



# Special Needs Ministry

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# Table Discussion

➤ Question 1:

Have you or someone you know faced a crisis that just seemed like one hurdle after the next? Share with you table.

➤ Question 2:

Share of a time in your life when someone stepped into one of your difficult circumstances and did or said something that helped you trust God in your personal storm?



# The Fastrup Family – our life with special needs





# Mission Statement

REAL  
PEOPLE  
THAT LIVE  
TO LEAD  
OTHERS TO  
**FIND LIFE**  
**IN CHRIST!**



## Being Intentional

Galatians 6:2 NIV

**<sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

Romans 12:5 NIV

**<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**





Why do  
we need  
a Special  
Needs  
Ministry?

**God uses a life with  
special needs to  
display the power of  
Christ!  
(2 Cor.12:9)**

**We ALL need each  
other in the body of  
Christ.  
(1 Cor 12:21-22)**

**Every person in our  
church family is  
valuable and has a  
God given purpose!  
(Ephesians 2:10)**

**God has called and  
equipped ALL His  
children to serve His  
Kingdom.  
(1 Thess. 5:11)**

# Special Needs Ministry and our Values

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Healthy Relationships

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Laughter

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Creativity

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One Step Better



## Hebrews 10:24-25

- ➡ <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.







## Being Intentional

➡ John 13:34- 35 ESV

**<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**



## Special Needs and the Unique Challenges they face

**Isolation**

**Fear/Judgement**

**Volume of Appointments/New Medical  
Diagnosis**

**Navigating changes in needs**

**Lack of Resources**

# Our South Peoria Baptist Church Family Highlight

**Greg & Andrea Nichols**





## How can our Church Family help?

1. Reaching out to our Church Families
2. Connecting and Including our Families
3. Listen and Pray with our Families
4. Providing Resources & Practical Care

*We as the church have been given a great opportunity to reach out to people who are hurting. It isn't accomplished by saying platitudes, but by digging down deep and doing life with them so that we can speak truth over their weary hearts! We may even find that they are co-laborers who speak truth into our lives in ways we never imagined!*



# Vision for Special Needs Ministry

- Special Needs Director Position
  - Sensory/Quiet Room
  - Recruiting Volunteers
  - Training
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