

The Stephen Ministry Logo

The logo tells of a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. It is a journey made possible by "Christ caring for people through people," which is the Stephen Ministry motto.



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IN OUR CONGREGATION

*Growing in Faith,
Love and Service*



Stephen Ministry – Multiples Ministry

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 Ministry provides a biblical solution – equipping God's people for ministry. Gifted lay people are trained to support and extend the care pastors continue to provide.

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

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.”*

Romans 12:15

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Learn what it is.

Pray for it.

Tell others about it.

***Consider becoming a
Stephen Minister.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT OUR STEPHEN LEADERS:
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We believe that God's love calls us to respond and use our gifts and talents. We seek to create an environment where people can use their gifts to serve God and love others. By joining together we become a body of Christians seeking to bring the Kingdom of God to our community and the world beyond.

*Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. They are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained in the congregation by Stephen Leaders to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. They are...

- ✓ A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- ✓ A church member with gifts for caregiving who was carefully selected and received 50 hours of training to serve in this role.
- ✓ A compassionate Care Giver who has been equipped with the skills to listen, encourage, and offer support when someone is in need. Typically they have one Care Receiver at a time and meet with that person once a week for about an hour.
- ✓ Someone with a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Someone who will "be there" for their Care Receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need.

Stephen Ministers Care for People Facing Tough Times

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as...

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Spiritual crisis
- Unemployment or job crisis
- A chronic or terminal illness
- Incarceration
- Aging
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility
- Relocation
- Recovery after accident or disaster

We encourage you or anyone you know who is experiencing one of these difficulties to please contact our Stephen Leaders (Jan Sherwood or Fran Boggs) to discuss receiving a Stephen Minister.



Stephen Ministry is a Confidential Ministry:

The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*
-John Wesley

Stephen Ministry is Your Ministry

You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry.

Here is what you can do:

Pray for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our Stephen Ministry.

Accept care from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.

Tell someone, a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.

Think about becoming a Stephen Minister- If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, prayerfully consider joining this Christian ministry.