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Vision
To assist the pastor in serving the people by protecting the anointing for a life changing experience
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Overview
The Ministry of Helps is not just the ministries listed as the Ministry of Helps, but all of the members serving one another and desiring the best that God has for one another.

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if serving the Lord, not people,”
Ephesians 6:7 (NIV)

The Ministry of Helps at Agape Faith Church consists of six core ministries: Inside Ushers, Parking Lot, Altar Workers, Armor Bearers, First Touch, and Guest Services.

Direct oversight for these ministries is provided by the Ministry of Helps Discipleship Ministry Team (DMT), which is made up of members from each of these functional areas. The Helps DMT is primarily responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ministries by:

- Providing direction
- Reviewing ideas, plans, and recommendations
- Commissioning plans
- Providing resources
- Obtaining evaluation

Everyone has a call or purpose that God has placed on their life. As the body matures and grows, more and more saints in that body begin to take their rightful place. Although God’s gift to the body has the vision and direction for that body, the Ministry of Helps will aid in giving that vision shape, structure, and character under the leadership of God’s appointed servant.
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Opportunities
Inside Ushers: meet and greet all who attend our services and assist them in anyway necessary to insure a safe, secure, and pleasant atmosphere for their worship experience. In working together to maintain order in the sanctuary, the Usher Ministry helps to provide a distraction-free environment, which protects the anointing and allows for the Holy Spirit freedom to minister as He desires.

Parking Lot: assist with parking cars as they come on the campus as well as direct the flow of traffic as people leave the services each week.

Altar Workers: assist during ministry times in the sanctuary by administering drop cloths and tissues to individuals without drawing attention away from the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Armor Bearers: are individuals specifically called and chosen to personally assist the pastors before, during and after services. The primary function is to protect the pastors physically and spiritually to insure the pastor’s mind, heart and spirit is not distracted in any way from God’s purpose for each ministry opportunity.

First Touch: provide a welcome full of love, joy and anointing to everyone who comes on the AFC campus.

Guest Services: is the place guests go to for answers to questions, register for events, directions, etc.
Getting Started

To get started in any of the areas of the Ministry of Helps, you will need to familiarize yourself thoroughly with the vision of this ministry:

*To assist the pastor in serving the people and protecting the anointing*

**Agape Faith Church:** A church overflowing with love, strengthening the family, bettering the community and affecting the world, where every member is a minister.

**Volunteers:** Consider themselves just helpers, Help when it is convenient, are hesitant to make decisions, do not see themselves as essential parts of the church or ministry, fail to see the true reward in serving

**Ministers:** Realize their area of service is a ministry, know they are a vital part of the church and ministry, know they have been empowered to minister within the guidelines set forth by the leadership of the church, Understand that their service is building up eternal rewards.

- “The Ministry of Helps” Dr. Buddy Bell

**1 Corinthians 12:28 New King James Version (NKJV)**

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.
Pre Service Preparation

- Huddle – 30 minutes before service begins
  - Assignments
  - Special Instructions
  - Questions
  - PRAY!
Pre Service Preparation

We will serve the people by protecting the anointing.

We will perform in excellence today as we represent our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

We will greet with a smile and always operate in love.

- When the message begins, we will usher late-arriving people through the doors to the right of Guest Services, closing off the doors to the left of Guest Services. We will communicate with the greeters to shuttle late-arriving people through those doors.

- If someone gets up and leaves during the message (especially if they left from one of the first 7 rows), we will talk to them as they leave, in the foyer - that if and when they return, we will need them to sit in the back for the rest of the service. This is to keep from distracting others from receiving the Word.

- We will move quickly when we hear infants/toddlers crying or acting up and politely request that they move to the comfort room.

- We will be attentive to whomever is ministering, always ready to submit and receive direction and instruction.

- When there is an altar call which will involve a laying on of hands, we will quickly move to the end of the aisles and hold people in the aisle as we line them up properly and in decent order.

- We will report any unusual or questionable behavior to Security, then Pastor Murray or Pastor Barr immediately.

GOD HAS PUT US IN CONTROL OF PROTECTING THE ANOINTING AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO INSURE IT’S SECURE!
Welcome & Seating the Congregation

As part of the Ministry of Helps, you are an extension of the First Touch Ministry. Welcome people as they arrive to your section and assist them in finding seats. SMILE, SMILE, SMILE. Make eye contact, greet and sincerely welcome people as they approach you.

Be alert for First-Time Guests.

Remain alert to people approaching your section for seating and be sure to communicate to other ushers, via hand signals, how many seats are available.

When families choose to bring their children in the sanctuary, remind them that we have excellent ministry available for children of all ages and assist them in finding the right place for their child(ren). Families who choose to bring their child(ren) into the service are to be seated in the last 3 rows of your section. Explain they are near the exit doors in case they need to take their child out of the service with little to no disturbance in the service.
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