

Ministry to Families

If I sign up to help with the Ministry to Families, what will I be asked to do?

New Members

The most critical time in the life of a Christian is the few weeks shortly after they have been born again through baptism. We are looking to develop a ministry that helps new members feel that they are a part of our church family. This ministry will involve getting to know new members, introducing them to other Christians with whom they can identify, and helping them grow in knowledge through one-on-one Bible study.

You might be asked to—

Make phone calls to other members

**Visit members, possibly in hospitals
or nursing homes**

**Take communion to someone who
can't attend for health reasons**

Send cards

Lead Bible studies

Be a caring friend

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What is the Ministry to Families?

Having a church family this size is a great blessing but is not without its challenges. Although there are many exciting ways to stay involved at Richland Road, there are times when individuals and sometimes entire families feel disconnected from the rest of the church family.

The Ministry to Families (MTF) strives to bridge that gap by communicating with members through phone calls, visits, and emails. In addition to serving the members as a whole, this group will develop efforts to serve the special needs of our shut-ins, our widows and widowers, and new members.



Members interested in joining this ministry will find that they enjoy talking with other church members, are good listeners, and are willing to make calls and visits as needed. Ministry to Families workers may be called on to bring communion to a shut-in member, or to help lead Bible studies for new Christians.

Communication and Connection

According to the book of Acts, the early Christians looked for opportunities to get together as often as they could, enjoying the fellowship of Christ Jesus. Our ministry looks to help one another stay connected to the body of Christ by phone calls, emails, and visits. If you've been away from the assembly for a couple of weeks, we'll reach out to keep you informed of all that's happening here at Richland Road.



Visits to Shut-Ins

Some of our members are not able to attend for several weeks due to illness or injury. This ministry seeks to identify those in this situation so that we might help them stay connected to the Richland Road Family. We will encourage members to visit our shut-ins as they are able, and will take Communion to those who would like to receive it.

Widows and Widowers

In Paul's letters, he talks about each church keeping a "List of Widows" to assure that the needs of these special members are not neglected. The Ministry to Families hopes to develop this ministry so that we can assure that our Widows and Widowers do not slip through the cracks. These members may need help with physical needs, repairs around the house, rides to doctor's appointments, or just someone to talk to.