

Visitation

According to Webster, one of the definitions of “visit” is “to go see in order to comfort or to help” (cf. James 1:27). Other reasons such as to show an act of friendship or courtesy are common. We go to visit the sick either in the hospital or in their homes. Our goal is usually to try and convey to them that we care for and love them. It is our way of expressing our feelings towards them.

Many of us have family members who are in nursing homes and assisted living facilities so they can be taken care of since we do not have the medical knowledge to give them the proper care they need. It is sad to say, but in too many cases they are just left there, forgotten and neglected by their own family members. At the present time we have around 32 of our church family members listed on our sick list, not including other family relatives and friends. Most are not in the hospital or nursing homes but nonetheless they still have needs. A visit (comfort or help) is a good way for us to show our love and concern for them.

James 1:27 states, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” This applies to all Christians regardless of the position held in the church. We cannot leave it up to Edwin or the elders or deacons to accomplish all of the visitation required. It is our responsibility as Christians to make visits. We need to be looking out for one another; encouraging and taking care of those who are in need. The blessings of getting involved and doing the Lord’s work can be so rewarding to those who become involved.

Edwin, over the past several years, has done a fantastic job in this area and as he starts his new duties, there will be a very big void unless we as a congregation step up and fill it. The elders are asking each of you to consider this a good opportunity to help. Make visits. May God bless you as you bring comfort and help to others.

For the elders,
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