Care Deacon Ministry Description:

Deacons in the Bible:

Deacons are one of God’s many gifts to the church. They are official servants in the church who use their gifts, abilities and time to build up the body of Christ and accomplish the practical activities of ministry.

Because Deacons are an important position in the church, the position should be filled by people with proven, godly character, as is described in the Bible’s instructions in 1 Timothy:

1Tim. 3:8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Care Deacons:

In Jesus’ kingdom, we are all called to love and care for each other:

1Pet. 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart

In addition to the church wide mandate to care for each other, Jesus gives grace to some people for a particular joy and ability to care for the hurting and those in crisis:

Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

So the Care Deacon is a deacon in the church who is gifted for and committed to caring for people, and find it particularly life-giving. A Care Deacon is someone with a recognized role for fulfilling the ministry of the church by caring for people.

1 Phil 1:1
2 Acts 6:1-6
Activities and Responsibilities:

- This person would accept the call to serve Jesus at Calvary as a Care Deacon at Calvary Chapel.
- The Care Deacon will keep a joyful and faithful personal walk with Jesus, walking in the light about their life.
- They will seek out God’s appointed opportunities to care for people and be used for 'God moments' in caring for people.
- The Care Deacon will be available, as time permits, to meet with people in the church who would like to connect and talk.
- The Care Deacon will be available, as time permits, for the pastoral staff invite into situations to help carry the load of ministering to the church
- The Care Deacon would also serve the church by being in healthy communication with pastors/elders about how people are doing, if things are improving or getting worse.

The Charge:

- To walk with the Lord, careful to live worthy of a deacon of the church
- To minister to the people of Calvary as the Lord leads
- To be faithful to maintain the peace and unity of Calvary Chapel