

*A* Christian funeral has several purposes. The foremost goal is the proclamation of the gospel and in particular the promises of resurrection and eternal life in Jesus Christ. A second goal is for the respectful remembrance of the deceased and the offering of comfort to the bereaved. The ministers and staff of First Baptist Church are committed to helping you through the difficult time of that comes with death. While many of the arrangements are taken care of by the funeral home we want to make clear the ways in which we might be involved.

**If the service is being held at the funeral home:**

1. Either you or the funeral director will contact a minister to conduct the service.
2. The minister will then meet with you to discuss the Order of Service. This will include the choice of hymns, scripture lessons, special music and tributes. He or she will also plan a short committal service at the cemetery.

3. The funeral home will arrange for the use of their chapel as well as provide an organist, special music and a bulletin for the service should you desire any or all of these.

**If the service is at First Baptist Church:**

1. The funeral home will be in contact with the minister so as to coordinate the arrangements.
2. The minister will meet with you in order to arrange the Order of Service, which will include the items mentioned in (2) above.
3. The minister will also contact an organist or pianist and arrange for special music, if you wish these to be part of the service.
4. Church funerals require that *both* a church custodian *and* a worker from the Audio/Visual Department be employed. Honoraria are listed below.
5. It is the responsibility of the family to contact a caterer. Caterers are expected to clean and tidy the kitchen

before leaving. The minister can make recommendations of suitable caterers if you wish.

6. With sufficient notice the office can prepare a bulletin for the service. The family is responsible for supplying bulletins. We can give recommendations about where these may be purchased

**After the Funeral:**

Grief is a normal experience and everyone experiences grief differently. You may find yourself feeling angry, lonely, anxious or lethargic in the weeks and months after the funeral service. For some the death of a loved one may mean asking serious questions about God, the purpose of life and what the point of it is, life after death and a host of other questions. This is healthy. We invite you to see the ministers of our church as people who will gladly help you as you work through this process and seek answers to these important questions.

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**HONORARIA**

Organist/Pianist	\$150
Soloist	\$ 75
Audio/Visual Staff	\$ 75
Custodian	
Sanctuary only	\$65
Lower Hall Additional	\$65
Bulletin	
Black and white	\$45
Colour	\$90

Many families choose to provide an honorarium for the officiating minister. This is at the discretion of the family.

**Funeral  
&  
Memorial  
Service**

Information Brochure



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