



BBC
CARE

*God's love in action...
everyone, everyday, everywhere.*



A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE LOVELL

Loving God and loving people is a value that is modelled in numerous ways throughout the life of our church at Bendigo Baptist. From our large group gatherings right down to the intimacy of our numerous small group settings, the idea that 'people truly matter' permeates everything that we do.

Jesus clearly expected that his followers would 'love the LORD their God with all their heart, all of their soul and with all their mind' and also they would strive to 'love their neighbour as themselves.' (Matthew 22:37-39) As a consequence, BBC Care exists to demonstrate God's love and care in practical ways to all those around us. Whether it be a kind word, a prayerful thought, a loving visit, a timely card or even a sumptuous meal in a time of crisis, our care teams work hard to provide loving support to anyone and everyone in their time of need.

Would you like to use your gifts and make a difference in the lives of others by being the hands and feet of Jesus? Come join BBC Care and together we can make a difference by showing those around us that 'people truly matter'.

Blessings
Pastor Dave Lovell

INTRODUCING “BBC CARE”

At BBC we believe that we are all called to care for one another. We believe that a healthy church looks like a connected and caring community. There are many ways that support, love and care are given and received at any one time. Sometimes this is obvious, often it's mostly a lot of small, unseen expressions of love. As we grow larger as a church, we need structures to help us move in step with one another, ensuring we grow deeper as well.

WHAT HAPPENED TO “PASTORAL CARE”?

The name change from Pastoral Care to BBC Care points to an important biblical principle. We believe that a healthy, nurturing environment is built when everyone grasps the opportunity to be connected and caring. In a very real way, belonging to the family of God comes with the responsibility of being part of BBC Care. This is the vision for His church that Jesus outlines in John 13:

“This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Our new name reflects what we hope the community will see - that BBC Care.

CARING GOD'S WAY - LIFE GROUPS



Here at BBC, We believe that God would have us shape our lives in a way that has us regularly and intentionally connecting with people who we know well, and who know us well-like a family, Life Group or Ministry Team.

As we share life together, we become more connected and the natural overflow is the kind of authentic love and care that just happens.

However, we know that there are reasons and seasons where different kinds of care or extra support is required- this is where BBC Care steps in. We have identified 5 areas of care and have teams in each of these areas.

I. PRAYER



We believe that every circumstance should be brought before God. God's heart is for His children to speak with Him during the good times and the challenging, knowing that He hears us and answers prayer.

Depending on the nature and sensitivity of the issue, prayer points can be directed in a number of ways:

Prayer Ministry Team

This team serves after both morning and evening services. If you require on the spot prayer, please approach one of our caring team down the front after the service and they would be only too happy to listen and to pray with you.

Emergency Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer in an emergency, please contact the BBC office or a pastor and they will put the chain in motion.

Monday Prayer Notes

Prayer Notes is emailed to intercessors on a Monday. Fill in a prayer request card and leave in the offering bag or the blue box located near the office window in the foyer, phone the office or go to the BBC website and follow the prompts.

BBC Weekly Prayer Points

Prayer for all the church family. Please contact the church office by Wednesday to put in a prayer request to be included in the Weekly.



2. VISITATION CARE

Whether it be a time of illness, tragedy, hardship or shut in, our team of carers, including our pastors, enjoy sharing God's love by sitting and listening, praying and sharing communion when this is requested.



3. FOOD TIDINGS

Our meals ministry team are wonderful at showing love during challenging times through a home cooked meal.



4. CRISIS CARE & PASTORAL COUNSELLING

For those experiencing a crisis and need more specialised care, pastoral counselling, resources and/or referral to professional services is available.



5. CARDS

A ministry where words of life are spoken into hearts of those walking through a time of trial, challenge or celebration. Receiving a card containing words of comfort, support and encouragement can be a powerful and affirming gift of love.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE BBC CARE TEAM?

God has placed spiritual gifts in each one of His children. Gifts such as intercession, mercy, hospitality, service, encouragement and more. Using and growing in these gifts are a vital part of discipleship and becoming a mature follower.

If you have gifts that you would like to share please leave your name and details at the Connect Desk on a Sunday, at the office or by contacting Michelle Cook on Michelle.Cook@bendigobaptist.org.au .

HOW CAN I ACCESS CARE?

We are convinced that God's ideal plan is for you to commit to a Life Group and/or a Ministry team.

We realise that this is not always possible depending on the season that you are in. If your rhythm of life doesn't have you sharing time and space with believers outside of a Sunday service, please leave your name on a Connect Card and drop it in the blue box, chat with someone at the Connect Desk or make contact via the BBC website - www.bendigobaptist.org.au/care - we would love to help you get connected.

Beyond that, if you become aware of a situation in our church that requires care, please call the office or send an email to Michelle.Cook@bendigobaptist.org.au It would be our privilege to stand with you as we make our church a truly connected and caring community.



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