



# PURPOSE OF PRIME TIME MINISTRIES

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The purpose of Prime Time Ministries is the salvation, sanctification, spiritual growth, and continued service of maturing adults. The purpose and objectives of Prime Time Ministries can be described by the following levels of ministry:

## **LEVEL 1: MAINTENANCE**

This level of ministry is primarily concerned with ministry to mature adults. This category is characterized by the practical areas of life that help us live with a degree of comfort and security. Examples include:

- Health issues
- Housing options
- Financial counseling and planning
- Employment referral
- Will and estate planning
- Home maintenance
- Long term care options
- Legal advice
- Personal counseling alternatives
- Retirement planning
- Grief and divorce recovery

The church can work cooperatively with local or national agencies to provide the information and resources needed by mature adults.

## **LEVEL 2: ENRICHMENT**

This level of ministry is characterized by activities directed to the mature adult, that will enrich and encourage growth spiritually, socially, mentally, or emotionally. Examples include:

- Discipleship – spiritual formation
- Fellowship activities
- Luncheons and banquets
- Tours and outings
- Workshops
- Craft and skill-building opportunities
- Marriage enrichment
- Bible studies
- Support groups of all kinds

This category provides excellent opportunities for outreach, drawing nonmembers in non-threatening activities.

### **LEVEL 3: SERVICE AND MINISTRY**

This level of ministry encourages mature adults to stay involved in active service to the Kingdom, even after they may have reached retirement age. While we do recognize retirement from our chosen vocations at some point in our lives, retirement from ministry is never an option. This category is primarily ministry through and with mature adults.

Prime Timers need and desire continued involvement and the church needs them. Ministry changes may need to be refocused and redirected, but ministry will continue at any age.

Examples of ministry include:

- Prayer partners
- Grandparent role with a child in the church
- Babysitting for new mothers
- Transportation assistance
- Meals on wheels
- Home-bound care
- Nursing home ministry
- Work projects at church or at homes of church members
- Work and Witness teams
- Mission Corps – both domestic and international
- Volunteer service in the church office and many other areas
- Involvement in local public schools
- Assistance in local social services
- Mature adult evangelism opportunities
- Intergenerational mentoring
- Peer counseling
- Exercise programs
- Continuing education
- Visitation
- Sunday School teaching and support staff

### **LEVEL 4: DISCIPLING**

This last level of ministry encompasses those ministry opportunities where Prime Timers are involved in helping win, disciple, train, and encourage other mature adults to be growing and service-oriented Christians. It is also an excellent ministry offered through mature adults to younger generations.

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