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The purpose of the Carpenter's Guild is two-fold (Mat 25:31-40, Acts 6):

- To meet the needs of those members of our church family who need repairs to their homes and related structures and cannot afford and/or are unable to do the work themselves.
- To provide an opportunity for members of our church family to serve God by serving others and exercise the skills God has given them.

The name "The Carpenter's Guild" reflects the nature and focus of the organization:

- **The Carpenter's** – reflects the ownership of Jesus. This organization is formed as an arm of the local church, under the direction of the church's leadership. The primary purpose of this group is to fulfill Jesus' directions related to helping those in need and using our talents to serve Him by serving others. Specifically, talents related to carpentry and general home repair – painting, plumbing, interiors, landscaping, lawn and garden, etc.
- **Guild** – reflects the nature of the people involved. A "guild" is a group of like-minded and gifted individuals who come together to "protect mutual interests" – in this case, these "interests" are other members of our church family. "To guild" also means to cover something with gold, making it more attractive. The Carpenter's Guild desires to make homes more attractive and livable, covering it with the "gold" of the sacrifice of our time and resources.

Church leadership will accept applications for work to be done by The Carpenter's Guild and determine the appropriateness of fulfilling that need. If/when the church leadership identifies a project that it deems appropriate, they will discuss it with the leaders of the Carpenter's Guild to determine their ability to meet the need. Guild leaders will likely make a visit to the home to make an assessment of the extent of the project. Once this is done, the leaders of the Guild will work with the church family to identify the appropriate skill sets, availability, etc. and schedule a time to complete the work.

Donations of money and materials can be made to the church at anytime, which will be saved until they are needed. In addition, once a specific project is identified and planned, this specific need will be made known to the church as well so specific contributions can be made as desired by the church members. This will also provide an opportunity to request help with the project.

It is anticipated that The Carpenter's Guild will complete one major project every six months, with smaller projects being completed as they arise and when resources are available. A major project would typically be one requiring three or more workers for two or more days; a minor project could be completed by one or two workers in a single day. Below are some examples of major and minor projects:

Major

- Replace a fence
- Tile a kitchen/bathroom floor
- Install new roof shingles

- Paint a house
- Make structural repairs
- Repair/replace kitchen or bathroom cabinets
- Thorough house cleaning

Minor

- Paint a room
- Repair a hole in sheetrock
- Clean up a yard - mow, remove debris, etc.
- Repair/replace a light fixture
- Thorough kitchen cleaning
- Repair/replace a garbage disposal or other appliances.
- Fix a plumbing leak

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