



# FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-MEMBERS

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face in life. The pain and bewilderment that accompanies such a loss can be all too consuming. If ever there is a time when the support of a faith community is helpful, the death of a loved one is one of those times.

At First Baptist Church, the members and staff want to be a part of the network surrounding you and your family in the midst of grief. There are many ways we can help you, both at the time of death and in the months that follow:

- We can help you plan a funeral or memorial service, and can conduct the service
- We can provide pastoral care immediately following the death of a loved one
- We can provide longer-term grief support with a trained Stephen Minister

Traditionally, churches have worked in partnership with morticians and funeral homes to assist families making the necessary decisions and arrangements following a death. Funeral homes provide a wonderful ministry in guiding families through the business decisions regarding cremation or burial, and handle many of the actual arrangements.

However, we have observed an increase in the number of families who do not utilize the resources of a funeral home, for a variety of reasons. Therefore, we have produced this document for those times when families come to us to make arrangements for a memorial service or funeral. It will help you understand how we can help, and what responsibilities are the family's.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who should I call when my loved one dies?

Call the church office at 216-932-7480. A member of the pastoral staff will quickly be in touch with you.

### When should I call?

Call as soon as possible, even at night, and leave a message on the church's voice mail. In cases when it is known that the death of your loved one is imminent, call and ask a pastor to be with you.

### Must the deceased be a member to use the church facility for a funeral or memorial service?

No - we are available for all who need help during this difficult time.

### What support is available for grieving spouses or family members?

Call and ask to speak to a pastor. He/She will be happy to meet with you and for those who desire on-going support. The pastor can also recommend support groups, counselors and/or a Stephen Minister for longer-term grief care.

### Can we have a reception after the service?

Yes. A reception requires the use of our reception coordinator, who will work with the family to take care of arrangements. Providing food is the responsibility of the family, but our coordinator can provide you with a list of caterers or options. Having a reception may increase the custodial fee, depending on the specific needs of the reception. The reception coordinator will provide you with all the details.

### What fees are involved in a funeral?

Facility use:	\$350
Pastor:	\$300
Organist (optional):	\$200
Soloist (optional):	\$150
Bulletin	\$100
Custodian:*	\$125*
Sound Operator:	\$100
Reception Coordinator:	\$150

\* Includes simple reception. Larger receptions will increase fee