

Cancer Care Second Meeting

July 29, 2018

Present were Pastor Jared, Isak and LaDonna Skorohodov, Jim Kobzeff, Randy and Meliss Shults, Tracey Biviano, Lora LaMon, and Jo Mosgrove.

Thank you for coming and sharing, and thank you, Lora, for creating such a welcoming atmosphere and providing good eats! Those who were unable to come: you were missed and loved.

Jared gave a brief welcome and review of our last meeting, and everyone shared a little of their story, noting things that were helpful.

Here are some of the things mentioned as being especially helpful.

- A good system of support.
- Prayer.
- Knowing what to expect.
- Informative and devotional reading/resources.
- Someone to be a “second set of ears” at appointments.
- Meals.
- Others understanding your limits when you’re exhausted, nauseated, or in pain.
- Wisdom in setting boundaries, especially with toxic people.

If you know of others who have had cancer personally or been involved with others who have, please let Jared know. He would like to include them in this ministry if they’d like to participate.

Right now, as we in the office become aware of people who are just beginning their cancer journey, we try to connect them with one or two or three of you to follow up and encourage them (and you’ve been wonderful in responding). Down the road, we will do our best in various ways to enlarge this (perhaps a church-wide communication/survey, etc.).

Our hope is that this will be a volunteer-driven ministry rather than a staff-driven one, so please be praying that God will raise up someone(s) passionate and gifted in helping to develop, build, and lead this ministry.