovery Program 7-12 mos.  
Men must be at the S. Wilmington St Center  
by 4pm each day for pick up.

The Healing Place (Women's).....865-2550  
3304 Glen Royal Rd, Raleigh NC 27617  
Non medical Detox 3-5 days  
Recovery Program 7-12 mos  
Women must be at the Women's Center on Blount St by 3:15pm  
eachday for pick up.

## Social Security Cards:

Social Security Administration.....790-2782  
4701 Old Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609  
M-F, 9am-4pm. ID required.  
[www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices)

## Transportation

Capital Area Transit (CAT).....828-7228  
1430 & 214 S Blount St, Raleigh NC 27603  
Moore Square Transist Station  
M-F 7am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm closed on  
Sundays  
Day Pass unlimited rides: \$2.00  
11 Ride Pass: \$9.00  
Weekly Pass(unlimited Rides) \$ 11.00  
31 day Pass unlimited rides \$ 36.00

For information on Bus Routes visit  
[www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

## Medical

The Open Door Clinic .....919-832-0820  
1390 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, NC 27603  
All services are available by  
appointment only.  
Please call 919-832-0820 and leave a message  
for an appointment.  
*Mondays through Thursday  
9am – 12pm, 1 – 4pm and 5pm – 8pm*

Horizon Health Center.....919-743-3315  
102 N. Tarboro Road Raleigh NC 27610  
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Alliance Medical Ministries.....919-250-3320  
2610 New Bern Ave, Raleigh NC 27610  
Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm  
Provide affordable health and dental care

## Pregnancy & Childcare

Childcare Resources and Referrals.....919-832-7175  
4 N Blount St., Raleigh NC  
[www.childcarewakecounty.org](http://www.childcarewakecounty.org)

Gateway Pregnancy Center..... (919) 833-0096  
1306 Hillsborough St. Raleigh, NC 27605  
[www.gatewaycampus.org](http://www.gatewaycampus.org)

## Education

GED Adult Education  
Building Together.....(919) 834-7626  
116 N. Blount St., Raleigh NC 27604  
GED Tues & Thrs 7pm-9pm

Goodwill Industries of Eastern NC.....(919) 828-7490  
321 West Hargett St., Raleigh NC 27601  
Beginning Computer Skills.  
Registration for new students every Monday at  
12:30 and 5:30pm.