

What needs are met by this program?

A Stephen Minister can be helpful in a wide range of situations.

- ♦ Hospitalized
- ♦ Terminal Illness
- ♦ Disability
- ♦ Homebound
- ♦ Loneliness
- ♦ Spiritual Crisis
- ♦ Bereavement
- ♦ Pregnancy
- ♦ Job Crisis
- ♦ Divorce
- ♦ New in Town
- ♦ Loss of a Child

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered caregiving relationship ministered by specially trained lay members who are bound by confidentiality.

The care-receivers have regular one-on-one attention by a Stephen Minister for as long as is necessary. God is the healer and curer while Stephen Ministers listen, empathize and pray.

Positive results do happen!



How the referral works

- ♦ A member of our congregation may be hurting and in need of Christian care.
- ♦ This person may contact the Pastor or the referrals coordinator. With permission, the referral may be made by a friend.
- ♦ After the need is assessed and the program is explained, the Stephen Referrals Coordinator will match the care-receiver with a caregiver.
- ♦ These two will begin weekly meetings and develop a trusting relationship. The Stephen Minister will provide distinctive Christian care maintaining strict confidentiality.

**To ask for the help of a
Stephen Minister:**

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*Beloved, since God loved us so
much, we also ought to love
one another. No one has ever
seen God; but if we love one
another, God lives in us and
His love is perfected in us.*

1 John 4:11-12

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