



GENERAL GUIDELINES

In order for the impact of the ministry to be lasting and fruitful, the following guidelines should be observed:

- To receive this ministry, you must be in regular fellowship with a local congregation. Because you are under the spiritual authority of your pastor, you must secure their permission for this ministry. Members of the team are available to talk with him/her to explain its nature.
- You must be open to the work of the Holy Spirit. If you are struggling with the reality of the gifts of the Spirit, or if you are not ready to receive them personally, you are encouraged to wait until you have peace about it before requesting this ministry. Discussions concerning this are also welcome.
- Before the actual session, you need to read the book *Healing for Damaged Emotions* by David Seamands (available online or at most Christian bookstores).
- The entire purpose of this ministry is to release you to make a deeper commitment to the Lord. If you come intending to hide things or to avoid certain areas of your life, you will frustrate God's work. But if you come with the desire to be free of anything that might stand between you and the Lord, you can expect that God will meet you in a mighty way.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to know more about AGAPE Prayer Ministry, or if you would like to schedule a ministry session, contact your pastor or congregational coordinator.

Healing for Damaged Emotions by David Seamands is an excellent resource for information on spiritual healing through prayer.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the
prisoners and
recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favor.*

Luke 4:18-19

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*If a man cleanses himself..., he will be an
instrument for noble purposes, made holy,
useful to the Master and prepared to do
any good work.*

2 Timothy 2:21



THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALING

*We spend our lives
crucified between two thieves:
regret for the past
and fear of the future.*
--Fulton Oursler

The Bible teaches that “the kingdom of God is...righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). Yet many Christians wonder why they continue to live defeated lives. They struggle to gain victory over specific sins and problems with relationships. They question their lack of spiritual growth.

In reality, most Christians carry around extra spiritual and emotional “baggage,” unaware of the weight which they are carrying. This baggage is usually the result of past hurts and other negative experiences.

God, however, sent His Son to purchase complete freedom for all believers! He desires your growth in Christ and has made every provision for your freedom, through the ministry of His Church.

We all need to help each other to confront the issues of our past, carrying them to the cross and releasing them once and for all. AGAPE Prayer Ministry can help us to experience the abundant life Jesus offers.



WHAT IS AGAPE PRAYER MINISTRY?

AGAPE Prayer Ministry is a loving, healing ministry empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit. It is an organized, thorough process in which a trained ministry team helps an individual to discern the spiritual components of past experiences and present problems and behaviors.

This team of three lay persons will meet with you in an unhurried time of prayer and ministry. As the team talks and prays with you, they will be listening for the Holy Spirit to reveal spiritual roots and issues in your life. They will then help you to apply the truths in God’s Word to those areas, bringing you cleansing and healing.

*Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free...
I tell you the truth,
everyone who sins is a slave to sin.
Now a slave has no permanent
place in the family,
but a son belongs to it forever.
So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed.*

John 8:32-36



WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT IN A MINISTRY SESSION?

The ministry team will lead you through a defined process. During the first phase you will be asked to read through a “Spiritual Bondage Inventory,” an extensive list of sinful activities in which you may have been involved, presently or in the past. The team will then pray with you to ensure that all these sins have been dealt with thoroughly, from God’s perspective.

During the second phase, the team will lead you in a discussion of the primary relationships in your life. They will help you deal with any sins which have been committed against you and sins you have committed against others. They will also pray to discern whether any spiritual bondage, demonic oppression, or unhealed wounds have resulted.

Most AGAPE sessions last approximately 3-4 hours. The number of sessions varies, but the minimum is usually two.

Everything that is said or done in the session is held in strict confidence. No notes are ever taken. In addition, the team will pray at the end that God will enable them to “forget” all that was shared. You are the only one who may choose to share with others what took place.

There is no charge for this ministry.