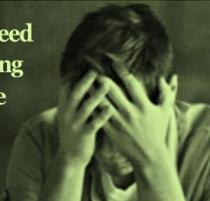


## Love Spoken Here



*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:11-12)*

Sometimes you just need someone to walk along side you for a while



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to love as Christ first loved us



### GRACE VALUES

- Relationships
- Teaching
- Involvement
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Service

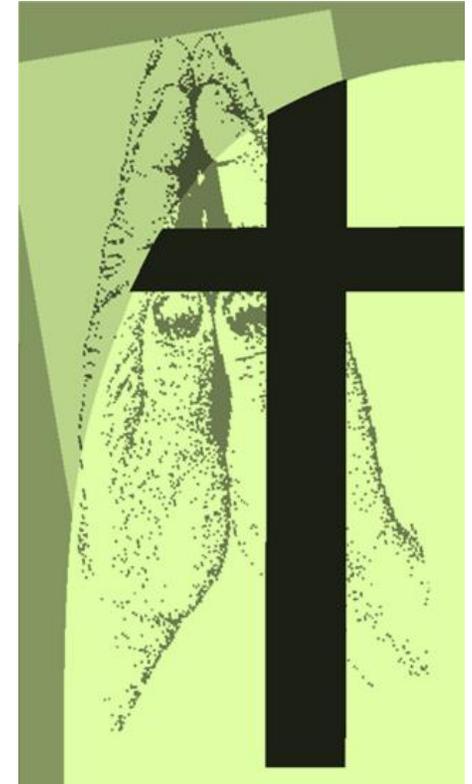
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### Stephen Ministries



*Grace provides hope and care when you or someone you know is in a time of need*

**To Know Christ...  
To Make Christ Known**

**Grace is the unconditional love of Jesus for us that we then share with one another**

## **Stephen Ministry Meets the Needs of People**

### **What is Stephen Ministry?**

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

- *Is life more than you can handle alone right now?*
- *Is your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?*
- *Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one or a recent move?*
- *Would you like to have someone in your life who really listens?*

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, listen, and share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing.



### **Stephen Ministers are called to be Caregivers**

#### **God is the Caregiver**

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

*Encourage one another and build each other up. I Thessalonians 5:11a*

*Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22a*

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. I Peter 5:7*

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### **A Stephen Minister is . . .**

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role
- A lay person who has received extensive training in providing emotional and spiritual care
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages
- Someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for an hour each week, for as long as there's a need

### **A Stephen Minister is NOT . . .**

- A counselor or therapist
- A problem-solver
- A casual visitor



*Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness.*

- Listening
- Dealing with feelings
- Sharing distinctively Christian care
- Remaining process-oriented
- Relating assertively
- Completely confidential