

Prayer Request Tracking

The RDS Advantage system provides a powerful way to automate the functions of tracking and responding to prayer requests, listing those on a prayer list, and tracking the names of those on the prayer team.

With the "Member Contact" capability, you can track each prayer request as a "Contact."

In Common Systems, establish a Contact Type as "Prayer," and a Contact Team as "Prayer Team." Establish a Contact Team in Activities as "Prayer Team." Enroll the members of the prayer team. Establish an Activity as "Prayer List." Enroll individuals in the list for those for whom prayers are given.

See below an example of an activity set up for the Prayer Team.

The screenshot shows the 'AC101 - Activity Set-Up Maintenance' window in RDS Advantage. The window title is 'Church of Faith' and 'Activities'. The main area is titled 'AC101 - Activity Set-Up Maintenance'. It contains several sections: 'Change Activity ID: C100', 'Description: Prayer Team', 'Type: CARE', 'Org Number:', 'Sub-Type: PRAYR', and 'Modified: 11/27/2006 17:12:32 PMU'. Below this are three columns of options: 'Include in Activity:' with radio buttons for 'Enrolled individuals' and 'All individuals'; 'Attendance Categories:' with a list of categories; 'Attendance List (Transmittal)' with options for 'Attendance List Form', 'Print', and 'Print Info Below Name'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Insta-Check-In' and 'Print on Name Tag'. An 'OK' button is at the bottom left.

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Now you can enter each request for prayer in the Member Contact Records, such as:

The screenshot shows the RDS Advantage software interface. The title bar reads "RDS Advantage 08.13.07 3/20/2007 Church of Faith Member Contacts". The main window is titled "Contact Records - MC103". It contains a form with the following fields:

- Change Individual ID: 10 (dropdown), PC (dropdown)
- Name: Sarah Adams
- Type: R
- Contact Date: 3/25/2007 (dropdown)
- Type: PRRY (dropdown) Prayer Visit Contact
- Activity: C100 (dropdown) Prayer Team
- Contacted By: Joe Bruno, Jr. (dropdown)
- Team: PRR (dropdown) Prayer Team
- Next Contact: 3/31/2007 (dropdown)
- Address: 3936 Little Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73113, (405) 841-9912
- Census Tract: (empty)
- Total Contacts: 01
- Comments: Request for prayer for Sarah Adams. She will be having serious surgery next week, and will have extended recovery time. In addition to prayer, we need to organize volunteers to prepare food for the family.

An "OK" button is located at the bottom left of the form.

You can track an unlimited number of prayer requests and responses for each individual, with extensive text about each one.

From the Contact report menu, you can print reports, address labels, postcards, name tags and visitation cards. The visitation cards will contain a great deal of information about the prayer request. Place these in an index box, if you like, and prayer team members can work from the 4" by 6" indexed cards.

You can also use all the reporting capabilities of the system in the Activity and Member modules, such as e-mail, VOIP phone messaging, etc.

RDS Advantage can provide an electronic form that can be placed on your website. People can make prayer requests both for themselves and others using this form, which will send an e-mail message with this information to the staff person who maintains the prayer request information.