

"DEACON MINISTRY SYMPATHY FUND" GUIDELINES

The guidelines for this fund have evolved over time. Here are the details:

ORIGINAL GUIDELINES (from the Minutes of the October 10, 1989 meeting):

- >> Ministry will be called the "Deacon Flower Fund"
- >> Funds administered by the Vice-Chairman and a report to be given at each meeting
- >> Emphasized consistent giving to the Fund at each meeting
- >> Deacons to be ministered to are active, reserve and inactive from the Birchman fellowship
- >> Fund is to be used for bereavement and major illness
- >> Fund to be coordinated through the Pastor's Secretary

Because of the expense of flowers, it was decided that another form of ministry would be more practical.

1st REVISION OF GUIDELINES (from the Minutes of the March, 1990 meeting):

Bro. Grady White presented the results of the Deacon Officers' work on reestablishing a Deacon Flower Fund. Those changes included:

- >> Change the name to "Deacon Ministry Sympathy Fund"
- >> Because of the expense of flowers, it was decided that sending cards would be more practical
- >> In the case of bereavement, the card would also state that a donation will be made to the Birchman Widows' Fund in memory of their loved one.

After discussion, a motion to adopt these changes was made by Norm Huitt and a second was made by Kay Berrey. The deacon body voted to approve.

2nd REVISION (from the Minutes, October, 2009):

- >> The fund will be administered by the newly-formed Fellowship Committee