



BELONG

A COMMITMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

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 perform by sharing our gifts and witness with others. Our connectedness to the Lord should compel us to serve and propel us into active service. 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 2022. 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 Commitment Sunday, November 7. At this time we will join together, making 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 2022.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene

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

GOD'S TITHE... OUR OFFERING

God wants us to value what he values: a heart that overflows with thankfulness for the one who saved us and who gives us all things. Those who give from the heart are “free” to give generously, willingly, and cheerfully in response to the love and grace that abounds in Christ.

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV)

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TITHE AND AN OFFERING?

The Bible teaches us that we can give God our best by giving our Tithe – one tenth of the money we earn or receive- with a cheerful attitude (2 Corinthians 9:7). God also asked us to give beyond our tithe, which we call an “offering”, to help those in need. Giving financially is a response to God’s endless grace and generosity.

WHY IS TITHING IMPORTANT?

We are stewards, not owners. A steward is a person who has been entrusted with and who manages another’s resources according to the owner’s vision and values. Each of us was created for stewardship by God (Gen 1:28), both a ruler with authority to govern resources, and a servant accountable to the owner of the resources. Every ounce of Ministry carried out at New Beginnings comes as the result of the time, talents, gifts and service provided by members and guests.

HOW DO I GIVE TO NEW BEGINNINGS?

New Beginnings supports several ways of giving: in the offering plate each Sunday morning, online at newbeginningsumc.org/give by mail to our church address at 210 Rainbow Lake Rd in Boiling Springs SC 29316, or by texting the amount of your gift to 864-952-0918.

For questions about giving, please contact the Church Administrator, Tonya Miller at finance@newbeginningsumc.org

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

Nurture Ministry

Caring for members of New Beginnings

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

Outreach 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 Ministry by being present during on-campus practices.

Rotation varies by sport

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 the 8:30 Worship Service 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 the 11:00 Worship service and special events, as requested. An audition is required. Praise Band members commit to weekly Worship services on Sunday and weekly practice on Thursdays.

We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful. Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! (CEB, Romans 12:6-12)

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, and 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

Office 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

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

EARLY ELEMENTARY LEADER

K3-2nd Grade. 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

UPPER ELEMENTARY LEADER

3rd-5th grade. 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 WORSHIP SMALL GROUP LEADER

K4-3rd grade. 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

Connect, engage and lead students 6th-12th grade through studies from the Bible and group discussion.

Curriculum, supplies and training are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1 hour

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUP LEADER

Small group leaders meet with students on Sunday evenings to facilitate discussion and digging deeper into their faith.

Training and supplies are provided.

Rotation is (1) Sunday per month for 1.5 hours

YOUTH GROUP MEAL PREP

Provide a simple meal for Youth Group one Sunday evening per month.

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 2022

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| () <u>8:30 Greeter</u> | () <u>Fellowship Team</u> | () <u>Sanctuary Care</u> | () <u>11:00 Nursery</u> |
| () <u>11:00 Greeter</u> | () <u>Missions Team</u> | () <u>Altar Guild</u> | () <u>Early Elementary Leader</u> |
| () <u>8:30 Ambassador</u> | () <u>Upward</u> | () <u>Funeral/Wedding Coordinator</u> | () <u>Upper Elementary Leader</u> |
| () <u>11:00 Ambassador</u> | () <u>8:30 Media Team</u> | () <u>Security/Medical</u> | () <u>Children's Worship Leader</u> |
| () <u>8:30 Usher</u> | () <u>11:00 Media Team</u> | () <u>Financial Counter</u> | () <u>Youth Sunday School</u> |
| () <u>11:00 Usher</u> | () <u>Celebration Choir</u> | () <u>Bulletin Folder</u> | () <u>Youth Fellowship</u> |
| () <u>Visitor Bag Prep</u> | () <u>Praise Band</u> | () <u>Office Assistance</u> | () <u>Youth Group Meal Prep</u> |
| () <u>8:30 Coffee Host</u> | () <u>8:30 Communion Ser.</u> | () <u>8:30 Nursery</u> | |
| () <u>11:00 Coffee Host</u> | () <u>11:00 Communion Ser.</u> | () <u>9:45 Nursery</u> | |
| () <u>Care Team</u> | () <u>8:30 Communion Prep</u> | | |
| () <u>Stephen Ministry Team</u> | () <u>11:00 Communion Prep</u> | | |



* see reverse for financial pledge card example

The pledge card below has been included for illustration only. Your official 2022 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	Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Upper Range Giving			Tithe	Beyond a Tithe	
Income	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 2022

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

☐ at 8:30 Service

☐ at 8:30 Service

☐ at 11:00 Service

☐ at 11:00 Service

☐ Serve as Crucifer (3rd-5th Grade)

☐ Serve as a Greeter with a parent

☐ at 8:30 Service

☐ at 8:30 Service

☐ at 11:00 Service

☐ at 11:00 Service

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 2022

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in Children's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45 Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Children's Worship |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as an Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Media Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Service |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Ambassador Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Communion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Service |