



Stephen Ministers Care

Our Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are:

- Grieving the death of a loved one
- Hospitalized or recovered from hospitalization
- Lonely or discouraged
- Coping with a terminal illness or caring for a family member with a terminal illness
- Unemployed or in a job crisis
- Disabled or caring for an ill or disabled family member
- Anticipating the birth or adoption of a child
- Homebound or institutionalized
- Transitioning into retirement
- Dealing with the crisis of aging
- Facing a life transition
- Experiencing a spiritual crisis
- Victims of a disaster or accident

And for people facing countless other crises or life challenges or who are going through a difficult time and could benefit from the care of a supportive Christian friend.

A Stephen Minister is NOT ...

- A counselor or therapist;
- A problem-solver;
- Someone who runs errands or helps with chores; or
- A casual visitor.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Because the Bible tells us to:

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2**

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11a

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

Romans 12:15

“Serve one another in love.”

Galatians 5:13

What Is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister is ...

- A person who walks beside a hurting person;
- A caring Christian who really listens;
- A member of our congregation who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care;
- A person who is ready to focus on your needs;
- A trustworthy confidant who will keep everything you say—and even your identity—confidential;
- Someone who will faithfully meet with you on a weekly basis for as long as your need persists.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with the confidential, one-to-one Christian care you need to make it through a crisis or help you through a difficult time.

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