

Shepherding & Congregational Care (*Elder Care*)

One of the roles for Elders at Beautiful Savior is to assist the pastoral staff in providing care for all members of the Flock. To help in providing this care, all members at BSLC are assigned an elder.

The elder overseeing a flock will provide frequent contact with the members under his care. The elder is available to hear any needs or concerns a flock member might have, treating all conversations in a confidential manner. He will offer them and their family support and resources for both spiritual and physical needs, praying with them, visiting them at home and/or in the hospital as helpful and appropriate, and providing a means for communion when needed. The elder will encourage consistent participation in worship (including in-person worship when possible), Sunday school classes, and Small Group Bible Studies, as well as other congregational events that provide spiritual growth and fellowship.

It is hoped that the relationship between the elder and flock member will develop over time, becoming a two-way relationship. Members are encouraged to contact their elder anytime with urgent prayer requests or care needs, or even offering prayer and support to the elder.