# Medical Minis ries Inc

Medical Ministries, Inc. has partnered with local community churches in a unique approach to health care delivery.

#### Key partners are:

- Cerberus Healthcare LLC, utilizing the Papyrus Medical EMR for patient tracking and producing healthier outcomes.
- Dr. Walter Smith, Medical Director of Medical Ministries, Inc. provides medical care for the patients.
- Participating churches provide the physical facilities in which the health clinics are located. The churches also provide Pastoral guidance, a snack and Clinic volunteers.
- Roper St Francis Hospital Charity Program provides referral access to specialists, pathology, diagnostic imaging and lab testing services for patients.

The first clinic opened June 12, 2012. Since then 6 clinics have been opened, and Medical Ministries have grown to more than 1,400 patients. The clinics have proven their ability to deliver quality care with state-of the art services such as EKG testing, routine labs, pap smear pathology, genetic testing and many other routine blood tests.

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### Our Focus

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Heart Disease
- Pap Smears
- Smoking Cessation
- Labs
- Pharmacy
- General Health Issues
- Preventative Health Care
- EKG
- Seasonal Flu Shot (DHEC)
- Clinics open at 4:00 (except Ehrhardt Clinic)
- Insurance accepted, but not required
- Walk-ins always welcome





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Delivering Quality Healthcare to the Underserved



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#### Clinic Locations

New Hope United Methodist Church 1568 Carter Road Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472 Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

Bethel AME Church 5585 Memorial Blvd. St. George, South Carolina, 29477 Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Monday of each month

Good Hope AME Church 1849 Carver School Road Cope, South Carolina 29038 Open every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each Month

St Mark United Methodist Church 8502 North Rd. North, South Carolina 29112 Open every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Monday of each Month

Greater St Paul AME Church 633 Thomas Kate Rd Dorchester, South Carolina 29437 Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each Month

Edisto Fork United Methodist Church 356 Lariat Rd. Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115 Open every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month

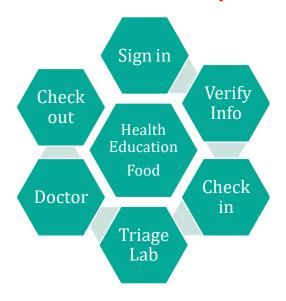
Medical Ministries Clinic 5867 Ehrhardt Road Ehrhardt, S. C. 29081 Open every Wednesday - 9am until 5pm

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### **Our Mission Statement**

Delivering quality healthcare to underserved communities, implementing advanced EHR technology, increasing health care access, awareness & quality of care. The utilization of church facilities to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual healing to those in need.

### Patient Clinic Journey



#### A word from the Medical Director:

Medical Ministries was created to deliver quality healthcare to underserved areas in rural South Carolina. Access to healthcare services is critical to good health, vet rural residents face a variety of barriers. Rural residents often experience circumstances that limit their ability to obtain the care they need. In order for rural residents to have sufficient healthcare access, necessary and appropriate services must be available and obtainable in a timely manner. The other factors to consider are financial and transportation barriers. According to the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services, 43.4% of uninsured rural residents reported that they do not have a usual source of care and 26.5% delayed or did not receive care in the previous year due to cost.

In order to fulfill our mission to improve access to healthcare, Medical Ministries has partnered with rural area churches that allows them to piggyback on the churches' existing community support infrastructure.

This partnership has allowed Medical Ministries to provide healthcare to over 1400 residents in rural South Carolina. It is the desire of the Medical Ministries staff to continue to expand the quality and scope of services provided to reduce the burden of disease on this underserved population.

Dr. Walter Smith

