## Emerald Bay Community Church Prayer Chain Guidelines

Part of the prayer ministry of the church is an active prayer chain, allowing members and residents to pray for one another in times of need for themselves or their families. Participation is completely voluntary and members are under no obligation to report an illness or hospitalization to the list. Calls to the office to pass such concerns to the Pastor remain confidential.

## PRAYER CHAIN GUIDELINES

**1. We accept requests that meet the above criteria.** The purpose is to keep the list manageable, unlike some prayer chains that are so lengthy that sincere and meaningful prayer is difficult. All requests will be posted as submitted with permission of the family.

**2. Pray as soon as request is received and continue regular prayers until issue is resolved.** We ask that those requesting prayer keep the Prayer Ministry updated regularly with answers to prayer.

**3.** Please do not discuss the request with anyone but the Lord, and never seek out the requester for additional information – just pray.

## PROCEDURE:

The prayer chain is managed using ConstantContact online service. Prayer requests are received by phone, email, or text and are entered into a ConstantContact template as soon after receipt as possible and sent to all on the prayer chain list without additional comments. The manager manually adds names of people who would like to receive prayer requests. These come to the church office directly or from the club office as new residents indicate interest.