

# Duties of an Adjutant | Armorbearer

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And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him gently; and he became his armorbearer, 1 Samuel 16:21

You may ask, "What are my responsibilities and how do I fulfill them?" Churches have different roles for their adjutant|armorbearer; however, it is important to be aware that we all should possess the spirit of an adjutant|armorbearer. Defined below are some of the different roles and responsibilities of an adjutant|armorbearer.

- Be available – If your church leadership has officially appointed you to the position of armorbearer|adjutant and you have accepted that role, then you must be available to serve in that capacity. You must understand the level of commitment that is required and follow through on your commitment.
- Be in position – Being in position is more than just showing up. It entails being present spiritually, mentally and emotionally. You must show up alert, spiritually in tune, emotionally stable and intact.
- Be willing – Your willingness to serve goes a long way. There are people in various roles but their heart is not willing and their attitude reflects it. Skill is great but when service comes out of a begrudging (*resenting having to serve*) heart it taints the gift even when coming from the most skillful (Exodus 35; 2 Corinthians 8:10-12).

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*And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment, 1 Chronicles 28:21*

- Understand and respect boundaries – Your pastoral leadership is not to be seen as your “running buddy.” Relationship must be established, but you are not to call every night just to “chat.” Do not try to become too familiar with leadership. Do not overload leadership with your day-to-day personal life experiences.
- When in the car traveling to ministry engagements, do not assume that is your opportunity to receive personal counsel, prophecies, etcetera from your pastor. You are there to be an aid and give strength. You want your pastor to be focused on the assignment at hand. Use wisdom and do not allow the enemy to use you to distract or aid in draining strength from leadership.
- There are times when it is appropriate to share things and to seek prayer and advice from leadership and as you grow in your role as an adjutant|armorbearer you will become more keenly aware of those occasions.
- Do not try to get to know your pastoral leadership or guest ministers in the flesh—do not seek to make fleshly connections. There are times adjutant|armorbearers pick a guest minister up from the airport and try to develop a personal relationship so they can say, “I know him.”
- You should not be offended if the pastor does not call you daily. Keep the relationship in the correct perspective. Know your role and function within the parameters in which God has ordained. Any emotional needs you have or your pastor has, should be submitted to God,

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allowing him to provide direction, but do not develop a “soul tie” with your leadership. It is dangerous and it will blind your perception and may hinder you from fully serving effectively

- There are times when people seek notoriety; therefore, they may look for it through fleshly connections. However, as an adjutant you should be keenly aware that there is immense spiritual warfare that goes on when a minister comes to your church to minister. He or she is on an assignment from God. Some ministers may desire to go out to dinner with you, but do not take it personal if a minister does not.
- Responsibilities and duties to remember:
  - Transport individuals to and from airport and ministry locations.
  - Serve water, food, etc.
  - Distribute handkerchiefs, etc.
  - Intercede before, during, and after services for leadership.
  - Be alert of surroundings.
  - Where are the exits?
  - Where are the restrooms, water fountains, etc.?
  - What microphone do they have available for your leader to use?
  - Do they have a beverage for your leader and is it at the appropriate temperature for your leader?

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*(Many are unaware that drinking ice cold water before and immediately following preaching is not good for your vocal cord, it chills the mucous membrane causing you to be more susceptible to viruses, and it fatigues your voice; also speakers should not drink anything with caffeine in it, as it acts as a diuretic.)*

- Will they be recording the service and if so, is your leader aware of any special requirements (such as time limits, etc.)? If it is a training workshop developed by your leader, has appropriate approval been received from your leader to record the training?
- Who is in charge of the event and where is that person or designated representative?
- What are the seating arrangements?
- Is there designated parking for your leader? If not, where is the appropriate place to park?
- Who is the pastor or ministry leader of where your pastor will be ministering? Is he/she present?
- If your pastor has teaching materials available on CDs, etc., are you permitted to set up a table? If so, where, when and if you are charging a price for the materials, has it been approved by the pastoral leadership of that church?
- If your pastor permits you to sit in the pulpit (ministerial platform), is there a space available for you?
- Be sensitive to the flowing of the Holy Spirit during service.
- Watch your pastor and quickly make any necessary adjustments.

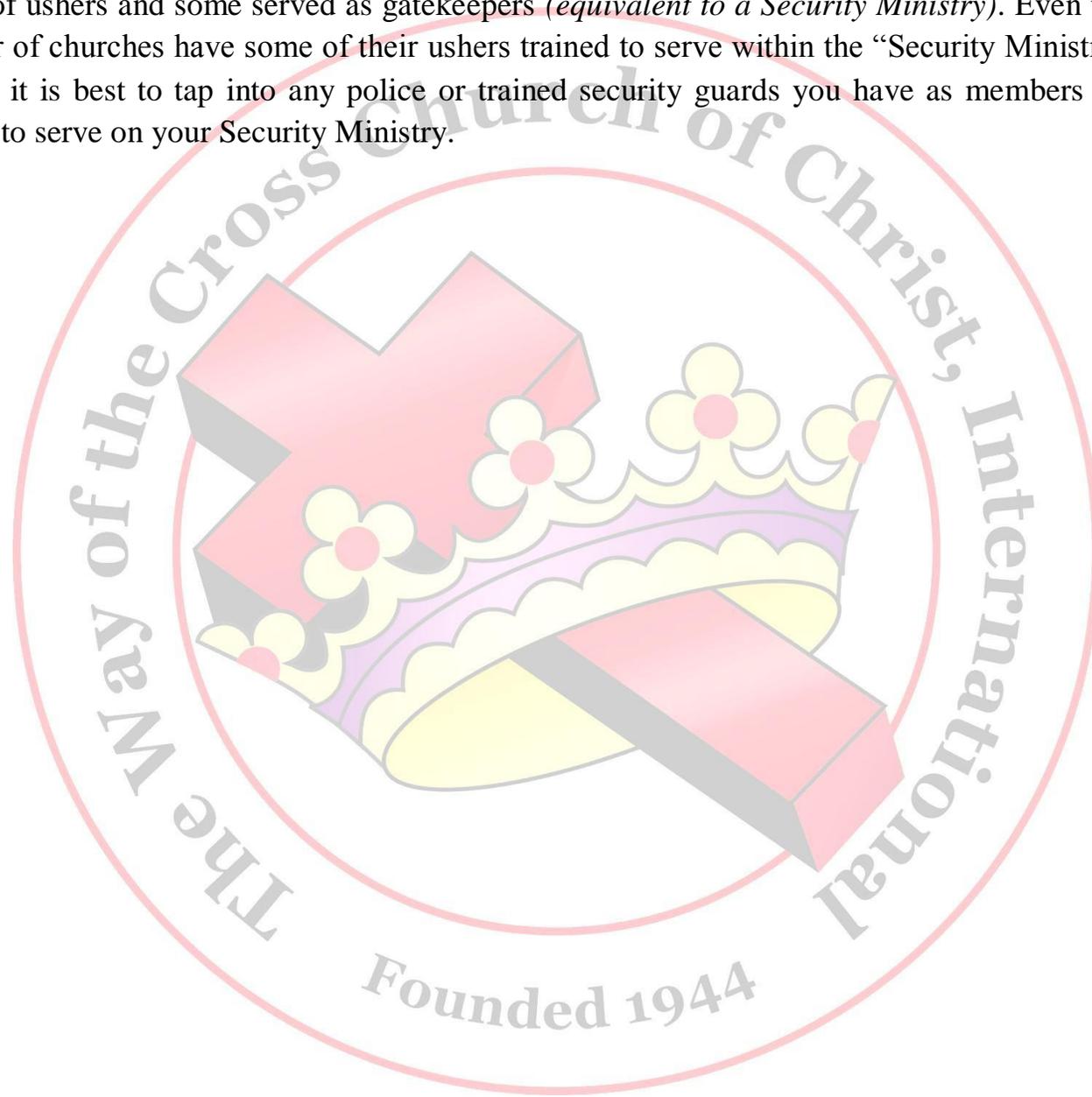
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- Be ready to move at all times by staying focused to what is taking place as the Holy Spirit ministers to the people.
- Stand with leadership during altar call (*this normally applies to those serving in the role of elder, associate minister, etc. and it varies based on pastoral leadership preferences*).
- Be a warrior in the spirit (*you must know how to do spiritual warfare without being taken out yourself and without drawing attention to yourself during service*).
- Be approachable (Romans 12:3).
- Be courteous to others (Romans 12:9-10).
- Be honest in the representation of your leader (*never use your pastor's name carte blanche*). In other words, do not take advantage of your position by falsely insinuating your pastor has said something that he has not or that your pastor has made a request or has a need for something and it is not true. Avoid the Gehazi spirit (2 Kings Chapters 4-8)!

Some churches have their adjutant | armorbearers serving as “security guards.” Some even carry weapons. Security should fall under an established “Security Ministry” for the church. Security means risk management. It involves doing background checks on anyone who will be working with children. It entails verifying references to avoid negligent hiring lawsuits. The Security Ministry is well-trained, equipped, and endeavors to provide the congregation with a safe place to worship. “Safe Place” encompasses many things including your parking lot and other areas being well-lit, your entire facility being well-maintained, broken chairs thrown away, maintaining working fire-extinguishers, etc. The Security Ministry must be knowledgeable of emergency procedures, accident prevention, facility management, etc. In biblical times, there were varying

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levels of ushers and some served as gatekeepers (*equivalent to a Security Ministry*). Even today, a number of churches have some of their ushers trained to serve within the “Security Ministry.” We believe it is best to tap into any police or trained security guards you have as members of your church to serve on your Security Ministry.



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