



FBCBORO

NURSING MINISTRY

FBCBORO Medical Transport Ministry

Purpose:

The purpose of the Medical Transport Ministry is to provide transportation to individuals within the church congregation who need help getting to healthcare appointments. This ministry aims to relieve stress for individuals needing transportation for healthcare while facilitating fellowship during the journey.

James 1:27 ESV

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction.

1 Peter 5:5 ESV

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Romans 12:13 NIV

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

FBCBORO is blessed to be a church family who embraces cross-generational worship, fellowship, and discipleship. The older generations pour into the younger, and the younger generations serve and learn from the older. These relationships facilitate empathy and unity among the church body. As Christians, we are called to care for the elderly, disabled, and widows; and that starts within our own church family. One of the areas of need we see among this population is reliable transportation, particularly when it comes to healthcare appointments.

Structure

- Volunteer-only team willing to transport individuals within the FBCBORO congregation who need assistance getting to and from healthcare appointments.
- Church Nurse receives requests and matches with available volunteers.

Liability

- This is only a logistical ministry team; NOT a church liable or funded group.
- Volunteer drivers are responsible for their own driving qualifications and vehicle insurance; and riders assume their own risk when being transported by a volunteer, just as they would when riding with any other friend, family member, etc.
- FBCBORO will not be held liable for any bodily injury (driver or rider) that may occur before, during, or after a transport trip.
- No church-owned vehicles will be used in this ministry.
- No on-the-clock staff members of FBCBORO will be allowed to drive patients.
- Women drive women; men drive men (exceptions may be made for mixed company...i.e. A married couple volunteers to drive a man or woman.)
- Riders (patients) must be able to ambulate independently (with or without DME), OR must be able to transfer self in and out of a wheelchair and maneuver wheelchair independently.
- Riders (patients) must be able to take care of self hygiene needs (i.e. Use the restroom independently.)
- Riders (patients) must be part of the FBC Statesboro congregation (meaning official members or regularly attending), or immediate family of someone in the FBCBORO congregation.
- Riders and drivers must be 18 years of age or older.

Guidelines & Courtesy Suggestions

- This ministry team is designed to be an occasional support to individuals needing transportation to healthcare appointments rather than a long-term or regularly occurring convenience. We understand that family members and friends may be out of town or unavailable at times, but we do ask that patients make every attempt to secure a ride themselves prior to making a request to the transport team.
- Transportation is provided for medical appointments only and is reserved for individuals who are unable to drive themselves as a result of a permanent or short-term disability
- Since this is a 100% volunteer team, it will be left up to the driver's discretion to decide the length of time and distance he or she is willing to transport for an appointment.
- However, we do ask that riders be courteous of the volunteers' time as much as can be controlled.
- An advanced notice request for transportation of at least 72 hours prior to the appointment is preferable, if at all possible.
- Mileage compensation from rider to driver is not mandatory, but it is welcome as a courtesy of thanks.
- Overall, we just encourage good stewardship of this volunteer ministry team, as we are so thankful to be able to offer this as a resource to our congregation and would like to continue doing so.

Please feel free to contact Jordan Mathis, FBCBORO Church Nurse at (912)682-6351 or Jordan.Mathis@fbcboro.church with any questions or concerns.