

FPC Diaconate Committees

- **DIACONATE COMMITTEES**
 - **Congregational Care Committee**
 - Develops and oversees ministries of care for the members of FPC. The committee is divided into several groups, each focusing on a particular caring ministry. Some of these include:
 - **Grief Ministry**
 - Develops and coordinates ministries to those in grief. Organizes receptions following memorial services and holds periodic grief seminars.
 - **Member Care Ministry**
 - Contacts members who have been missing from worship several weeks to express concern over their absence and to find out if further care is needed.
 - **Card Ministry**
 - Sends cards to homebound members on a regular basis and to other members going through difficult times.
 - **Transportation Ministry**
 - Coordinates rides to worship for members who would otherwise be unable to attend.
 - **Flower Ministry**
 - Creates small flower arrangements from the larger ones present in Sunday worship. These are then taken to members by different groups of the church.
 - **Homebound Ministry**
 - Coordinates visitation to homebound members and others who may be lonely or in need. Assists in scheduling and preparing for homebound communion and other special visitation efforts such as delivery of poinsettias.

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- **Service Committee**
 - Organizes and coordinates special service projects of the Diaconate, such as the annual OIT/Andrews Center Christmas Party.
- **Evangelism Committee**
 - Leads the congregation in sharing the Good News of what God is doing in our midst at FPC with our larger community and inviting everyone to participate in God's work in and through this congregation.
 - **Greeters**
 - Welcome visitors and members to worship and other activities at FPC with smiling faces and by assisting them as needed.
 - **Welcome Council**
 - Extends a further greeting to our visitors by coordinating letters and brief home visits in a timely fashion to invite our visitors to return again.
 - **New Member Mentors**
 - Assist new members in getting involved with the life of our community of faith. This group also helps coordinate new/potential member gatherings and classes on a periodic basis.
- **Prayer Ministry**
 - Prays for and with the congregation in various ways including providing and maintaining the prayer boxes, assisting as intercessors in worship, as well as providing a prayer team for confidential concerns and a prayer calendar in the Steeple Times.
- **Stephen Ministry**
 - Provides Christian care for members and others who are going through difficult times by training and supervising ministers to join in one-to-one, confidential, care-giving relationships for the season needed.
 - **Swanson Yarbrough Guild**
Develops strategies to reach out into the community to invite people into the life of FPC Tyler.