



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"
Galatians 6:9

Never Outdated

Christian care is never outdated. God's command that we love one another is the same now as it was thousands of years ago. How are you showing God's love to others? Stephen Ministry is meaningful ministry; it makes a difference in the lives of hurting individuals and in the entire congregation.

What Stephen Ministers Do

- Pray for their care receivers and strive to worship God always in word and deed.
- Care for the care receiver - most meet once a week for about an hour at a time.
- Helps the care receiver resolve the difficulty and achieve growth using skills learned during training classes; such as listening, dealing with feelings, sharing distinctively Christian caring resources, remaining process-oriented, relating assertively, maintaining boundaries, recommending professional care when necessary.
- Maintain confidentiality – an absolute must! The care receiver needs to know that what he or she says to the Stephen Minister will remain in confidence.

Responsibilities of a Stephen Minister

- A 24-month commitment of service to the program.
- Attendance at and participation in the 50-hour training program.
- Study of the training materials.
- Service as a Stephen Minister (usually involving a one-hour weekly one-to-one visit) for about 18 months following completion of the training program
- Participation in twice-monthly supervision meetings for about 18 months following completion of the training program.

"Compassion, caring, confidence, trust, and a willingness to listen—these are all qualities an individual can use in all walks of life. The skills I have acquired as a Stephen Minister have been extremely valuable to me as a father, husband, employee, friend, neighbor, and yes, as a Stephen Minister."

Bill from Plano, TX (Real estate)

Applications are now being accepted for a new training class for Stephen Ministers which will be starting September 15th. Contact any one of the following to learn more about this important ministry of our congregation and how you can get involved.

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