

Christian Caregiving

Welcome aboard!

Christian Caregiving and FBC's Mission

- Out of a desire to glorify God as a spiritual community, the mission of Fellowship Bible Church is to **prepare** and **deploy dependent disciples** of Jesus Christ who **change their world** for Him as they are being **changed by Him**.

Christian Caregiving and FBC's Values

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Loving God
fully

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Loving
Biblical
Truth

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Loving the
Family

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Loving the
Church

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Loving the
World

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I Thessalonians 2:7-8

Matthew 22:37-40

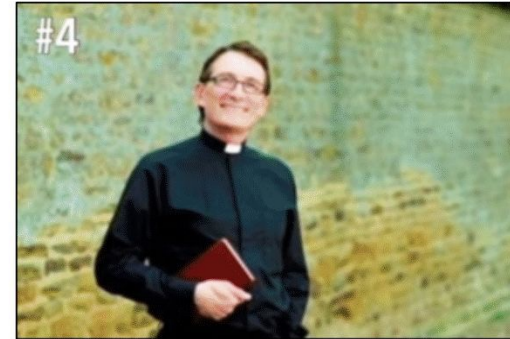
I Peter 4:8-11

John 15:12

Galatians 5:13-14

Pick-A-Pic Exercise

Which photo do you believe most represents 'Care' or 'Caring,' and **Why?**



“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #1

- This photo depicts caring with “benevolence”. Consistent with Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, some folks feel strongly about ensuring people’s basic needs (e.g., food, clothing, shelter) are met. While generosity and being charitable certainly play a role in sustaining human life, the challenge often finding the balance between being the church and becoming a social service agency.

“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #2

- This photo indicates caring is about doing something to be helpful, as if to suggest their presence (aka, being) is not enough. While some folks tend to hide behind tasks, others comment that delivering a plate of cookies or a meal, albeit more social, provides a reason to visit and a chance to win the right to be heard.

“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #3

- This photo indicates a need to exert control in an effort to help. Despite a general frustration with people who are quick to give advice or seem to have an answer for everything, as humans, a natural tendency is to want to help fix “the problem.”
- FYI: this is the most frequently picked pic following #2.

“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #4

- People who select this photo typically associate care with pastors and traditional care concerns (e.g. hospital visits, death, grieving). Though ALL Christians are commanded to love one another, some folk abdicate caring to clergy as they feel unprepared and (spiritually) inadequate.

“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #5

- People who select this photo tend to see one of two things. A favorable response is when people associate caring with divine appointments and as a chance to slow down. Most people who pick the bench see caring as a chance to engage in meaningful conversation and connect with people on a deeper level.
- A less frequent and favorable response acknowledges that no one is sitting on the bench. Some folks comment how sad it is that everyone is too busy and we have lost the wholesomeness and sense of community reflected in the Andy Griffith TV show. Others acknowledge that many people feel alone, don't have anyone to talk with, or that no one really cares. Many seem to accept the fact that's just the way it is nowadays.

“Care” and “Caring”: Photo #6

- People who choose this photo tend to see caring as a chance to cultivate (aka disciple people). We contend that the photo of the seedling is the best choice as it suggests new life: the chance to grow and flourish despite what may appear to be unfavorable circumstances. In spite of our brokenness, our sinful nature, and the situations and struggles we face, when Jesus is our Lord and Savior, there is always hope.

“It is our care for the helpless, our practice of lovingkindness, that brands us in the eyes of many of our opponents. ‘Only look,’ they say, ‘look how they love one another’ (they themselves being given over to mutual hatred). ‘Look how they are prepared to die for one another’ (they themselves being readier to kill each other). Thus had this saying become a fact, ‘Hereby shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.’” Tertullian (AD 155-220)

Care Considerations

- Relational Support
- Charitable gestures
- Community Service
- Humanitarian Aid
- Philanthropic Support
- Soul Care (Discipleship)
- Missions and Outreach (Evangelism)

The Samaritan Woman

○ John 4:1-45