

## PROJECT GOOD SAMARITAN "Most Frequently Asked Questions"

• What is PGS? Project Good Samaritan is modeled after the Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10: 25-37.

- How did PGS begin? In 1983, Rev. Roger Fairfax learned while visiting Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, that an out-of-town couple whose baby was seriously ill lacked money to eat. All they could afford during the child's stay were crackers, cookies, milk or soft drinks provided by the pediatric pantry. In conjunction with the social services at the hospital, several pastors, representatives of the WV Baptist Convention, and monetary help from several churches, this program began.
- What is the purpose of PGS? It is to provide a helping hand to destitute family members of hospital patients by providing a limited number of hot meals and/or initial prescriptions upon the patient's discharge from the hospital. This help is to be granted only as a "last resort" when all other avenues of financial help have been exhausted.
- How is PGS funded? It is funded by contributions from churches and associations. If you church would like to be part of PGS, send your contributions to the WV Baptist Convention, through your church/ association treasurer.
- Who needs help? My neighbor needs help. Who is my neighbor? My neighbor is anyone that is in need, not just next door but around the world. In Luke 10: 37b, Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."
- How do I know who is in need? The American Baptist Women's Ministries work closely with the Social Services personnel in several hospitals throughout WV.
- Why should I be involved? YOU are God's hands in providing for people who have exhausted all means of payment for their care in the hospital, or purchasing prescriptions when discharged. YOU can provide a helping hand to the family, as they travel, by providing hot meals, transportation, or lodging while their loved one is in the hospital.
- When and how can I get involved? YOU can get involved anytime! PGS is sponsored and promoted by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV.

