



## Stephen Ministry

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### **Are you feeling called to become a Stephen Minister?**

**Stephen Ministers** are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

**Stephen Minister training** is a Christ-centered experience that equips participants with essential caring and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life.

Stephen Ministers are trained by their congregation's Stephen Leaders using resources from Stephen Ministries St. Louis. The training they receive in the congregation equips them to provide high-quality care to people who are hurting.

### **Next Steps:**

- Reach out to Claire Francis or any Stephen Leader
- Fill out the initial interest form provided by Stephen Leaders.
- Next, Stephen Leaders will connect with you to discuss the commitment and process.
- Complete the training course (weekly sessions totaling 50hrs).
- Once the training is complete, you are commissioned by the church to serve the FPC congregation as a Stephen Minister.

**Contact Claire Francis, Stephen Leader: 678-313-1961 or [francisr@bellsouth.net](mailto:francisr@bellsouth.net)**

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.  
(Galatians 6:2, NRSV)*