



Suggestions On When to Call The Pastor

Dear Friends,

Many people have the idea that the only time that they should call their pastor is when someone is critically ill or when there is a death in the family. This is a very limited view of the ministry. The most obvious work of the Pastor is to preach and teach the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. However another effective part of his ministry is often in the personal relationships with members during times of great significance to them.

Listed here are some occasions when your Pastor may be helpful. The list is not exhaustive, but simply to suggest situations when your Pastor can bring help to you using the resources of the Church. And of course, any conversation with the Pastor of a confidential nature stays confidential. So, when should you call the Pastor?

- When you are going to the hospital
- When faced with difficult decisions
- When there is a crisis for faith
- When contemplating marriage
- When there are issues in the family
- When a baby is born
- When death strikes
- When your world is seemingly falling apart
- When addiction is a problem
- When you know of someone in need of a pastor or in need of spiritual help
- When there is a prolonged reaction to grief
- When troubled by your sin and are in need of God's forgiveness
- When you would like to receive God's blessing

As your Pastor ***I am always available for personal help and guidance.***

Please know that I am honored to be your pastor and that I hold all of you in my prayers. May God continue to bless you and surprise you with His Goodness in Christ!

In Christ's service and yours,

Pastor Davidson