



Benevolence Request Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone# (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

1. Have you received the New Testament, Acts 2:38 born again experience of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in a new tongue, being baptized actually in Jesus name & not the titles Father, Son and Holy Ghost and are you walking faithfully and righteously with Jesus Christ? Yes No Not Sure

2. Are you willing to commit to be faithful to a Bible study series? Yes No

3. Are you a tithe paying member of Family Life Church? Yes No

4. Which describes your attendance at Family Life Church? Frequent Sometimes Seldom Never

5. In your opinion, which description best describes your financial situation?
 Short term emergency Short term problem Long term, consistent problem

6. The total amount of your request is \$ _____

7. What is it for? _____

8. If approved, what business or provider should we make the check payable to? _____

9. Are you willing to receive financial counseling from the church? Yes No

10. Are you currently employed? Yes No- If no, how long?
 Full-Time Part-Time

a) Name & telephone # of Employer? _____

b) How long have you been employed with this company? _____

11. Is your spouse employed? Yes No- If no, how long?
 Full-Time Part-Time

a) Name & telephone # of Employer? _____

b) How long have they been employed with their company? _____

12. Total number of people in the household: _____

13. Total weekly household income: _____

14. Briefly, explain your needs and what led you to request assistance. We will be praying for you, provide financial counsel where needed and will help as the church benevolence budget allows.

With your signature below, you verify before God that all provided information is correct and truthful.

Signature

Signature of Spouse



Benevolence Process Guidelines

Family Life Church is a church that loves to give and help, but as everyone does, the church has basic responsibilities to continue to operate and the Bible says, we must “owe no man”, so we strive to pay our bills in a timely fashion, which at times can stretch the budget thin. We also feel out of the storehouse of God’s church, there is the need to help in cases of true need and destitution so we strive to have money allocated to the benevolence budget. As the church can, it will allocate funds to this budget. The purpose of the Benevolence Fund is to provide financial aid to an individual who is in need on an urgent basis. The Benevolence Fund may not be applicable for cases which need long-term financial support or in cases of lack of effort on the part of the recipient to take control of their lives both spiritually in their walk with God or naturally in their responsible financial budgeting and oversight of their business and life matters. The church truly desires to help those that are responsible and trying their very best and are giving 100% effort to God and managing the affairs of their lives properly yet find they have a shortfall. The church Benevolence Fund directors may decide to adjust or to disapprove an applicant’s request and may consider providing assistance other than monetary help.

Applicants are not granted financial assistance based on relationships between church leaders or being a significant church contributor. The church does not discriminate between applicants based upon race, color, sex, national origin, age, geographic territory, or disability. The church Benevolence Fund directors may provide short-term (or emergency) assistance to ensure that an applicant has the basic necessities such as food, housing, transportation, and medical assistance (including counseling).

If monetary assistance is provided, the method of providing assistance is to pay for the applicant’s need directly to the business or service provider that the request is in reference to. Assistance may also be provided in the form of goods or services. The type of aid that is appropriate depends on the individual’s needs and available church resources.

The church doesn’t want to just meet a physical, short-term need but desires to see you grow spiritually, to receive the power of God’s Holy Spirit and to have the long-term, eternal effect of seeing you have your spiritual needs met and ultimately making it to Heaven. Therefore, we are asking you to consider some basic requirements and guidelines that will benefit you eternally and also make the church the best steward of God’s money that we possibly can be. In light of this, please consider the following:

Basic Requirements

1. Willing to commit to being engaged and faithful to a Bible study series offered by the church and commit to becoming an active participant of Church
2. Need must be related to a short-term financial crisis (medical emergency, accidents, loss of job, etc.)

Exclusions

1. Most, if not all, legal fees especially related to family disputes
2. Long term and repetitive expenses

Benevolence Process

1. Complete and submit the Benevolence Request Form to your church contact.
2. A church Benevolence Fund director will bring the form to the Benevolence Fund Council for approval (note: typically, this group will meet once a week to discuss related matters).
3. The Benevolence Fund Council will approve or deny the request, or may ask for additional information.
4. If approved, a check will be distributed as soon as the secretary can process the check and a required second approved signature for the check is obtained.
5. A Benevolence Fund director may follow up with the recipient and give an update at the next Benevolence Fund Council meeting.
6. Your church contact will follow up with you to help you get involved in the ongoing Bible study series and to follow up with you on your commitment to regular attendance to the House of God.

Possible Additional Criteria

At the discretion of the Benevolence Fund Council, you may be requested (if married, both husband and wife) to do or provide the following:

1. Provide documentation regarding your income, personal bank accounts and expenses.
2. Participate in financial/budgetary counseling.
3. Take a class on biblical financial management, complete a workbook on biblical stewardship and/or be willing to have a Certified Financial Counselor in the church review your finances and help you set up a manageable, responsible household budget.

