



Volunteer Position: *Stephen Minister*

Overseen By: *Prayer and Connections Pastor*

Time Commitment: *Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for as long as the need is there and attend two supervision training/check-in groups per month.*

Purpose of Position:

Everyone experiences difficulties in life and can benefit from a little extra care and support from time to time. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide high-quality, confidential, one-on-one Christ-centered care to individuals in our community. While Stephen Ministers are not professional counselors or therapists or able to solve all your problems, they extend the hope and love of Jesus in the lives of those they walk with.

Responsibilities & Expectations:

- *Attends full 16 – 20 week training prior to being commissioned*
- *Attends two on-going supervision and training sessions each month*
- *They are not professional counselors or therapists*
- *Meets weekly in-person with their assigned care receiver unless otherwise approved*
- *Completes weekly and periodic paperwork required by Stephen Ministry*
- *Prays regularly for their care receiver and Stephen Ministry*
- *Wears name badge on Sunday mornings for visibility to the ministry*

Special Qualifications for this Position:

- *Has a growing relationship with Jesus*
- *Has read and agrees with the SVA Statement of Faith*
- *16 – 20 week Stephen Ministry training and commissioning*
- *Background Check and references*
- *Exhibits the spiritual gifts of caring, mercy, faith, and/or helps*
- *Must be able to maintain confidentiality*