

Procedure for Removing Delinquent Members from the Roll (Establishment of a Care List & Church Discipline of Delinquent Members)

Whereas, the elders at Ebenezer are very concerned & responsible for the souls of all attendees, but especially those who have entered into a covenant membership with one another (Hebrews 13:7-17), and

Whereas, the elders want to encourage & hold all members accountable for faithful attendance which is best for their soul (Hebrews 10:24-25), and

Whereas, the elders agree that it is **also** the responsibility of the congregation to care for the spiritual welfare of others who have become delinquent in their attendance (Romans 12:10-13),

Resolved, the elders establish a formal care list according to the following parameters in order to properly and gently restore delinquent members:

1. Each delinquent member who has not been in attendance for over 6 months will be added to the formal care list.
2. Each delinquent member will be contacted at the 6th month point with a letter & an attempted phone call from one of the membership & discipline committee.
3. The care list will be presented to the congregation two times a year at each business meeting (July & January). The congregation will be encouraged to make an attempt to contact the delinquent members encouraging them to return to fellowship & worship!
4. If after one year of non-attendance, the delinquent member will be removed from the Church role. A letter from the membership & discipline committee will be sent to the delinquent member informing him/her of the discipline that has taken place. The names of the delinquent members will be read at the nearby business meeting.