

## **SHMBC Care and Concern Ministry Health Plan**

There are times when we need the support and care of others. Compassionate Care Providers of Shepherd's Heart Missionary Baptist Church's (SHMBC) Care and Concern Ministry are responsible for reaching out to others by sending a card, as well as contacting individuals in need, showing them we care and are concerned about their wellbeing. Should you need support, please don't hesitate to contact our Care and Concern Ministry.

### **Our Purpose**

In an effort to fulfill our mission: "A church without boundaries... mobilizing, and maximizing the capacity of saints to reach and teach those who are hurting and lost. (Matthew 9:35-38)," and to strive to provide "holistic services for members of our church and the communities we serve"

The mission of the Care and Concern Ministry is to reflect God's love by providing spiritual and compassionate care for those who are elderly, disabled, ill, or experiencing a life crisis, and who need hands-on support from the church and/or other resources.

### **Our Goals/Objectives**

Our primary goal is to keep members healthy. For this reason, we will strive to support you if you are hospitalized and when you return home. We want to:

- Be responsive to the request for help for spiritual, physical, psychological and financial support;
- Offer support and care through a shared team effort; and
- Create an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality, while providing the best possible compassionate care.

### **Our Ongoing Compassionate Care/Services**

We are here to help you. If you need us, contact our Compassionate Care Ministry, and we will direct your request to appropriate person(s), including the pastor.

Some of the services we currently can offer are:

- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ Someone to talk to, e.g., companionship
- ✓ Home and hospital visits
- ✓ Transportation (limited through the church and/or other resources)
- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ Shopping, meals, (limited through the church and/or other resources)
- ✓ Assistance with memorial services
- ✓ Making Referrals/appointments
- ✓ Reminding congregants to make and keep appointments with primary care physician
- ✓ Reminding congregants to take their medicine.

### **SHMBC Care and Concern Ministry does not:**

- Provide any medical services that require a physician's order (i.e., administering medications, performing "hands-on" or invasive procedures);
- Provide any nurse-provided medical services (i.e. grooming, bathing).

However, it will help you make the necessary referral for the above mentioned services on your behalf.