

Bereavement Box



Bereavement Gowns & Caps



- Bereavement Boxes include:**
- Hand-painted Box
 - Handmade Layette including:
Baby Gown, Cap &
Receiving Blanket
 - Baby Hand/Foot Mold Kit
 - Stuffed Bear
 - Hair Clipping Bag
 - Handmade Baby Bracelet
 - Handmade Card with Poem



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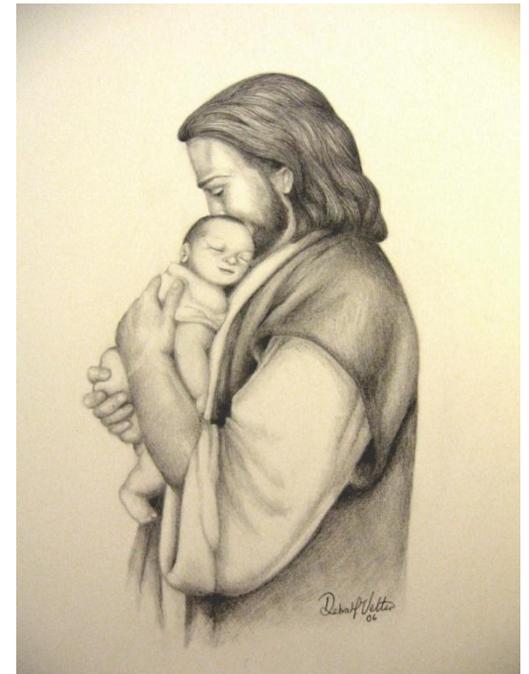
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Johnathan's Ministry

In Loving Memory of Our Babies



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Matthew 5:4

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Johnathan's Ministry is about giving comfort and hope to families who have suffered the loss of their baby. Although it is something we all hope we never face, if it does happen, Christ's love is our only true comfort.

Psalms 31:9 *"Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief."*

On June 19, 2003 Lori and Tim Purcell's beautiful stillborn son Johnathan was born into the arms of God. In the days and weeks that followed, Christ's love was demonstrated in many ways.

Matthew 5:4 *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

At the hospital in Houston, Lori and Tim were given a bereavement box, donated by community volunteers and hospital staff out of love and compassion. It contained several items that helped preserve special memories of Johnathan.

1 Timothy 1:5 *"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."*

As time passed, the box and the items in it meant even more to the family. "It was in our greatest tragedy, when we were at our most vulnerable, that we desperately needed the love of Christ in our lives." Johnathan's Ministry was created to show that love to other families who have suffered a loss.

Isaiah 30:18 *"Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"*

With prayerful willingness to serve, Lori and Tim began to understand where God was leading them. In February of 2006, Johnathan's Ministry was officially started in Southeast Texas hospitals, with the support of our church family. Our mission is to place these special boxes in local hospitals, as requested. With the support and cooperation of the nursing staff and health care professionals, these items will reach families who have suffered the loss of a baby. The hospital staff willingly offers support to these grieving families.

1 Peter 3:15a *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."*

Nothing can really comfort a broken heart in the loss of a child, but healing can happen, and joy can be found again...in Christ.

Lori and Tim Purcell live in Brazoria County, Texas and have five other children with an age span of 20 years. Life is always an adventure and a blessing!

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