

## WHAT ARE CARE TEAMS?

Care Teams provide a coordinated way for NPC to respond to the real-life needs of individuals and families. A Care Team is a group of 6-10 volunteers doing what they like to do. A Care Team Coordinator leads each team. Together, they offer practical Christian support to their Care Partner, who is challenged by health related conditions—often due to a recent trauma, surgery, or illness. A Care Team will support its care partner for one to six months—with three months being typical.

Care Team members help with real life needs, such as:

- ◆ Respite care
- ◆ Household chores and repairs
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Gardening and yard work
- ◆ Errands and Meals
- ◆ Social outings
- ◆ Phone calls and letter writing
- ◆ Ministry of presence

## WHO ARE CARE TEAM VOLUNTEERS?

- ◆ Teens
- ◆ Young Adults

- ◆ Middle Adults
- ◆ Older Adults

## HOW DO CARE TEAMS FUNCTION?

The Care Team Ministry is part of the Serve Ministries with oversight by the Board of Deacons. The Care Team Ministry complements related NPC ministries—pastoral care, deacon care, Stephen Ministry, and In-Touch Ministry. As part of a team, volunteers are encouraged to use their particular gifts and their available time to offer secondary care that is a concrete expression of the “hands and feet” of the Gospel in a person’s life.

When a need arises, the Care Team Leaders evaluate the request for a Care Team in collaboration with the Pastor for Serve Ministries. When a Care Team is formed, trained individuals are invited to join the team because of their gifts, interests, and willingness to serve. The nature and size of the team may change and adapt as circumstances and situations change. The team meets monthly for a “59-minute” planning session. This meeting is dedicated to prayer for the Care Partner and assignments

for the coming month. The time contribution of individual care team members will vary from one to several hours per month.

## 2009 ORIENTATION

8:30 a.m. – Coffee  
9:00 a.m. – Session I  
12:00 p.m. – Lunch  
12:45 p.m. – Session II  
3:00 p.m. – Program Ends

**Note:** All Care Team members complete the six-hour orientation before serving. An in-service program is provided annually.



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I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love  
one another.  
By this everyone will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.

—John 13:34-35



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## NPC Care Teams

### Responding to Real Life Needs

Helping by doing  
what we can,  
when we can,  
where we can  
in the name of Christ.

