

## Acts of Caring Policy

**Established By: Pastor Sean Harris, Senior Pastor**

Below you will find the normal guidelines for acts of caring that involve members of Berean Baptist Church and nonmember attenders. This policy is meant to keep consistency, but guard from “legalistic-ness”. We hope these policies are followed in a “spirit-of-the-law” manner and not a “letter-of-the-law”. The reason for this is to create a norm, but allow for exceptions in an obvious situation.

	BBC Member	BBC Non-Member Attender
Showers - Wedding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a BBC-sponsored and communicated wedding shower, if the couple would like one.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A wedding shower can happen if a Sunday School class chooses to host one during class or hold one off-campus. No official church announcements will be communicated.</li> </ul>
Showers - Baby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a BBC-sponsored and communicated baby shower for a couple's first child, if the couple would like one.</li> <li>A baby shower for all children beyond the first can happen if a Sunday School class chooses to sponsor and communicate one.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A baby shower for any numbered baby of a couple can happen if a Sunday School class chooses to host one during class or hold one off-campus. No official church announcements will be communicated.</li> </ul>
Meal Trains - Baby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a BBC-sponsored and communicated meal train for a family at each baby's birth, if the family desires.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBC will provide a family a \$100 meal gift, like Door Dash, upon the birth of a child.</li> </ul>
Meal Trains - Sickness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal trains will be sponsored and communicated as the Sunday School class chooses and along with the family's desire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal trains will be sponsored and communicated as the Sunday School class chooses and along with the family's desire</li> </ul>
Hospital Stay – Flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBC will send flowers to the hospital when the member is having surgery and staying overnight in the hospital</li> <li>Sunday School class can choose to send additional flowers or not</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School class can choose to send flowers if desired.</li> </ul>
Immediate Family Member* Passing - Flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBC will send flowers to the funeral home or to the member's home.</li> <li>Sunday School class can choose to send additional flowers or not</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School classes can choose to send flowers if desired.</li> </ul>
Immediate Family Member* Passing - Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School class will sponsor and communicate the provision of food for the family in a manner approved by the family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Sunday School class can choose to sponsor and communicate the provision of food for a family in a manner approved by the family</li> </ul>

## Acts of Caring Policy (cont.)

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### Additional thoughts:

- If a church member is not a member of a Sunday School class then the church ministry staff will take the lead and coordinate with one of the Sunday School classes to provide the appropriate care.
- Immediate Family Members include: Spouse, Children, Parents, and Siblings. Grandparents may be included only when the grandparents were the primary care providers during the member's youth.
- Care activities for non-members will not be announced during church services and will not be posted on any church-sponsored social media sites.
- BBC members may, and are encouraged to, care for people above and beyond what has been mentioned, however, please remember to refrain from the appearance that these are BBC- and/or Sunday School class-sponsored or communicated.
- It would benefit Sunday School classes to establish guidance procedures to help them consistently execute this policy.