

*Beloved, since God loved  
us so much, we also ought  
to love one another.*

*No one has ever seen God;  
if we love one another,  
God lives in us, and  
his love is perfect in us.*

1 John 4:11-12



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*When you need care...*

*When someone you know  
needs care...*



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## What is the Stephen Ministry?



**STEPHEN MINISTRY** is a ministry of Paramount Baptist Church — led by members of our congregation — which provides distinctively Christian care to members (and others) through development of one-on-one, confidential, non-judgmental relationships.

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

**EVERYONE GOES THROUGH** difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, or to share God's love with you can help you get through the uncertainty, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing.

## How does the referral process work?



1. **A PERSON** — either you, a relative or a friend — is experiencing crisis and is in need of Christian care.
2. **THE STEPHEN MINISTRY** referrals coordinators, Marie Anderson or Sheliah Babbitt, can be contacted to explore how Stephen Ministry can be helpful to the person experiencing crisis.
3. **IF APPROPRIATE**, and with the person's permission, one of the Referrals Coordinators arranges for a Stephen Minister with similar life experiences to meet with the person.
4. **THE STEPHEN MINISTER** continues to provide distinctively Christian care for the person, normally through weekly visits, until there is mutual agreement that the crisis is over.



## What is a Stephen Minister?



### A STEPHEN MINISTER IS...

- *A child of God who walks beside a hurting person*
- *A caring Christian friend who really listens*
- *A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.*



### A STEPHEN MINISTER IS NOT...

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



### A STEPHEN MINISTER HELPS MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING...

- *Grievous loss*
- *Separation or divorce*
- *Job or financial crisis*
- *Any life-changing crisis*



*Will you allow a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey back to wholeness?*