

6 Things You Need to Know About the Member²Member Ministry

Lighthouse Christian Center

1. There is a Ministry for that

M²M is part of our larger *Congregational Care Ministry* at Lighthouse. Along with Pastoral Counseling and Benevolence, M²M will bring ministry to the congregation through such things as:

- Hospital & Home Visitation
- Meal Train ministry
- Helping Hands
- Phone call follow-ups
- Women Shepherds

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

2. The Bible Encourages M²M style ministry

- Exodus 18:17-23 The Advice of Moses' Father-in-Law
- Acts 6:1-4, 7 The Seven Chosen to Serve
- Ephesians 4:11-16 God's Plan to Equip the Saints for Ministry

- Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV

3. M²M ministry builds congregational health

Once again, the words from the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4... it is "the saints" who are to be engaged in the "work of ministry" so that the congregation is healthy and functions properly... "so that it builds itself up in love."

4. Serving in M²M will deepen your faith

M²M encourages you to actively engage in several of the congregation's Core Values:

- **Grace-Filled Relationships** – because we are all in process, we foster a healthy, "come as you are" culture, while at the same time urging one another on to life a life-changing relationship with God
- **Hands on Ministry** – We encourage one another to discover our God-given gifts and passions and then put them to use
- **Faithfulness with God's Resources** – We responsibly use whatever God gives in order to effectively accomplish whatever God assigns

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5. M²M supports the mission & extends the reach of the congregation

Lighthouse's mission is *"To be a Christ-centered community, reaching out every day to make more and better disciples."* As you engage in these ministries, you are stretching your discipleship muscles... you are putting your faith in action... you are sharing the love of Jesus in very tangible ways. When you serve in M²M you also extend the reach and love of the Lighthouse family far beyond what the pastoral staff is able to do. We can't be everywhere or meet every need... but as a body, we can. M²M equips and deploys you for practical, hands-on ministry and allows you to see God working through you.

6: You may find your place in M²M

There are times when God's people want to serve, but don't serve. Often, when they are asked why they aren't serving in some capacity in the congregation's life, these folks will say *"I just don't know where to start or when I would best fit."* M²M – one of the ministries under its umbrella – may just be what God has uniquely wired you for, or prepared you for in this season of life. By their very nature, these ministries have an ebb and flow to them. There may be weeks that go by with no one to visit in the hospital, or no one in need of help with small home repairs... and then there can be weeks when it seems like requests for help are coming every time we turn around. That is the nature of congregational care and M²M ministry.