

## Circle of Care Ministry

The Circle of Care ministry was launched to connect, encourage and assist our at-risk brothers and sisters during this season of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The goals of the ministry are as follows:**

1. **Identify** all at-risk individuals within our body
2. **Encourage** consistent communication and care in existing fellowship groups.
3. **Empower** volunteers to communicate with and minister to those at risk.

The basic tenets of the ministry are as follows:

**First**, keep it simple. **It's all about LOVE.** Loving those whom Christ has called us to serve or brings to our minds; in some cases, loving the least lovable.

We need volunteers willing to do regular check-ins, willing to serve in tangible ways, and willing to pray. A list of practical guidelines was developed to help - when and how to call or visit, etc. with encouragement to leave a blessing at every opportunity.

**Second**, the body should be **free to love** in the ways that each is gifted and in response to what God is doing in our midst.

We rely upon established ministries and groups to love, encourage and care for one another as a first line of care. This is the body of Christ at work.

**Third**, the deacons maintain a focus on those most at risk to ensure that everyone is connected and receives needed care.

Most needs can and should be met within established groups – the first line of care. If significant needs are identified or in the absence of a group connection, needs may be escalated to the deacons ([deacons@pbcc.org](mailto:deacons@pbcc.org)).

**Fourth**, this is a time for **prayer**. We need prayers. Prayer warriors. Brothers and Sisters committed to pray for our neighborhoods, our church, our nation, and our world.

**In summary**, we expect **the love of Jesus** to be powerfully visible through multiple acts of service in our body and in our community. What **joy** to serve together during this time of pandemic and unrest. We are the hands and feet of Christ.

Finally, the Deacons have had the help these past few months of many volunteers whose names are too long to list. We would like to publicly thank and acknowledge their selfless service. They have been a great help to the Deacons and a blessing to the PBCC family.

**"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19**

In His Service,

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