

BELONG

A Commitment to Ministry



2023

How to use this booklet...

God calls and gifts each of us for His glory and our good. Each of us, therefore, has a personal ministry to fulfill by sharing our gifts and witness with others. Our connectedness to the Lord should compel us to serve and propel us into active discipleship. Offering your time and talents for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ is an act of worship through which God is glorified.

We hope you find “BELONG” a valuable tool in uncovering your personal ministry. It is our goal to have every member of New Beginnings connected and engaged in the energy, excitement, and responsive living of our faith community through serving in **at least one** area of Ministry.

Each member of your family is asked to review this booklet and prayerfully consider where God is leading you to serve in 2023. Please then indicate your intention to serve on the included commitment card. You will find one adult, one student, and one child card included with this booklet. Additional commitment cards are available at the Welcome Center desk.

All members will return their commitment cards on [Stewardship Sunday, October 16](#). At this time we will join together to make commitments as a united body of faith.

Once commitment cards are received, the data contained will be captured and distributed to each Ministry area leader. You'll be contacted by a Ministry leader by [November 21](#) to discuss the training session that will prepare you to serve in 2023.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene

PS— God provisions what he envisions. We believe ministries that fall within God's vision for next year will receive the support of both a team leader and servant leaders. Conversely, we can feel equally confident in the belief that ministries that do not receive that level of participation from the church do not fit within God's vision at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at 864-599-1303.

Hospitality Ministry

Creating an environment where people feel welcomed.

GREETER

Greeters are stationed at the entrance doors and warmly welcome all those attending services. Arrive 20 minutes before the service and remain in place for 20 minutes after the service begins.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

AMBASSADOR

Ambassadors are stationed at the Welcome Center desk to provide assistance and information. Arrive 20 minutes before the service and remain in place for 20 minutes after the service starts.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

USHER

Ushers hand out bulletins and collect our offerings to God. Ushers arrive 20 minutes before the service and remain in place for the entirety of the service.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

VISITOR BAG PREP

The Visitor Bag Prep Team prepares welcome bags for first time guests. Responsibilities include checking inventory and replenishing bags when needed.

Rotation is as needed monthly

COFFEE HOST

Prepare and serve coffee in the Welcome Center.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER

Takes photos of New Members and at special events.

Rotation is as needed

Nurture Ministry

Caring for members of New Beginnings

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Members of the Care Team extend support to members of the Church through prayer, cards, phone calls, or short visits. Also includes providing a meal for funerals and memorial services.

Rotation is as needed

STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Ministers are trained to support and encourage others during trying times. Requires 50 hours of training.

Rotation is as needed

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Fellowship Team members coordinate meals for special events.

Rotation is as needed

Community Ministry

Serving God by serving others

MISSIONS TEAM

Members of the Missions Team organize opportunities to be in service to others within our community and beyond.

Rotation includes monthly meetings and other activities

UPWARD MINISTRY

Members of the UPWARD team support this outreach by being present during on-campus practices.

Rotation varies by sport

JESUS' TABLE TEAM

Members of the Jesus' Table Team meet monthly to prepare and serve meals to the community.

Rotation is once per month

OUTREACH TEAM

Members of the Outreach Team create opportunities to share God's message by engaging with and building relationships in the community.

Rotation is as needed

"ONE CAN" TEAM

Members of the One Can Team distribute donations of canned goods to the blessings box and prepare them for pick-up from UFRC and GSM.

Rotation is (1) day per week

Media Ministry

Harnessing the power of audio, video and lighting to enhance the Worship experience

MEDIA TEAM

In conjunction with staff, members of the Media Team oversee the technical aspects of Worship services such as slides, video and sound. Arrive 10 minutes prior to the service and remain in place for the entirety of the service.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

Music Ministry

Reaching others for Christ through music

CELEBRATION CHOIR

Under the direction of the Director of Music, members of Celebration Choir lead music during Worship services and special events, as requested. No prior experience is required. Celebration Choir members commit to attending weekly Worship on Sundays and weekly practice on Thursdays.

PRAISE BAND

Under the Direction of the Director of Music and Praise Team leader, members of the Praise Band lead music during Worship services and special events, as requested. An audition is required. Praise Band members commit to weekly Worship services on Sunday and weekly practice on Thursdays.

Worship Ministry

Utilizing your gifts and talents to support Worship

COMMUNION SERVER

Communion Servers assist the Pastor during Communion by distributing the elements of bread and juice.

Rotation is as needed

COMMUNION PREP

Members of the Communion Prep Team prepare the elements on Communion Sunday. Arrive 20 minutes prior to the service.

Rotation is as needed

SANCTUARY CARE

Members of the Sanctuary Care Team replenish supplies in the seats (pens, envelopes, etc.) and ensure the Sanctuary is prepared for Worship.

Rotation is (1) day per month, on your chosen day

ALTAR GUILD

Members of the Altar Guild prepare the Altar for Worship by maintaining the Altar elements, changing the paraments, decorating seasonally and for special services.

Rotation varies, as needed

FUNERAL/WEDDING COORDINATOR

The Funeral/ Wedding Coordinator opens the Church on the day of a wedding or funeral and ensures the event proceeds according to Church guidelines.

Rotation is as needed

SECURITY/MEDICAL TEAM

The Security/ Medical Team secures the facility on Sunday mornings and for special events, handling security and medical concerns.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month and as needed for events

Support Ministry

Utilizing your gifts and talents to support the Church

FINANCIAL COUNTER

Counters meet in pairs to review the tithes and offerings and prepare for deposit.

Rotation is (1) day per month

BULLETIN FOLDER

Folders meet in pairs on Thursday morning to hand-fold bulletins for Worship services.

Rotation is (1) Thursday per month

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Help on an as needed basis with administrative tasks in the Church office such as copying, mailing, filing, and reception duties.

Rotation varies as needed

ATTENDANCE SECRETARY

Enters weekly attendance data.

Rotation varies

Children's Ministry

Shepherding God's flock

All persons volunteering in Children's/Student Ministry must agree to have a background check and receive Safe Sanctuary training, both provided by NBUMC.

NURSERY LEADER

Assisting in the Nursery with ages 6 weeks–3 years. Responsibilities are shared with a Nursery staff member and include rocking, reading and general supervision.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1 hour

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER

Leaders in this area share bible stories and related activities during the Sunday School hour. Curriculum, supplies, and training are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1 hour

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SMALL GROUP LEADER

Leaders facilitate small group discussion and activities after the large group lesson during Children's Worship, as well as assist with general supervision during Children's Worship. Training and supplies are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1 hour

Student Ministry

Connecting students to each other, to mentors, and to Jesus

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER

Engage and lead students 6th-12th grade in a time of fellowship and connection

All materials and training are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1 hour

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CO-LEADER

Co-leaders meet with students on Sunday evenings, to build relationships with the youth and to facilitate discussion and digging deeper into their faith.

Training and supplies are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1.75 hours

YOUTH GROUP SNACK PREP

Provide a selection of simple snacks for youth group.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month

ADULT COMMITMENT CARD

After prayerful consideration, I commit to follow in Christ's steps by:

- Praying for the Church
- Attending Church for Worship, Study and Fellowship
- Serving as indicated below
- Tithing, or taking steps toward tithing

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please indicate the ministries in which you plan to serve in 2023

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- Greeter
- Ambassador
- Usher
- Visitor Bag Prep
- Coffee Host
- Church Photographer

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

- Missions Team
- Upward
- Jesus' Table Team
- Outreach Team
- "One Can" Team

WORSHIP MINISTRY

- Communion Ser.
- Communion Prep
- Sanctuary Care
- Altar Guild
- Funeral/Wedding Coordinator
- Security/Medical

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Nursery
- Sunday School Leader
- Children's Church Leader

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Youth Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Group Snack Prep

NURTURE MINISTRY

- Care Team
- Stephen Ministry Team
- Fellowship Team

MEDIA MINISTRY

- Media Team

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Celebration Choir
- Praise Band

SUPPORT MINISTRY

- Financial Counter
- Bulletin Folder
- Office Assistance
- Attendance Secretary

* see reverse for financial pledge card example



The pledge card below has been included for illustration only.

Your official 2023 Pledge Card has been mailed via USPS.



Name(s) _____

Address _____

Signature(s) _____

At New Beginnings UMC, we are a congregation rich in faith, in service, in love, in talent, in care for one another and in financial responsibility. When joining New Beginnings UMC, I promised to serve our Lord with my prayers, my presence, my service, my witness and my gifts. By making this commitment at this time, New Beginnings will be able to properly plan on a monthly/yearly basis.

In confirmation of this promise, I (we) make the following commitment to Christ's Church:

\$_____ Weekly \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Quarterly \$_____ Yearly

(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)
 Contact the Finance Office at 864-599-1303 or finance@newbeginningsumc.org

Monthly Giving Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet below is provided to aid you in your prayerful financial commitment discussions.

Annual Income	Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Upper Range Giving			Tithe	Beyond a Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$15,000	\$13	\$25	\$38	\$50	\$63	\$75	\$88	\$100	\$113	\$125	\$150	\$188
\$20,000	\$17	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83	\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333	\$400	\$500
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$750
\$80,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667	\$800	\$1,000
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$125,000	\$104	\$208	\$313	\$417	\$521	\$625	\$729	\$833	\$938	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,563
\$150,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,875
\$175,000	\$146	\$292	\$438	\$583	\$729	\$875	\$1,021	\$1,167	\$1,313	\$1,458	\$1,750	\$2,188
\$200,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,167	\$1,333	\$1,500	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$250,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,458	\$1,667	\$1,875	\$2,083	\$2,500	\$3,125
\$300,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750

CHILD COMMITMENT CARD

K3-5th Grade

After prayerful consideration, I commit to follow in Christ's steps by:

- Praying for the Church
- Attending Church for Worship, Study and Fellowship
- Serving as indicated below

Child's Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent(s) Email _____ and _____

Parent(s) Phone _____ and _____

Please indicate the ministries in which you plan to serve in 2023

I want to live a life for Christ and get involved in
God's work through New Beginnings. I will:

* All serving opportunities are 1 Sunday per month

Serve as an Acolyte (1st-5th Grade)

Serve as an Usher with a parent

Serve as Crucifer (3rd-5th Grade)

Serve as a Greeter with a parent

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STUDENT COMMITMENT CARD

6th-12th Grade

After prayerful consideration, I commit to follow in Christ's steps by:

- Praying for the Church
- Attending Church for Worship, Study and Fellowship
- Serving as indicated below

Student's Name _____

Student's Email _____ Phone _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent(s) Email _____ and _____

Parent(s) Phone _____ and _____

Please indicate the ministries in which you plan to serve in 2023

I want to live a life for Christ and get involved in
God's work through New Beginnings. I will:

*All serving opportunities are 1 Sunday per month

- Serve as a Greeter
- Assist in Children's Ministry
- Serve as an Usher
- Assist with Media Team
- Assist with Ambassador Team
- Serve Communion