



**TAKING CARE
OF EACH OTHER**

CARE 
MINISTRY

At
Millersville Bible Church

Leadership and care

I Peter 5:2-3

“shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion (not because you must), but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid (or dishonest) gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock” (NASB).

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- I Thessalonians 2:7-8** - Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.
- I Thessalonians 5:12** - Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.
- I Timothy 3:4-5** - He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?

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Hebrews 13:17

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Three dimensions of care

...based on the way God created us

1. As **Physical** beings with bodily needs

1. As **Social** beings with relationship needs

2. As **Spiritual** beings with a need for God

Physical and Spiritual Care

James 2:14-17

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Physical and Spiritual Care

I John 3:16-18

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

Physical, Social and Spiritual Care

I Timothy 5:8

“Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Matthew 25:31-46 – the sheep and goats

Luke 10:25-37 – the good Samaritan

Spiritual Dimension

Hebrews 3:12-13 - “See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘Today,’ so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 - “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Church as a context for care

“I will build my church”

Matthew 16:18

Functional definition of the Church

It is God’s will for each believer in Christ to be a meaningfully related part of a visible body of believers, faithfully serving others and accountable to the pastoral oversight of elders - (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25; I Peter 4:10-11; 5:1-4; I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17).

- Carry each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- Have equal concern for each other (1 Cor. 12:25)
- Watch out for one another (Heb. 3:12-13)
- Encourage one another (1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11; Heb. 3:13; 10:25)
- Confess your sins to each other (Jas. 5:16)
- Be devoted to one another (Rom. 12:10)
- Build one another up (Rom. 14:19; 1 Thess. 5:11)
- Bear with one another (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13)
- Forgive each other (Eph. 4:32)
- Honor one another (Rom. 12:10)
- Offer hospitality to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)
- Be kind and compassionate to one another (Eph. 4:32)
- Live in harmony toward one another (Rom. 12:16; 15:5)
- Love one another (John 13:34-35; 15:12, 17; Rom. 13:8)
- Pray for each other (Jas. 5:16)
- Serve one another in love (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:10)

Pastoral care and Congregational care

If everyone is everyone's responsibility than no one is anyone's responsibility