

Mission Statement

The mission of the Wellness Ministry is to compliment Winfield Heights' ongoing mission of "Winning Williston for Jesus One Heart at a Time" by addressing the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of individuals throughout their life span by encouraging the sharing of God's love and the growth of faith among those with special needs related to health through a non-invasive, wellness-focused practice.

Why does Winfield Heights Baptist Church need a Parish Nurse or Community Faith Nurse?

- A Parish Nurse is needed to identify, target, and find solutions to barriers to healthcare services, health information, and the gaps in services for the congregation and community, as well as, serve the community with the concept of wellness (health) promotion through holistic, non-invasive means relating to personal health issues within the Christian faith.
 - ◆ some individuals are hesitant to seek care, or are confused by the care or advice they receive—their healthcare can suffer. Solution: bring healthcare to the individual where they are in the community—where they are comfortable, for example--church.
 - ◆ The Christian Medical association has identified a correlation between levels of health and wellness to spiritual health.

Definition of a Parish Nurse

A Winfield Heights Parish Nurse (PN) or Faith Community Nurse (FCN) is a currently licensed Registered Nurse (RN) of South Carolina, in good standing, with a minimum of 2 years experience who works within the scope of the Standards of Practice as issued by the Department of Regulation and Licensing. A parish nurse intentionally partners health issues with the Christian faith to care for the spirit of the individual in the following roles:

- **Health Educator:** The parish nurse presents and arranges educational programs dealing with health and prevention of disease. (e.g. cancer, diabetes, hand washing, diet, exercise, medication assistance)
- **Health Counselor:** The parish nurse meets with individuals to discuss and listen to concerns. These concerns may be of a physical, emotional, or spiritual nature. (e.g. clarification of a new onset diagnosis, organize support groups, help with a list of questions to ask primary care provider at next appointment or call to ask M.D.)
- **Community Liaison:** The parish nurse serves as a "link" or "bridge" to community health agencies such as the Agency on Aging, YMCA, Southern Palmetto Hospital, Home Health Agencies, Meals on Wheels, American Diabetes Association.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** The parish nurse recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to assist with the overall health ministry.

- **Integration of Faith**: The parish nurse provides a noninvasive, holistic approach to relate personal health issues within the Christian faith.
- **Promote Improved Healthcare Initiatives**: The parish nurse will participate in ongoing studies, education, South Carolina Community Faith Association meetings, and collaborate with other churches, community leaders, community organizations, fee for service entities, and parish nurse programs to continue to encourage progress in the faith and health communities.