## What is Stephen Ministry at Eastside?

- Our Stephen Ministry at Eastside equips lay-people to provide one-on-one
   Christian care to people in our congregation and in our community who are
   experiencing difficulty in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry.
   The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a trained
   Stephen Minister remains private.
- A Stephen Minister...
  - A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting
  - A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
  - ♦ A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages.
  - Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receive for a long as there is a need.
- Stephen Ministers Care for People facing tough times: Loss of a loved one; Hospitalization; Divorce or Separation; Loneliness or discouragement; Spiritual crisis; Unemplooyment or a job crisis; Terminal illness; Incarceration; Aging; Birth, Adoption, Miscarriage, Infertility; Chronic Illness; Relocation; Recovery following an accident or disaster—these and many other life challenges are cared for by the Stephen Minister.
- Our Mission:

To confidentially minister to the hurting and broken in our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus through prayer, visits and care.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



