

Overview

What is it?

The Shepherd's ministry is a prayer and visitation ministry that God uses to care for members within the church. In addition, the Shepherds fulfill an important role during worship services. They minister each week to the people around them. This may involve recognizing needs, greeting people, helping seat people, becoming available during communion to pray, helping families with children understand our children's ministry and the Family room. In essence, they are ready and available to take initiative.

Why is it important?

Jesus said "by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." One significant way we express love as a church is when leaders (Shepherds) praying for and visiting those in need.

Who are the Shepherds?

A Shepherd is a person who is recognized by a pastor or staff member as spiritually mature. They exemplify love and care for others and take initiative to minister when they recognize needs. The elders select, equip, and coordinate the Shepherds ministry.

Training

You will be trained by elders and existing Shepherds and partnered together so everyone in the ministry succeeds.

A Signed Purity Clause

Crossroads Shepherd's Ministry



Purpose

Shepherd's provides feeding, leading, gathering together, protecting, anointing and spiritual healing to the congregation. Shepherds participate in worship services, by praying for, and with the congregation, leading people to Christ, and being available to assist pastoral staff, elders, and decision counselors.

Ministry Expectations

Shepherds are expected to continue in their previous ministries (teaching, finance, youth, leading small groups, missions, etc.) that they are currently serving. We are asking that Shepherd's commit to serve at least two Sundays a month and one Monday (if available every other month)

Comments:

Being a Shepherd should not be viewed as a status to be sought. Rather, it is a calling to greater ministry to be entered into willingly, after prayerful consideration.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify those who are currently serving as Shepherds and those who desire to serve as a Shepherd.

Your Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Name/Ages: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of membership at Crossroads: _____ **Years Attended Crossroads:** _____

Are you an immersed believer? Yes _____ **No** _____ **Year baptized:** _____

1. We Believe in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and that they are distinct personalities with distinct roles, but one God. And that One God is the Creator of the universe.
2. We Believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in its entirety and that it does not contradict itself. It is our guide.
3. We Believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross, and was raised from the grave. He will return as our victorious Lord.
4. We Believe our salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and cannot be earned. It is a gift of God.
5. We Believe the church, as the body of Christ, is the extension of Jesus Christ's character, attitude, behavior, and mission in our world today.
6. We Believe faith in Jesus requires repentance, confession of that faith before witnesses, and obedience to His Word. Baptism by immersion demonstrates our faith and obedience while it depicts our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
7. We Believe man was created in the image of God and that He gives gifts to both men and women through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the church's ministry.
8. We Believe everyone who accepts Christ has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who acts as a Comforter, Guide, and Advocate.
9. We Believe that humility in prayer is the foundation for all we do and that celebrating communion together weekly is beneficial for all Christians.
10. We Believe marriage has been established by God. This church defines "marriage" as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of "marriage" found in these Articles.

Do you agree completely with the above statements? Yes _____ No _____

When and what circumstances did you accept Jesus as Lord?

Do you believe you have been called to be a Shepherd? Yes_____ No_____

Have you ever served as a Shepherd? Yes_____ No_____ (If yes, when, where, and how long?)

What Ministries are you currently serving in?

Is there anything in your personal background that may hinder your serving as a Shepherd?

As described in 1Tim.3 and Titus1

Yes_____No_____ If yes, please describe:

Briefly describe the following:

Your prayer life:

Your devotional life (e.g., personal Bible study, spiritual disciplines, etc.)

Do you regularly attend Crossroads Church worship services? Yes _____ No _____

Are you consistent with tithing Yes _____ No _____

How would you present the plan of salvation to a non-believer?

On a scale of one (novice) to 10 (scholar), how would you assess your biblical knowledge? Please explain.

Your Signature: _____ Date _____

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Please indicate below, your availability to serve as a Shepherd:

(Please circle)

Sundays: 9:00a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. (Worship Services)

10:30 a.m. at Elsinore campus

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. (Chapel prayer and anointing)

Hospital/Home Visitations: Yes No (as needed)

Name _____ Date _____