



Greater Bethlehem Temple Church

Policy on Funeral Services

Greater Bethlehem Temple Church performs funeral services for active members in good standing and their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children and siblings of members) when they are legally responsible for the final arrangements. (Active members are those meeting the requirements of the church by-laws with regular attendance.) The church does not provide financial assistance for funeral services or related burial costs.

GBTC reserves the right to refuse funeral services for any inactive or non-member. (Funeral requests for inactive or non-members are evaluated by need and prioritized by availability of services during business hours.) It is the policy of the Church to decline Saturday services for non-members.

EULOGIES

Management of the Church pulpit duties is the sole responsibility of the Pastor. The Pastor alone has the authority to perform all pulpit duties, including teaching, preaching or otherwise speaking from the pulpit during church services or other religious ceremonies, including eulogies. The Pastor alone may designate these responsibilities to others at his discretion when prudent or as needed.

REPASTS

The Church is not obligated to provide a repast, but one may be granted based on the needs of the bereaved family and availability of resources. In consideration of our volunteers and church schedule, repasts provided by the Church may be required to begin immediately after the service. The church will charge for the cost of repasts for non-members.

ORDER OF SERVICE & OBITUARIES

The Church will arrange an appropriate and efficient order of service, considering the wishes of the family, and will provide ministers, musicians, ushers and technicians as needed. The final order of service is subject to the approval of the Pastor. Families may request modifications to personalize the service but should get final approval from the Office of Communication before printing the order of service.

The church does not offer layout, design or other production services for printed programs or obituaries.

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Sample Order of Funeral Service

(The following represents a sample order for a funeral service.)

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Musical Selection

Expressions

Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

About the Obituary *The obituary is a short biography of the person who is deceased. It often includes such information as date and place of birth, parents and siblings, education, career or employment history, hobbies, quotes or other favorite things, accomplishments and surviving relatives.*

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Request for Funeral Services

Name of Deceased: _____ Age: _____

Cause of Death: _____

Member: Y / N GBT Family Member: _____

Home Church: _____

Family Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Funeral Home: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Funeral Service

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number Attending: _____

Visitation / Family Hour / Wake

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number Attending: _____

Location: _____

Repast

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number Attending: _____

Location: _____

Burial

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number Attending: _____

Location: _____

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