**THE PASTOR’S SUPPORT TEAM MINISTRY**

The Pastor’s Support Team Ministry exists to be a **BLESSING** to the **BLESSING** that God has given to the St. John Baptist Church. The mission of the Ministry is to accept responsibility as servants of the Lord to ensure that the Pastor and First Lady have what they need. Our efforts will focus on providing emotional support, expressing appreciation for what he has done for the body of Christ at the St. John Baptist Church, and lifting his spirt with special surprises at various times so that he knows we are giving to him cheerfully and generously. Pastors of the Gospel deserve to be loved and supported.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

* To fulfill the biblical responsibilities of providing for the Pastor’s needs, ensuring that he is able to faithfully and effectively fulfill his pastoral responsibilities and support his endeavors.
* The Shepherd gathers, leads and feeds the flock with sound doctrine, watches over the flock and endeavors to promote the safety, comfort, spiritual growth and life of his flock. Therefore, one that engages is entitled and worthy of his reward with honor (I Timothy 5:17-18).
* To bring assistance, comfort and support to our Pastor and First Lady as they follow God.
* The First Family is to be remembered with love, kindness and monetary gifts on holidays, vacations, birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. “Gifts are good, but only if they are ministered in love. Benevolence is good, but not apart from love. (I Corinthians 1:3)
* To formulate and coordinate activities and functions in support of the Pastor’s Support Team Ministry. Members of the Ministry have committed themselves to personal donations, when necessary, as a means of supporting the Ministry in accordance with the Church guidelines.
* We believe the Pastor and First Lady are worthy of our support. (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)
* So, join us as we follow God -– **You** will be blessed, the **Pastor** will be blessed, and **God** will be glorified.

**SCRIPTURE**

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. **(I Timothy 5:17)**

**PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, thank you for all of your blessings. We ask you to walk with us, guide us and give us strength as we minister to your most humble **Servant.** We ask that you guide **Pastor** in teaching of your word so that we may better understand what it means to be Christ like. We pray that you will bless **Pastor** and the **First Lady** and keep them in perfect harmony in these difficult times. We ask these blessings in Jesus’ name. **AMEN**