

Funeral Procedures

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)

Pastor S. B. Neely, ministerial staff, officers and the Welfare Baptist Church family join in your grief in the death of your loved one. May you know the Lord's comfort and may His love surround you during this time of loss.

Because death is such an important and sensitive time in our lives, we have set up guidelines to assist families through the funeral preparation process. We need you to follow proper guidelines to assure yourselves that everything is done in decency and in order. We need you to do the following when death occurs within the church family.

1. Immediately, contact the church (864-226-8896), your Family Deacon, the Pastor (864-221-2359), to advise us that a death has occurred.
2. Meet or talk with the Family Deacon or Pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral home.
3. Understand that no Welfare Baptist Church Ministry or member can make any final plans for the Homegoing service, burial, or repast without clearance from the Pastor or his designee.

Please Remember

We will do our very best to honor your request as we remember that Homegoing Services are worship services designed to comfort and encourage the family, and bring Glory and Honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Date/Time of Funeral

It is preferred that all funerals began between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm during week days, began between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturdays, and no later than 1:30 pm on Sundays. Pastor Neely will preach all funerals when he is available. The family may request another Officiant.

Meal

If the deceased is a member of Welfare Baptist Church and is financial, at the request of the family, a meal will be prepared. If the deceased is not a member, nor a financial member, the family may request a meal within the fee charged.

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Costs to the Family

If the deceased is a financial member of Welfare Baptist Church, there is no charge for the use of the gravesite, sanctuary, officiant, and musician. If the deceased is not a member, nor a financial member, applicable costs will be discussed by the Cemetery Committee Chair. When agreed upon, the fee amount will be given to the family's respective funeral home for payment. The fee must be received before the digging of the grave. The church does not accept payment for funerals from a family.

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