

Grief Care

Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To provide comfort and support to families and individuals within the church after the death of a family member
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The willingness to reach out, listen and simply be with another person as they experience grief • An understanding of the grief process and how it varies with each person • The ability to deliver a booklet on grief within a scheduled time period (the booklets are provided by the church)
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	There are no formal meetings. When a family is assigned to a member of the team, the team member contacts them and visits to take the first grief book, then calls them at least three more times during the year, at the time they receive the remaining books. Visits typically last 10-30 minutes depending on the needs of the bereaved (may be shorter or longer, again based on emotional needs as determined by the team member).
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picking up the first grief book from Joyce Day, calling the family, setting up a time to meet if they are receptive, then taking the book to them. • Reminding the family that the church is here to support them and that the GriefShare group is available to them. • Making follow up calls during the year, and letting the pastors know if the person needs additional help.
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	GriefShare, by making referrals
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	By sharing God's love for people at a difficult time, we remind them that God and the church community care for them in their grief. They are not alone.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	The work is rewarding. Most people are very grateful for the visits and the calls.
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