

# SHEPHERDING MINISTRY OVERVIEW

## WHO Shepherds at Trinity? - Roles

- **Members** - *Every member at Trinity is a shepherd. The New Testament contains almost sixty “One Another” commandments. Summarized, these commandments call us to be with, under, before, behind, and for one another. We are ...*
  - *Physically present and doing life **WITH** one another.*
  - *Faithfully upholding and **UNDER** one another in prayer.*
  - *Humbly confessing our sins **BEFORE** one another.*
  - *Emotionally and lovingly in support **BEHIND** one another.*
  - *Encouragingly speaking **FOR** one another to live out of the Gospel.*
- **Elder** - *God has also given leaders to the church who lead and care for His people. (Hebrews 13:17)*

## HOW do we shepherd at Trinity? - Values

- *We follow the example and the heart of Jesus - The Good Shepherd. Shepherding is both a process and personal. It is systematic and sympathetic.*
  - **Relationship**
  - **Gospel**
  - **Discipleship**
  - **Care**

## WHEN do we shepherd at Trinity? - Methods

- *We shepherd all the time. Shepherding is not reserved only for the crisis events in our lives. Shepherding is the everyday practice of the church.*
- *Psalm 23:4 says, “Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”*
  - **The Staff:** *We shepherd one another during the good times, encouraging and guiding.*
  - **The Rod:** *We shepherd one another during the bad times, correcting and goading.*

## WHY do we shepherd at Trinity? - Outcomes

- Shepherding with the “Staff” builds up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).
- Shepherding with the “Rod” brings the straying back to Jesus and into fellowship with one another (1 Peter 2:25; 5:10). The goals of shepherding with the rod are ...
  - **Restoring** - *Fostering repentance that leads to reconciliation and healing*
  - **Confirming** - *Vindicating the truth and supporting the offended*
  - **Strengthening** - *Patiently supporting the weak and fainthearted*
  - **Establishing** - *Writing the story of God's grace over our messes*

## WHAT does Shepherding look like at Trinity? - Pathways

- **Caring** - Community Groups & Care Teams
- **Situations** - Gospel Shepherding Teams
- **Cases (Admonition)** - Shepherding Team
- **Cases (Discipline)** - Session