

# **LIVING** *the* **MISSION**

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## **In-reach Care Plan / Tribe Ministry**

**Launch Date:           Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
2016  
10am**



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## **In-reach Care Plan / Tribe Ministry**

Our mission is to build life, long relationships with each member of Bethel. Our goal is to provide Fellowship, Love, Care and Knowledge to each member. We are dedicated to enriching the spiritual growth and development of each member through consistent, effective communication and involvement. Through the Bethel In-reach Care Plan, the Stewards, the Stewardesses and the Ministers will assist each Tribe in reaching every member and ministering to their individual needs both physical and spiritual.

For additional information regarding the In-reach Care Plan/Tribe Ministry, please email Rev. Beth Cotten.



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The Tribes are assigned according to  
the month you were born in.  
(12 tribes of Israel from Genesis 49):

TRIBE	MONTH	COORDINATOR
•Dan	October	Sis. Arphiela Arizmendi/ Sis. Sandra Henny
•Gad	November	Sis. Muffy Mathis/ Sis. Katina Berry
•Asher	December	Rev. Joseph Ford/ Sis. Edith Russell
•Naphtali	January	Sis. Shannon Simon/ Sis. Betty Ford
•Joseph	February	Bro. Derrick Bush/ Sis. Glenda Furman
•Benjamin	March	Sis. Rackeesha/Sis. Claudette
•Reuben	April	Sis. Rosie Howze/Sis. Regina Ashford
•Simeon	May	Min. Janelle Ince/ Sis. Frances Simmons
•Levi	June	Pastor Sidney/Bro. Lenny Friday
•Judah	July	Rev. Beth Cotton/ Sis. Aida Bush
•Zebulun	August	Sis. Marva Friday/ Sis. Marcia Gibson
•Issachar	September	Evg. Gilbert Gibson/ Sis. Pat Johnson



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## **Tribe Requirements:**

### Meeting Dates

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of their Birthday month to coordinate their activities.

### Annual Requirements

- Throughout the month your Tribe is also responsible for greeting visitors and guests.
  - Plan to arrive early to pray with your Tribe and to greet worshippers as they arrive.
  - Keep the entrances clean and organized
  - Choose someone from your Tribe to give the Welcome during service.
  - Encourage everyone to join the celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after service.
  - Make people feel welcome at your church!
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month the designated Tribe serves birthday cake and punch after service (keep it simple, consider healthy options).



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## Ongoing Requirements

- Throughout the year recognize those who have: had a baby, are experiencing health issues, have suffered the loss of a loved one, celebrating significant milestones/anniversaries and those who are home-bound.
- This ministry particularly suited for those who might otherwise have limited mobility but would enjoy making telephone calls from home to fellow members.
- **Our goal is to make members feel loved and remembered throughout the year!**



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## Tribe Coordinator Responsibilities: (enlist, remind, & instruct)

**Enlist.** Call Tribe members and ask if they would serve as a greeter at least 2 weeks before the first Sunday of the month. If they are reluctant to commit for the whole month, then you should ask if they would greet for one Sunday in the month. You should never insist a member take a turn. Always ask those who declined if you could call them another time.

**Remind.** Provide written reminders a week before they are to serve. An e-mail and a personal phone call of encouragement on Friday or Saturday prior to their service is a good idea. You should always send thank-you notes to greeters after they have served. Be prepared to substitute. Remind greeters of Romans 15:7: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (RSV).

**Instruct.** Always remind them to smile, introduce themselves, be friendly and helpful. The Tribe should always meet together for prayer prior to taking their designated post.



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## Tribe Coordinator Responsibilities: (pray, plan, & process)

**Pray.** Praying for each tribe member by name often is a constant reminder that God is the One who challenges and changes people.

**Plan.** Living in crisis leads to burnout and creates tension that will cause you to question whether or not you have the time or talent to lead the Tribe. By planning ahead you will alleviate the inner tension that can lead you to doubt serving as Advisor for your Tribe.

**Process.** Follow-up of the completed visitor information response card is mission critical!



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## THE SEVEN CHECKPOINTS

- #1 **Before Departure:** Are directions and service times immediately accessible to guests from your church website, phone recording and yellow pages?
- #2 **Travel to Location:** Do guests know where to turn into your church location?
- #3 **Parking Lot:** Do guests know where to park?
- #4 **Building Entrance:** Do guests know which door to enter?
- #5 **Children's Church:** Do guests know where to take their kids?
- #6 **Welcome Center:** Do guest know where to go for more information?
- #7 **Worship:** Do guests know which door to enter?



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