

# The Stephen Ministry Connection

## Christ Caring for People through People



▶ Pat Smith, a single parent with two young children, visits OLA.

- ▶ You meet Pat, and the two of you spend time talking.
- ▶ You start greeting each other on Sundays and often sit together in church.
- ▶ As you become better acquainted, you exchange cell phone numbers.



- ▶ One day Pat calls, and you learn that Pat is feeling overwhelmed by work, family responsibilities, and the move to a new city.
- ▶ You listen for a while and then tell Pat all about Stephen Ministry.

- ▶ Pat gives you permission to talk with the Referrals Coordinator about Pat's interest in having a Stephen Minister, knowing it all will be kept confidential.



- ▶ You call the Referrals Coordinator and share basic information about Pat's present difficulties.



▶ Pat meets with the Referrals Coordinator to discuss Stephen Ministry.



- ▶ The Referrals Coordinator calls Pat and sets up a time to meet together to discuss Pat's situation and to prepare Pat for Stephen Ministry.

- ▶ The Referrals Coordinator prayerfully considers Pat's situation and then assigns a Stephen Minister.

- ▶ The Stephen Minister contacts Pat and sets up a time for the two of them to meet.



▶ The Stephen Minister and Pat meet for the first caring visit . . . and caring ministry continues from there.

