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It is a new ministry whose goal is to discover the needs and burdens in our church and to be the hands and feet of Christ as we minister to meet each need.

What are we hoping to accomplish?

Eastwood has many ministries that care for our members and our community yet there are still needs that go unnoticed and unmet. Each time that happens the body of Christ is not functioning as it is intended. Those needs are the ones that His Hands will strive to seek out and tend to.

Who is it for?

God has supplied members who are already fully equipped and gifted to minister to **every** need we will face. So the goal of His Hands is to match those folks with those that have needs and then to follow those needs to completion.

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1Cor 12:27

It's for our church as a whole.

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

It's for those outside our walls looking in.

"...in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35b

It's for those ministering to others.

"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality." ~

Romans 12:13

It's obviously for those in needful situations.

Why do we need it?

...to insure that we are careful to be good stewards of ALL that we have been gifted... and to allow all of our membership to experience the joy of fulfilling our purpose:

"Bear ye one another's burdens" ~ Galatians 6:2

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." ~ 1Peter 4:10 NIV

These are the teachings of the Bible and the responsibility of the church.

How will it work?

The goal of **His Hands** will be to come alongside our existing ministries in an effort to fill the gaps where needs might otherwise go unnoticed or unmet.

His Hands Teams:	
Home bound	Care for our home bound, nursing home residents, and those in assisted living.
Warriors	Prayer Ministry – Bringing needs before the throne and sharing how our God supplies our needs and answers our prayers!
Handyman	Taking care of minor repairs, yard work, wheelchair ramps and the like for those among us that need our assistance
Wheels	Transportation services – including taking someone to run errands or doing errands for them, taking them to Dr. appts, perhaps food delivery as needs arise
Health Watch	Care needed during and after a health event – hospital visits, post surgery care, scheduling food to be taken, and further need assessment
W.O.W.	(Widows, Orphans, Widowers) – Care for our widows, orphans and foster children in our area and partnering with the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home or local foster services

Where do we start?

Volunteer survey	Each member will be encouraged to fill out a survey that will let us pinpoint special areas of expertise and will allow each person to use his/her gifts.
Data Analysis	Information gathered will be disseminated into our database by His Hands .
Member training	Training for each team will be necessary for volunteers to be adequately prepared to know exactly what is expected of him/her.
EBC website	We will utilize our website to collect data online, we also have a dedicated His Hands email address. hishands@eastwoodbaptist.com
Need Alert Cards	These cards will be made available throughout the campus and can be used to bring any needs to our attention.
Servant Keeper	Our membership database already in place has powerful capabilities that will be able to handle the flow of data for us and keep our staff informed as we go along.

Please be in prayer for the Lord’s direction in this new ministry and let us know your thoughts!

His Hands Ministry Team

Our prayer:

“Lord, let those we come in contact with today see less of us and more of You. Show us how to be Your hands and feet. Open our eyes to the opportunities that surround us to share Your love. Lord, please break our hearts for what breaks Yours and set our feet into motion, let our lives always reflect Your light in this dark world. In the precious name of Jesus! Amen.”