

Edward Pyles Memorial Scholarship

October, 2018

Background: Edward Pyles impacted hundreds of lives in his life as a Christian leader at Greenridge Baptist Church, Clarksburg, Maryland, and in his professional vocation as a firefighter. The Lord gifted him with a generous heart, a servant's attitude, strong work ethic, love for people and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His family and church community believe a scholarship that helps honor the Christian life and character of Ed Pyles will continue the legacy of this amazing man.

Vision for the scholarship: Ed's wife, Twylia Pyles, and her sons, Chris Pyles and Tom Pyles, want to provide financial assistance for active members of the church who are actively involved in learning and serving in two areas: law enforcement/fire service in Montgomery County, Maryland, and/or, Christ-centered missions through Greenridge Baptist Church.

Funding sources: Members and friends of the church, as well as friends and family in the community, may contribute to the scholarship. The scholarship will initially be funded by a friend of the family. Checks should be made payable to: Greenridge Baptist Church, and indicate "Pyles Memorial Scholarship." The mailing address for the church is P.O. Box 419, Clarksburg, Maryland 20871.

Selection Process: Each year a Scholarship Committee (comprised of at least two members of the Pyles family and at least three church members - all five selected by the Senior Pastor in consultation with the church Elders) will review applications for the scholarship, contact personal references, and decide which candidates to interview as part of the selection process. The committee will select and announce those who receive the scholarship(s). The application process will be announced in church media in September and October each year. The committee will receive applications from January 1 to March 1. The selection process will take place in March and April. Scholarship announcements will be made no later than May 30. All selections made by the Scholarship Committee will be considered final and binding.

Examples of scholarship candidates: High school students or adults who are planning to participate in a missions trip or project, or attend a Christian college or seminary, and who need financial support to do so, or individuals who are pursuing education or professional certification in law enforcement/fire service in the county, and can demonstrate a financial need. An applicant's Christian character and service will be valued highly in the decision process.

Payment of scholarship: The funds will be dispersed to the mission sponsoring organization (church or Christian ministry), college or university, seminary, or c County agency. Candidates selected to receive the scholarship will provide Greenridge Baptist Church all necessary contact information for processing the award.

Oversight of the scholarship fund: The financial officers of the church will receive and manage all gifts to the scholarship fund, provide quarterly financial reports to the family and congregation, and disperse funds to selected candidates within regular financial protocols of the church. The church is under no obligation to contribute to the fund but will account for all gifts from friends and family. Should the Scholarship Committee discontinue awarding scholarships, the remaining donated funds will remain under the control of the church and will be available to meet other needs as determined by the church.

Legacy of the scholarship fund: In the years to come, if the current family members are not able to participate in the scholarship award process, the Senior Pastor (with advice from the Elders) will invite other family members (grandchildren) to consider serving on the Scholarship Committee.

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