

Bereavement Planning Seminar

Funeral Services

Church Homegoing Support – Ms. Althea Ray

Essential Information Now – for Use Tomorrow

Proactive Steps Everyone Can Take Now!

- Talk to your family now; make your wishes known.
- Compile favorite songs, photos or personal effects.
- Gather biographical information; write your obituary.

- **Critical** - Identify the family member/single point of contact.
- Centralize passwords and share their location with one person.
- Inform family of payment sources for funeral expenses.

Family Responsibilities

- Notify hospice and/or funeral home; receive an official declaration of death.
- Notify church of death. Provide Church Administrator with the family POC.
- Inform Pastor of your funeral home selection so he can establish the funeral date.

Family Responsibilities

- Submit obituary, photos and other documentation to Church Administrator
 - **Five days prior to homegoing service.**
- Coordinate all funeral home services, burial/cremation and business requirements **directly** with the funeral home and cemetery.

How MOBC Can Help

- Provide Pastoral care.
- Alert family ministry and members
- Notify congregation of your loss.
- Coordinate with pertinent ministry and church leadership.
- Create and print Homegoing program.

- Deliver eulogy
- Provide church facilities as venues for viewing, service and repast.

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC guidance and state directives regarding COVID-19 will be followed.

Complimentary Support for MOBC Members

- Pastoral services
- Facility support and staff
- Supplemental pallbearers
- Room setup

- Dry goods for repast
- Serving and/or wait staff to support repast
- Custodial support

Homegoing Service Support Misconceptions

- Burial plots are available at “MOBC Old site.” **Not True!**
- The church is a liaison between the family and funeral home. **Not True!**
- The church coordinates police escort and traffic control for procession to cemetery. **Not True!**
- A church ministry funds and supports repasts. **Not True!**
- No fees are required. **Not True!**

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QUESTIONS?