

Funeral Services

*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives **and believes in me will never die.** (John 11:25-26)*

The Pastor, ministerial staff, officers and the Macedonia Baptist Church family join in your grief in the death of your loved one, and prays that the Lord's comfort and love surrounds you during this time of loss.

In an effort to make this process more comfortable, the following guidelines are provided to aid in your funeral preparation process. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will potentially cause confusion and mishaps, which we hope to avoid. We hope that these guidelines are helpful should death occur within the church family.

1. Immediately contact the church (914-667-2333) and advise us that a death has occurred. If after hours, please contact the Chairman of the Deacons Ministry or a member of the ministerial staff. If you must leave a voicemail message, please be assured that it is checked several times during the day by a staff person.
2. Meet or talk with the Macedonia office staff, Chairman of the Deacons Ministry, or the Pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral home.
3. The church office staff will coordinate all services and no other person or ministry is allowed to make arrangements for the wake, Homegoing service, burial or repast without the permission of the Pastor or his designee.

Items of importance

The Macedonia family will assist in any way possible. However, we may not be able to honor all request. All Homegoing Services are expected to serve as a comfort and inspiration to the family, and to glorify God for the blessings of life.

Date/Time of Funeral

It is preferred that the wake and funeral occur on the same day and Monday through Thursday. Other arrangement will be considered on exception. The services must be arranged with the Funeral Director and Church Staff. The Pastor will preach all funerals when he is available. In his absence he will assign the Officiant.

Funeral Program

The Family is responsible for the Funeral Program, in consultation Macedonia Baptist Church staff, unless otherwise arranged through our church office. The Church Staff will discuss the format of the service prior to the day of the funeral.

Repast

If the family requests a repast, the Church Staff will discuss provisions with the family, including coordination, menu and costs. The Helen I. Williams Fellowship has a maximum capacity of 100 persons for the repast. If arrangements are made to use an outside caterer, the family is responsible for all preparation, service and cleaning.

Costs to the Family

If the deceased is a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church there is no charge for the use of the sanctuary. If the deceased is not a member, applicable costs will be discussed by the Church Staff prior to making arrangements.

Contact the Church Office for any more details.