

# Visitation Guidelines for Pastor and Elders

## Hospital Visits

It is our desire to visit the member A.S.A.P. after being notified. Future visits while the member is in the hospital or at home recuperating will be based on the condition of the member and/or a request of the member or their family. The Pastor or Elder should contact the Board of Elders after they are notified.

## Surgical Procedures

For those entering a hospital/surgical center for surgical procedures, their desire for a visit before and/or after the surgery should be communicated to the Pastor or an Elder. If desired, they can also request to have the Pastor or an Elder visit with their family during the time of surgery. The Pastor or Elder should contact the Board of Elders after they are notified.

## Hospice Visits

It is our desire to visit the member A.S.A.P. after being notified. The Pastor or Elder will lead the member and any family members who are present through the Rite of Commendation of the Dying. It is also our desire then to meet, when possible, with the member weekly until the time of death. The member or their family may request more frequent visits and the Pastor and Elders will try to meet that request. The Pastor or Elder should contact the Board of Elders after they are notified.

## Homebound and Nursing Home Visits

It is our desire to visit monthly with the member(s), if the member desires to be visited more frequently then the Pastor and Elders will try to meet that request. It is our desire that if a visit cannot be made, because of the member's condition or location or any other justifiable reason, contact will be made monthly by phone or card. All new information on homebound or nursing home visits will be shared at the next Elders' meeting.

## Yearly Visits

It is our desire to have contact with every member family throughout the year. If you would like the Pastor or an Elder to visit with you in person, please contact them to arrange a time and place.