

Calvary Chapel of Fergus Falls

Application for Benevolence Fund Assistance

Please read ALL of the following information and then complete ALL of the application. (Rev.6-2017)

SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST

The Bible says you were created to know God in a personal way, like a relationship between a parent and a child. The problem is that we have all done things that are wrong and have sinned against God, which causes separation. Sin leaves each of us feeling guilt, shame, empty, alone, and hopeless. But God LOVES you and He desires to make you whole and give you a new life with meaning and purpose.

Now, some people think if you're a 'good person' you can earn favor with God, forcing Him to overlook your sin so you can enter Heaven, but the truth is because of our sin against God we deserve... Hell. That's because the end result of sin is always death, which is an eternal separation from God. But God LOVES you and He made a way for us to be right with Him through sending His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven, and Jesus rose from the grave, conquering death so we can live forever with God.

After this life its eternity, and each one of us are only one heartbeat away from our last day here. The truth is, we are all one day closer to eternity than we were yesterday, but you can have confidence today knowing that you will spend eternity in Heaven. We can't earn salvation; we are only saved by God's grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ who LOVES you. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, and that Christ died for your sins, and ask for His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins – that's called repentance. We suggest praying the following prayer to receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life:

"God, I realize that I'm a sinner and that my sin separates me from You. I believe that you sent Jesus to die on the cross for my sins, and that He was buried and rose from the dead. Lord, please forgive me from all my sins as I surrender my life to You now. Help me from this day forward to follow you and to do your will as You put your Spirit within me. God, I thank You for loving me, and I thank You for being my Savior, my Lord, and my Friend. In Jesus' name. Amen."

If you've never accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior or have questions about this or other information, please let us know.

SUMMARY OF OUR BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY POLICY

Calvary Chapel of Fergus Falls will assist people in need who are in obedience to the Lord's will when we have sufficient funds available. The Benevolence Ministry is in place for the purpose of furthering the Kingdom of God. If the applicant is requesting assistance for something contrary to God's will, it will not be honored (i.e. rent assistance for a man and woman living together but not married; assistance for household bills when income has already been spent on things not required for the home – cable or satellite TV, internet access, etc.). The applicant must also show he / she is willing to work through the problem(s) that have created the current need, provide a written monthly budget, and be willing to submit to discipleship going through a Financial Peace or Stewardship Class. Please know that a completed application is not a guarantee that assistance will be provided.

Benevolence Ministry

Date: _____

Personal Information Form

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____ Other Contact #: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION: (CIRCLE ONE)

Single Married Separated Divorced Widow(er)

Spouse's Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Number of children living with you: _____ Ages of children: _____

HOUSING INFORMATION: (CIRCLE ONE)

Rent Own Live With Family Live With Friends Homeless

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Are You Currently employed: _____ If YES, Where: _____ How Long? _____

Work Address: _____

Work Contact Person: _____

If NO, How Long Have You been unemployed: _____

Were You Unemployed Before You Acquired Your Present Position? _____ If YES, How Long? _____

Is Your Spouse Employed? _____ If YES, Where? _____ How Long? _____

If NO, How Long Has He/She been unemployed? _____

Have you been helped by a Benevolence Ministry **BEFORE**? __ When? _____

What is Your Request of the Church? _____

Please describe in detail the **circumstances** that prompted you to seek help from the church:

What steps have you taken to resolve your current need before coming to the church? _____

Are you willing to work in exchange for assistance: YES _____ NO _____ If YES, what skills do you have: (CIRCLE)

Clerical Construction Janitorial Landscaping Transportation Other _____

If NO, explain reason why: _____

Are you willing to submit to discipleship for help with budgeting finances? YES _____ NO _____

If NO, explain reason why: _____

You can learn more about Financial Stewardship that is Biblically based from:

- <http://www.DaveRamsey.com> – Dave Ramsey’s “The Seven Baby Steps” & Financial Peace University
- <http://www.CrownMoneyMap.org> – Crown Financial Ministries “Crown Money Map”

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION:

Do YOU believe in God: Yes, I Do _____ No, I Don’t _____ Uncertain _____

Have YOU received Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord: Yes _____ No _____ Uncertain _____

If YES, when: _____

Do YOU pray to God: Regularly _____ Occasionally _____ Never _____

Do YOU read the Bible: Regularly _____ Occasionally _____ Never _____

Is Calvary Chapel YOUR home church: Yes _____ No _____ If YES, How Long? _____

If NO, do you have a home church: Yes _____ No _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ How many times per month do you attend church: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Rate your health: Very Good _____ Good _____ Average _____ Poor _____

Would you be willing to take a basic drug test? Yes / no If not please share why: _____

Please list any significant illnesses, injuries, or handicaps that would prevent you from working: _____

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE:

Do you receive Government assistance: Yes _____ No _____ If Yes:

Social Security: \$ _____ AFDC: \$ _____ Food Stamps: \$ _____

Unemployment Compensation: \$ _____ WIC: \$ _____

Workman's Compensation: \$ _____ SSI: \$ _____

What church agencies have you contacted for assistance in the past? _____

What type of assistance have you received and when? _____

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

Do you currently live on / by an ongoing financial budget: Yes _____ No _____

(If not you may use the simple one provided below to start)

Your TOTAL monthly income (all sources) \$ _____

Your TOTAL monthly expenses: \$ _____

Tithe \$ _____

Mortgage \$ _____ Water \$ _____ Auto \$ _____

Electric \$ _____ Credit Cards \$ _____ Gas/Oil \$ _____

Insurance \$ _____ Child Care \$ _____ Food \$ _____

Medical \$ _____ Phone \$ _____ Other \$ _____

If you are requesting a bill payment please supply the following information:

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____
Contact Person: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Account Number: _____ Amount Due: \$ _____

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I have truthfully answered all questions on this form (PLEASE SIGN)

Your Signature **Date**

Is there anything else you would like for us to know?: _____

Do not write below this line - Office Use Only

Date: _____

Comments: _____

Check # _____

Payee: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____

ASSISTANCE DENIED _____

Check # _____

REASON: _____

Payee: _____

Amount: \$ _____
