

*... through love  
serve one another !*

*Galatians 5:13*

# *Block Chaplaincy*

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*Sunbury  
Chaplin's  
Office*

*Meeting the needs of Sunbury's residents  
one block at a time*

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*Block Chaplains*  
*Ministering to the spiritual needs*  
*of Sunbury Block by Block*  
call **286 4393**  
*For more information*

**From: John and Jane, Block Chaplains, from the Sunbury Chaplain's Office**

**To: the residents of The 000 Block of ??? Street**

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for taking time out from your daily routine to have a discussion on issues of faith and its relationship to your ability to cope with 21<sup>st</sup> Century life in the City of Sunbury. We have been inspired to establish the Sunbury Chaplain's Office for our city's neighborhoods. This is a multifaceted ministry with its main focus on "Block Chaplains". The information on this ministry is described in the following Block Chaplain-Vision:

*Block Chaplaincy is a way to effectively accomplish God's work on your Sunbury Street. Chaplains are ministers that seek to meet the needs of those who are in physical and spiritual crisis; to facilitate your recovery through our personal relationship with Jesus, in service to you and in partnership with other Christian ministries and community services. In the constancy of our relationship of love and support with you, we pray that all the residents of your block will understand that Jesus cares for you right where you are in life and that we were sent by Him to help with your need. We hope to earn your trust as we continue to serve. We pray for the Lord to rise up volunteers from among you to serve with us as we minister to all the residents of Sunbury.*

Please read the attached Block Chaplain's interactive statement, and if you would, please fill out the Block Chaplain- Resident participation Survey. It will be a great help in understanding what the needs are on your block.

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In the service of Jesus Christ, *Block Chaplain*



## How does a Block Chaplain interact with our block?

The Sunbury block chaplains would like to get to know all the residents on your block including your home. Block Chaplains, as fellow residents of Susquehanna Valley, all feel the pressures of life in 2012. For some folks, life goes on without even noticing the rapidly rising cost of living in America's small towns. But, for most of us it is a daily struggle just to pay the rent or mortgage, taxes, buy healthy food and the basic necessities of life for ourselves and our families. **The most overwhelming stress is the *isolation* we feel as we struggle on our own. The "on our own" perspective is where our ministry is focused. The good news is that if we look up to God we are never alone. More good news is that God has inspired and called some area residents to reach out and assist you in coming to terms with your situation.** It is our desire to bring neighbors together to collaborate on ways to relieve the stress and the resulting angst of daily life by allowing God to solve our problems through a collaborative effort to help one another guided by biblical principles. Below are some action-items, some of which we could collaborate with your block:

- **Block Meeting:** a call to action to address relevant issues facing the residents of your block
- **Job networking:** The Sunbury Chaplain's Office will seek to connect jobs to residents through Career Link Center and actively networking with the employers in the Susquehanna Valley
- **Food Shopping with or for shut-ins:** Shop for or with a neighbor in need, visit or create a food pantry.
- **Medical and legal form assistance:** Help with those confusing government and medical forms
- **Medical appointment rides:** Schedule your chore around a neighbors doctor's appointment
- **Coupon clubs:** Savings you won't believe !!
- **Nutritional suggestions:** Buy and eat healthy foods, share healthy foods, exercise and live healthy
- **Baby sitting:** as relationships between neighbors grow in trust, babysitting co-ops can be established
- **Joint home and property clean-up:** "not so extreme joint home make-overs" and property spruce-ups
- **Block Gardening:** Share ideas and plant material for inexpensive city style landscaping on your street
- **How to use the library:** Computer and internet services, book, video and music cd borrowing
- **Sunbury Chaplain's Office Free Christian Library:** now accepting Christian books to lend to residents
- **Free family entertainment:** appropriate: festivals, church activities, state parks, college music programs
- **Family and children street activities:** street-games and joint projects: build a soap-box car or cardboard boat and race them as a block entry in the city's yearly competitions
- **Using the city parks together:** block picnics, children's playground fun and run dates
- **Social services referral:** temporary hand up resources provided by governments and civic organizations
- **Ministry referral:** temporary hand up resources provided by the ministries of the churches in Sunbury
- **Prayer and Bible Study Group:** there is power in prayer, there is infinite power in the Word of God

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# *Block Chaplain - Resident Participation Survey*

Block Chaplains:      Name \_\_\_\_\_      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      email: \_\_\_\_\_  
   Name \_\_\_\_\_      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      email: \_\_\_\_\_

000 Block of \_\_\_\_\_ Street Resident:  
Address \_\_\_\_\_      Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_      Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hi, please check all the circles of the block activities in which you would like to participate.

Let us know if you need help, or you want to offer help, in a particular activity.

Write suggestions or comments on the line below the activity.

**We will pick up your completed survey next week.**

Please write any additional comments or suggestions on back of your survey

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