

Adult Sunday School - Part 1 – Pastoral Care

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and ***you took care of me***, I was in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35–36).

Pastoral care has always been of special importance in the Christian community; and in the Christian family.

ACNA 2019 Book of Common Prayer –
Ordination of a Priest – the Exhortation from the
Bishop to the Ordinand

***You have heard, during the Church’s
discernment of your vocation and in the Holy***

Scriptures themselves, how weighty is this Office to which you are called.

I now exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord.

You are to teach, to premonish (warn before hand), to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep which are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Wherefore, consider the ends of your ministry to the children of God. Work diligently, with your whole heart, to bring those in your care into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God, and to maturity in Christ...

The five ministries of clergy are: leading worship, preaching, teaching, administration and evangelism, (I might move #5 to #2)

Your Team: Your line up:

Father Michael Fry, Rector ASAC

Father Don Hutchins – Priest for Pastoral Care

Father Alan Hansen – Priest & Teacher

Father Joey Fitzgerald – Rector & Church
Planter, St. Barnabas, Newnan

Deacon Jeff Lamb – Bishop's Deacon

Father Cass Daly – “semi-retired” helper

Pope Gregory I the Great. *“Pastoral Care”*,
apprx. 590AD – written for Bishops

This became a textbook for Medieval Bishops
and priests. It emphasized the role of the pastor
as ‘shepherd of souls’.

It is more than : *“How are you?”*

We are shepherds, not psychologists nor psychiatrists



Shepherd's Staff

Gently bring back, Guide (guard rails), Nudge (poke, admonish)

All of the above with a Biblical word view, outlook and attitude.

Bishop's Crozier (Middle English – from French



“crocier” – bearer of the cross

1st mentioned in 633AD at the fourth Council of Toledo as a symbol for Bishops to use.

In Peter 5: 2 Peter teaches, *"shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you...*

7 generally recognized Purposes of Pastoral Care

1. Spiritual care - is the offering of spiritual guidance, support and direction to individuals, families, and groups.
2. Emotional care - is the process that provides *empathetic support* to individuals and families.
3. Social care - is, usually, referral to local agencies – or finding mentors
4. Physical care – is, usually, referral to medical or psychological professionals
5. Counseling/advising - is the process of helping individuals resolve personal concerns *conversationally* and achieve their goals
6. Advocacy - is the process of working to improve the quality of life for others.
7. Education - is the process of acquiring knowledge and skills that will enable individuals to function effectively in society and church life.

The Seven Functions of Pastoral Care are:

to listen (well)

to understand

to counsel (advise, recommend, suggest, guide)

to teach

to encourage (reassure, hearten, embolden, inspire)

to support

to advocate

Bone Fides:

BA – History Secondary Ed, & Economics
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M.Div – Masters of Divinity

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Taught: High School History & Phys.Ed.
College Economics 101, Seminary: Theory and
Practice of Worship, Georgia Military College:
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*But, no one cares how much you know until
they know how much you care...*