

Shepherding Plan for Briarwood Presbyterian Church

“Shepherding All The Flock Among Us”

1 Peter 5:1-4

Our Call and Command : To Shepherd all the Flock - Acts 20:28

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for (shepherd) the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”

His Heart, Our Call & Resources:

- ❖ Holy Call - Called by God
- ❖ Empowered Call - He will do the work through you
- ❖ Valuable Call - Love of Christ; He shed His own blood for His sheep
- ❖ Specific Call - Care for, shepherd all the flock, the Church of God
- ❖ Needed Call – Protection from enemies of Christ, Provision of the Word of Christ

Our Goal : Every Member of Briarwood to have a Shepherd

- Shepherd to know their Sheep, and Sheep know their Shepherd
- Consistent Personal Shepherding Contact
- Deliberate, Proactive and Responsive Shepherding Contact

Strategy of our Plan: (4300 Communing Members with Children – 3600 Communing Members)

- ❖ Apply the Jethro Principle - Ex. 18:13-23
 - Larger Groups into Smaller Groups (1000s, 100s, 50s, 10s)
- ❖ Shepherd by Adult Sunday School Communities (Congregational Communities)
- ❖ Each SS Community develop a plan to implement this shepherding strategy
- ❖ Shepherding plans in each Congregational Community can vary. However, the plan should be evaluated regularly to ensure effectiveness.
- ❖ One shepherding plan most of our SS Communities use is: One (1) Couple will Shepherd Four/Five (4/5) Couples.
- ❖ In each Community’s shepherding plan, every family unit and single adult will be assigned to a Shepherd. This will ensure no one “falls through the cracks” in our shepherding the flock.

Who will Shepherd?

- ❖ Elders will develop a plan to provide shepherding oversight in each SS Community.
- ❖ Elders and non-elder members with shepherding gifts, will shepherd in each SS Community.
- ❖ Couples will join together as a team in shepherding everyone in the SS Community.

Shepherd’s Responsibility – To Shepherd/ CARE for the Flock of Christ

- ❖ It is important for each shepherd to know their responsibilities to shepherd. This includes who they shepherd and what their shepherding will consist of.
- ❖ It is recommended that each Shepherd would at least cover the **C. A. R. E.** model.
 - C**ontact - 1 time per month/ Call / Talk with/ Pray with them
 - A**ware – of Needs, you are first point of shepherding care
 - R**elationship - personal contact, 1 time a quarter
 - E**ncourage - spiritually & personally

Impact

God will use our Shepherding Plan to catapult His people forward to live out the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission!