



**Stephen Ministry: Christ Caring for People
through People.**

Pastoral Care of the Congregation through Stephen Ministers

Faith's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care to those in need faced with a crisis or difficulty such as –

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Spiritual crisis
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- Terminal illness
- Incarceration
- Aging
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
- Chronic illness
- Relocation
- Recovery after accident or disaster
- And many more

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

Stephen Ministers are members of Faith with gifts for care giving who have been carefully selected to serve in this role. They are lay persons who have

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received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care. Stephen Ministers are caring, Christian friends who listen, care, pray, support and encourage their care receiver. The Stephen Minister will “be there” for their care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need.

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves.

Stephen Ministers reach out with God’s love to people who are hurting- both congregation members and nonmembers alike.

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

Galatians 6:2



The Stephen Series logo symbolizes that we all are broken people and that it is only through the cross of Jesus Christ that we are made whole.

[If you want to be contacted by a Stephen Minister, click here.](#)

You will be directed to the screen showing our church office's phone number and e-mail address. You can send an e-mail to the church and request that it be forwarded to the Deacons or contact the church by phone.

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