

Care Ministry System - Responding to and caring for during a major life event

- 97% of all new people to a church had a major life transition 2 to 3 months before visit
- 80% of previously active - had a major life transition and their church did not know about or provide adequately.

Informal	Formal
Geographic	Relational networks
Groups	Care-givers (start with care-givers)
Pre Package	Self-designed
Comprehensive	Selective issues (major life transitional events)

Types of Caring Contacts:

Recognition and appreciation	Notes and letters
Telephone calls	Group meetings
Personal visits	Referral to an expert
Emails	

Characteristics of Capable Care-givers or Care coordinators

Christian
Confidential
Conscientious
Caring
Consistent

Example: each coordinator has 6 or 7 families build on relationship and trust between caregiver and care receiver. 1/3 of the church doesn't need it; in a group that provides it. Evangelism team oversees newcomers; people less than a year in the church. Then they go on to the Care Coordination Team. Call monthly, see how you and everyone in the family are doing, how is the health of everyone? Work ok? Anything you'd like us to remember in prayer? Within your 6 or 7 families, you ask who is willing to help with what - cards, calls, cooking, visiting, house-sitting on day of funeral, etc. The card coord. does not have to do it all.

Issues for care: The average American has one of these(or other events) every 18 months

1. Death
2. illness
3. change of job
4. birth of child
5. marriage
6. divorce
7. shut-in
8. retirement
9. change of residence
10. child leaving home
11. pregnancy
12. first child in school