

Stephen Ministry First Baptist Greenville

TO: Stephen Ministry Applicants for 2023/2024 Training

FROM: Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

SUBJECT: Stephen Ministry Applications/Training Dates

Stephen Ministry applications are now available at the reception desk and online at the FBG website under Connect/Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team encourages your prayerful consideration of volunteering for this important ministry that trains laypeople to provide one-on-one Christian care for hurting people in our congregation. Applications for the 2023 training are due on or before August 15, 2023. Once we receive your application, one of the Stephen Ministry leaders will contact you to set up an interview for the selection process.

Volunteering for this important ministry requires a major commitment, but it is one that is sure to provide valuable rewards in the areas of spiritual, personal, and relational growth. To become a Stephen Minister, 50 hours of training is required. Volunteers are expected to attend all the training sessions; however, we realize that other responsibilities might necessitate an occasional absence. If that occurs, a leader will provide a one-on-one shortened tutorial lesson. The training will take place from 6:00-8:00 PM each Tuesday evening beginning on September 12 and ending on February 27. (No training on November 28, December 19, December 26 and January 2.) Two six-hour training sessions will be held on Saturday, September 23 and Saturday, October 14.

After the training is completed, the applicants will be commissioned and will join the Stephen Ministry team. This team participates in on-going continuing education and peer supervision from 5:00-7:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of each month, mid-September through early June. All training materials are provided through a generous gift by the late Michael Stogner, who was a Stephen Minister.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of becoming a Stephen Minister. Please direct any questions to one of the members of the leadership team: Wofford Green, Duke McCall, Pat Booker Christy, or Lindsay Waldrop