

Words of Victory

MINISTRIES

Using every godly means available to cast God's Word like seed as far and as fast as possible. (Matthew 13)



EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR
CHRIST-CENTERED CARE

**HELP
HOPE
HEALING**

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THANK YOU, STEPHEN MINISTERS! BY MARK JENKINS



I want to thank our Stephen Ministers for responding to the high calling of Christian service to their fellow man and woman. Twenty-five noble followers of Christ have given their time in preparation and now serve, providing godly comfort and care to members of our faith community.

The Apostle Paul said that we will know followers of Jesus by their love. It's love and compassion that are the hallmarks of the true believer.

Jesus said to love God with all your heart, mind, and spirit, and to love others as yourselves. All the Law is hinged upon that. In these busy days when we can be more focused more on ourselves than others, I salute our Stephen Ministers for doing what few others do.

I also want to recognize the leadership of Bob and Linda Solomon who have been at the very center of the pastoral care of Words of Victory. They have led not only in the Stephen Ministry but also with our caring listeners. Words of Victory is a meaningful outreach of the church because of their efforts.

I am very pleased and, yes, proud that our television ministry is so much more than a broadcast. We are extending the hands and feet of Christ into our community. We are a witness for Christ, but not an empty witness. By the power of God and the faithfulness of so many of our volunteers, we are a ministry that touches lives in a tangible way. Blessings to all who serve and those who support Words of Victory!

Do You Need Help with a Problem That Feels Too Big to Handle Alone?

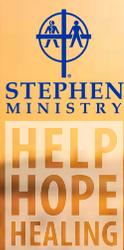
The Christian Counseling & Training Center (CCTC) is a non-profit ministry designed to serve people who have problems they cannot handle alone. The range of problems it deals with include broken and dysfunctional marriages, parent-child relationships, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, and any number of other problems that result in personal and interpersonal turmoil and distress.

Email: counseling@cctcinc.org

Call: (804) 358-1343



stephen MINISTRY at GROVE



There are many hurting people around us.

There is a real demand for trained Christian care givers who can help hurting individuals walk through their difficulty. This is where Stephen Ministry comes in. Stephen Ministry trains Christian individuals to become a care giver for hurting people.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

BY BOB SOLOMON

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you? And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Jesus' words in Matthew 25:37-40 have been my "go-to" verses when explaining why members, as part of Grove Avenue and Words of Victory Ministries, are involved in Stephen Ministry. If you read the next few verses, you will find, instead of a blessing, a curse from the Messiah to those who do not respond to the brothers and sisters of Jesus who are in need. I would think that is motivation enough for any believer to seek those who are in need!

These verses and the knowledge that I am loved by our Lord and should show that love in return (not only to our Lord but also to others who are loved by Him) is my motivation for ministry. Stephen Ministry is one of the ways we in this fellowship practice that love for others.

If you are wondering how to become involved in this ministry, I invite you to join us on Saturday, September 15th, when the Stephen Ministry of Grove Avenue has the privilege (and the responsibility) of hosting an introductory workshop for Stephen Ministry. These workshops are being conducted throughout the country to introduce Stephen Ministry to churches and individuals.



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15
8:30 AM

\$15 per person or \$50
for a group of 4 or more
from a congregation

REGISTER NOW:
stephenministry.org/workshop

The workshop has three sessions:

- **Session 1:** *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief* - Sample the quality of Stephen Ministry training and develop grief-ministry skills you can use!
- **Session 2:** *An Introduction to Stephen Ministry* - Explore the life-changing value of Stephen Ministry and discover how to bring Stephen Ministry to your church!
- **Session 3:** *How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way* - Experience the Christ-centered nature of Stephen Ministry by learning to integrate faith into everyday caring and relating!

If this type of caring ministry is something you would like to explore with your congregation, join us.

FREE for Grove members. Contact Bob at Bob.Solomon@groveave.net.

TOO SENSITIVE

BY DR. VANDER WARNER, JR.

This article is from the pages of my diary thirteen years ago. It is a little peek into my thinking at that time. My diary begins with the next sentence.



I read Oswald Chambers' "My Utmost for His Highest" today. He quoted 1 Corinthians 2:14, "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God."

I then read Mahaney's "The Cross-Centered Life" in which he dealt with ways to stay cross-centered:

- (1) Get the gospel straight, and
- (2) remember it in word and song.

"Get it recorded on the soundtrack of your mind!

I awoke this morning to the Holy Spirit's reminder that I was too sensitive, and too much of what happened around me was too much filtered and enhanced—even exaggerated by my sensitive spirit.

"Lord, I do not wish to be so. I ask You to enable me past that. I reject it as the rule of my perception and response. Please, in Jesus name – dear Holy Spirit, enable me to absorb rather than resent."

Resentment will cause us to "re-send" what we received. And that is selfishness (defensively) asserting itself.

It is not a sin to be sensitive. However, it is a sin to be "subject" to it, for we must yield to be subject to that "natural" characteristic. [It's called "getting in the flesh".]

MEMORIZE PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

In the strength of Jesus who causes us "always to triumph":

- I will not respond to the promptings of my sensitive nature.

- I will not retaliate.
- I will consider Jesus and respond in His strength. "The Lord is at hand."

Memorize Philippians 4:4-9.



THE DAY TO PRAY

The first Sunday in October has been established as the International Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem. Christians from more than 170 nations will focus their attention in prayer for God's Holy City as called for in Scripture (Psalm 122). Prayers will be offered on *The Victory Hour*, and we will be joined by Michael Hines, the Outreach Director for the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. He will bring the message for the morning service. Michael was born in the UK and served in Israel as a young pastor. He is an educator, church planter, and a favorite speaker of the First-Friday Shabbats held at Grove and sponsored by Hope for Israel. Join us on Sunday, October 7th, for a very special service with Michael Hines. Millions around the world will be praying for the peace of Jerusalem!

LETTERS FROM VIEWERS



Dear Pastors, Volunteers, and Staff, God's blessing be with each one of you and your loved ones! We're so extremely grateful for your tireless work and service to WOV and all of us who would not hear God's Word if not for your care and hard work... We want to truly encourage each of you to keep up the good fight... Your work is extremely important and totally appreciated!

~ A Viewer in N. Chesterfield, VA

Dear Rev. Jenkins & TV Crew, May God continue to bless your ministry at Grove. I do remember you in prayer each day that God will bless your work, and please remember me and my sister in prayer. Thank you.

~ A Viewer in Richmond, VA

Dear WOV Ministry Team, Thank you for your ministry! This is my mother's monthly tithed because she watches "The Victory Hour" on TV since it is hard for her to go to church. May God bless you for your faithfulness!

~ A Viewer in N. Chesterfield, VA

Dear WOV, Thanks to you all who follow God's calling and work so diligently to bring His Word to us, thus drawing all nations closer to Jesus.

~ A Viewer in Varina, VA

Dear Grove & WOV Family, We thank you with all our hearts for spreading Jesus's love and saving message to Virginia and the world! We never miss seeing you, as does a lot of our friends and relatives! God's blessings and grace!

~ A Viewer in N. Chesterfield, VA



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Watch
The Victory Hour
 SUNDAY, 11AM
 on **NBC-12** or
www.GroveAve.tv

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 "May those who love you prosper;
 may there be peace within your walls,
 prosperity within your fortresses."
 - Psalm 122:6-7 (HCSB)*

When we are not on the air due to special programming, we encourage our regular viewers to visit our website at **www.groveave.tv** on those Sundays to watch the live webcast of our full service. You may also view past sermons and TV specials on your computer, tablet, or cell phone.

You Make a Difference

This ministry is made possible by the generous gifts of our faithful viewers. We simply could not afford the airtime without your help. You can see that we are behind in our projected budget needs. Please pray that our budgetary needs will be met, so that we may continue with our local broadcasts.

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED Year-To-Date	WOV BUDGET NEEDS Year-To-Date
Year-to-Date 2018	\$161,983.05	\$229,341.20



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