

FUNERAL POLICY

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The loss of a loved one is difficult and we want to help any way that we can. Our 250-person Chapel is a warm and personal place to hold a funeral or memorial service and it is available to anyone desiring a Christian funeral at no charge.

Our requirements:

1. A member of the Crossroads pastoral staff must be the primary officiate for the service. He has the sole responsibility and discretion in carrying out the service. However, the family may request another clergy member of their choice to offer prayer or expressions of condolences, so long as such person is a Christian minister in good standing and meets the approval of the officiating pastor.
2. The Christian funeral is a worship service of the true and living God, as well as a time to comfort those who mourn with the truths of God's word. Everything associated with the service must reflect these priorities.
3. Because fraternal or civil rites are not part of the Christian worship service, these organizations should pay tribute to the deceased at another hour and place.
4. All music, video, pictures and testimonials must be tasteful keeping in mind the dignity of the service and the setting. The officiating pastor must approve everything associated with the service.
5. The service must be concluded in a reasonable time frame, allowing for others to make use of our facilities.
6. The timing of the service is subject to the availability of our facilities and our pastoral staff.
7. We are happy to receive floral arrangements on your behalf on the day of the event, but are not equipped to store them beforehand. We also ask that you make arrangements for all floral arrangements to be removed at the conclusion of your service. If you do not know what to do with all of the flowers, we recommend you donate them to a nursing home or hospital.

Other matters:

1. Call us as soon as you can. Involving the minister early in the planning process will help minimize conflicts, misunderstandings and disappointments. Ask for the Pastoral Care Minister or the Associate Pastor if he is not available.
2. The practice of "viewing the remains" is generally customary in most cases. However, it is totally a family decision, and the church will abide by the family's wishes.
3. Many people choose to have the funeral before the burial, others have the burial first. Either approach is appropriate and we will support the decision of the family.
4. We have various traditional songs and hymns available for use in your service by CD. You are welcome to engage musicians and you will be responsible for their compensation. (Please be reminded that the officiating pastor must approve all music.)
5. Our pastors do not anticipate an honorarium for the privilege of serving you. This is our gift as we extend the hope and the love the Lord Jesus Christ to you and your family at this difficult time.