

CARE CONNECT



A Message from Congregational Care

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As the days grow shorter and leaves begin to fall, let's embrace this season of change together. It's a perfect time to reflect, renew, and find peace in our hearts. Remember, just as the trees let go of their leaves, we too can let go of past burdens and embrace a fresh start. We remain committed to walking with you, offering prayer, support, and presence in both joyful and difficult times.

In this issue of CARE CONNECT, may you find encouragement, helpful resources, and stories of hope. Stay connected this fall, and let your kindness be a comforting touch to someone in need.

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Tuesday
December 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.
CT Walker Chapel

September

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September-December

Divorce Care Support Group

September -December

Senior Saints Sharing Group

TESTIMONIALS

Your Voices of Hope: Stories from Those We Serve

Here are a few testimonials from those who have experienced support.

Grief: Loss of A Spouse

“As we go about “doing life”, we don’t always think about what we know will happen to each of us. When it is God’s time, (not ours) we will leave this earthly place and the only thing we can hope for is that we are leaving it better than when we were here. After 43 years of marriage to the best man I know, God called him home. I never thought the grief would go away and it hadn’t, but I am coming to terms with the fact that this was God’s time and not mine. I would not have been able to get through such a difficult time had it not been for Rev. Wanda Richardson, Rev. Sonya London, the ladies in the grief share meeting and of course the staff at Tab. I cried more than I have talked, but that has been acceptable and even encouraged. I have better days now than I had in the beginning and God is walking with me through this process. I can actually say my husband’s name now without crying. Some days are better than others, but I have no doubts that things will continue to get better. If you have to go through this process after losing someone you love, just remember, Psalm 30:3. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning”. *Cathy Peebles*

Care Bible Study

“Care Bible Study has opened an opportunity for me to dedicate one hour once a week to learn more about God’s instruction on how I can be more like him. The illustrations, the thought questions to work on during the week, and sharing from others helps me get closer to God and be a Doer of the Word. Our facilitators are so warm and welcoming. Their famous phrase is, “there are no wrong answers”. I made a covenant to God to spend more time knowing Him. What better way than to take advantage of the Care Bible Study, it helps me fuel my love for God.” *Pat Johnson*

Seniors Saints Monthly Conference Calls

“I find joy and excitement just listening to the different comments and words of wisdom shared by members of the group. Each voice brings something meaningful, and it lifts my spirit every time. It warms my heart to hear how others talk about having Jesus as a friend, someone who advocates for us during times of trials and tribulations. Knowing that we are not alone in our struggles brings love and happiness to my soul. The words of encouragement shared remind us that God’s grace is freely given, and that true peace comes only from Him. I also appreciate the insights from the program about the importance of worship and how giving can be a powerful expression of faith. These lessons I learn help me reflect on my own spiritual journey. Overall, the worship program inspires me. It reminds me that others care, and encourages us to trust God as our protector, stay humble, seek His Word, pray, share, and study His Word, so that we, in turn, can be a blessing to others.”

Missouri Harris, Atlanta

CARE FALL EVENTS

CARE BIBLE STUDY: The Good Samaritan

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 25; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3

SHARING WITH SENIOR SAINTS GROUP

Wednesdays, September 24; October 22; November 19; December 17

PRAYER CORNER

Dear God, we thank you for the season of change. Calm our hearts, renew our spirits, and give us eyes to see Your beauty around us. May this season of reflection and renewal guide us to Thanksgiving, where our hearts overflow with gratitude and love. We ask you to cover our Pastor, families, church, and community in Your protection. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Submit your requests by emailing: pray4me@tbcaugusta.org.

Tips and Resources

Check out these resources for support: local support groups, online forums, and care strategies. Visit NAMI Family Support Groups at augustanami@gmail.com and CSRA Resource Guide for more information.

Feedback

We value your input! Please share your experiences with Congregational Care, any suggestions, or topics you would like to see covered in the future. Send to congregationalcare@tbcaugusta.org.

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