# What needs are met by this program?

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

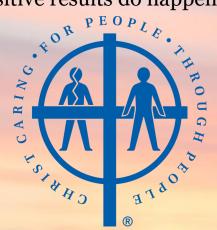
- Hospitalized
- Terminal Illness
- Disability
- Homebound
- Loneliness
- Spiritual Crisis
- Bereavement
- Pregnancy
- Job Crisis
- Divorce
- New in Town
- · Loss of a Child

## What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a Christcentered 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:

#### You may contact:

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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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