

## HIS BRANCHES

### A. Scope of Ministry Commitment

#### 1. Spirit (pneumo)

- prayer
- intercession
- new birth
- healing
- deliverance
- confirmation
- praise
- worship

#### 2. Soul (psyche)

- counsel
- train
- encourage
- visit
- reconcile
- edify
- comfort

#### 3. Body (soma)

- bind up wounds
- splint
- assist functioning
- relieve
- remove source of assault (e.g., antibiotics)
- rest
- protect
- nourish
- shelter

All interrelated

Recognition in common language:

- in good spirits - cheerful, well, cooperative
- in bad spirits - hostile, ill-tempered, depressed
- psychology - study of the emotions
- psychiatry - lit., "soul healing"
- psychosomatic - physical illness related to the emotions
- somatic signs - evidence of physical illness

Object: to love a person into the wholeness and fullness of his calling.

Word: 1 John  
Luke 10  
James  
1 Thessalonians 5

B. Focus of Ministry

1. Individuals
2. Families
3. Fellowship groups
  - community households
  - prayer fellowships
  - house churches
  - organized bodies
4. Neighborhoods
5. Broader Community

Ministry originates within Body of Christ and serves other parts of the Church as well as reaching into remaining secular community.

Word: Romans 12 & 13

C. Ministry resources provided by:

1. Jesus Christ operating by grace through a group of renewed individuals:
  - Christians with a calling to this work
  - volunteers
  - people with gifts and talents
  - a united group
  - saints
  - people whose lives are in order
  - the ransomed of the Lord

We will be unable to give anything which we have not yet received ourselves.

Word: Ephesians 4 & 5  
1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

D. Functional needs:

1. Space

prayer center 1+  
counseling 2-3  
examination and treatment 2-3  
waiting  
group meeting  
office and records  
support (lab, lavatories, kitchen)

2. Finances

space and utilities  
equipment (office, exam, treatment)  
furnishings  
support for full-time staff

3. Authorization

spiritual commission and oversight  
secular clearance for facility  
incorporation  
licensure  
inspection codes

4. Time

devotions and prayer  
sharing and discussion  
study, teaching seminars  
retreats  
solid foundations  
growth and development

Word: Luke 6

Philippians 4

E. Subjects for thought and prayer:

1. What could be nature of problem? approach? solution?

overweight  
alcohol abuse  
drug abuse  
skin rash  
depression  
anxiety  
loneliness  
divorce  
unwed mother  
epilepsy  
venereal disease  
hypertension  
school phobia  
peptic ulcer  
spastic colon  
angina  
marital strife  
pregnancy  
injury  
threatened suicide  
impotence  
criminal behavior  
unemployment  
grief  
developmental disorder  
paralysis  
deafness  
blindness

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2. Are there any limits to the redeeming power of grace?

Word: Isaiah 53 (see alternate translations also)

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts  
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Isaiah 35

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