



Funeral Guidelines

- Funeral services are for members of the church and their immediate families (spouse, parents, children, or siblings).
- Funeral services for non-members will be at the discretion of church leadership.
- The church will not be able to cancel or reschedule major events to accommodate a funeral service.
- Visitation prior to a funeral should be in the worship center and conclude by 10:45am on weekdays.
- Due to limited resources receptions or meals normally cannot be held at the church.
- The church will assist the family in planning the funeral. Contact Pastor Carl Schooling for an appointment.
- A printed bulletin will follow the office format and all information should be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the service.
- A church-wide funeral email may be sent upon the permission granted by the immediate family. The deceased must be an ECBC member or the spouse or child of an ECBC member.
- There is no charge for the facilities, but a gift to defray the cost would be appreciated. Honorariums should be paid directly to those participating in the funeral. Please consult the funeral home for appropriate amounts.
- Outside participating ministers must be approved by the Senior Pastor or his designee.
- Funeral services are generally 60 minutes or less. Please stay within this time frame.
- All music and musicians must be approved by the Worship Pastor.
- All eulogies, video and other audio/visual presentations are to be five minutes or less and must be approved by the Senior Pastor or his designee.
- Creating videos or other audio/visual presentations is the responsibility of the member and must be provided to the ECBC Sound and Lighting staff at least 24 hours in advance.
- Grief Ministry - ECBC provides GriefShare, a nondenominational support group that provides help and encouragement.

For assistance, please contact Carl Schooling, Pastoral Care, at 856-3222 ext. 2003. Pastor Schooling will meet with the family to help counsel and plan the funeral service.