



# Friendship Baptist Church

## Hope In Transition Funeral Policy

# FRIEDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

## FUNERAL POLICY

Hope in Transition Ministry  
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In our efforts to assist you in properly planning the eulogistic services for your loved one, the following information has been prepared for your perusal and consideration.

### **I. The Christian Funeral**

The Christian funeral is a worship service in which God's people witness to their faith in the hope of the Gospel, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. It is a time in which the comforting assurance of God's love and salvation in Christ is ministered, especially to the Christian bereaved.

### **II. Planning**

1. In the event of a death, please contact **ONE** of the three listed numbers as soon as possible:
  - a. The Deacons Emergency Number – (419) 704-2296
  - b. Overseer Audrey Ransey- Hope In Transition – (419) 215-3325
  - c. The FBC Office – (419) 531-3242
2. At no time should funerals be planned and/or confirmed without first consulting the church. The schedule of the pastor and the church should be respectfully considered at all times in making eulogistic arrangements.
3. When the funeral is scheduled to be held at Friendship Baptist Church, the following information is necessary:
  - a. A copy of the funeral service program as soon as possible.
  - b. The number of family members that will be returning to the church for family repast.

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- c. If a PowerPoint is needed for wake services it should be given to the Hope in Transition Ministry or the PowerPoint Ministry 2-3 days prior to Wake Services. There will be NO Exceptions to this item.

### **III. Ministerial Requirements**

1. When funerals are conducted at Friendship Baptist Church, staff ministers will ordinarily officiate the entire funeral service.
2. The Senior Pastor has sole responsibility and discretion in carrying out church funeral services.
  - a. If the family request a minister that is not a minister of Friendship Baptist Church to deliver the eulogy or take part in the funeral services, the Senior Pastor will be consulted for his final decision.
  - b. It is not the family's responsibility to contact the requested minister, but the responsibility of the Senior Pastor or his designate.
3. The following information is needed at the time the request is made:
  - a. The Minister's Name:
  - b. Church Affiliation:
  - c. Minister's Telephone Number
  - d. What the minister will be doing in the service. (eulogy, prayer, scripture, etc.)

### **IV. Member Requirements**

1. All members in good standing can utilize Friendship Baptist Church for their funeral needs.
  - a. Please refer to the Friendship Baptist Church Policy for "Member in Good Standing" Requirements
2. All members in good standing whose family member passes (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, children or spouse) that are not members of FBC will be considered for funeral services, due to the member's good standing.

### **V. Nonmember Requirements**

1. Any nonmember that would like to schedule funeral services at FBC will be assessed a standard charge for use of the sanctuary.
2. A love offering needs to be considered when utilizing Bishop Tisdale or any other FBC ministerial staff, PowerPoint and Musicians ministry.
3. If utilization of the Gathering Place is needed for the Repass an additional fee will be applied.

4. All food will be supplied by the nonmembers' family and a member of the FBC kitchen staff will be assigned to assist.

## **VI. Services**

1. Only Christian ministers may participate in the service, and only Cristian ministers will sit on the platform during the service.
2. Because of the emotional strain to the family, it is the policy of Friendship Baptist Church to close the casket at the beginning of funeral services (following the family's final viewing).
3. Resolutions are given to members of the church and non-members are given condolences.
4. If the deceased is not a member, the family repast will be handled at the discretion of the Pastor.
5. The Overseer of Hope in Transition ministry will communicate and be a support ministry to the family during the time of bereavement.