



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are trained Christian volunteers who are available to support you when dealing with deep personal issues. Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting, encouraging, praying, being dependable and trustworthy and maintaining confidentiality in their caregiving.

A Stephen Minister gives one-to-one, lay Christian care.

One-to-one: Stephen Ministers meet privately with one care receiver of the same gender.

Lay: Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised lay volunteers, not professional counselors, therapists, pastors, or physicians. Stephen Ministers are not authorized to give legal, medical, financial, or any other advice, but Bible-based encouragement.

Christian: Stephen Ministers are Christians who care in the name of Christ. They are willing to talk about spiritual issues but won't force them.

Confidentiality: Stephen Ministers keep personal information confidential. You can feel free to share with your Stephen Minister without worrying that everyone else will know about it.

How do I know if I need a Stephen Minister? Share your personal issue with Pastor or ask to

Speak with a Stephen Ministry Leader. Contact the church office at 941-488-4942 for more information.