

PREPARING & PLANNING FOR END OF LIFE

**“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God
so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13**

With faith in Jesus, we are promised an eternal life of glory with God. As difficult as it is to face death and talk about planning ahead with our loved ones, it can be of great benefit to the family and loved ones you leave behind. At Good Shepherd, our Pastoral staff will walk with you and your family to plan ahead and to plan the service you desire. We have made this and other resources available to help members of our congregation plan in advance. If you need additional assistance planning ahead, please contact the church.

SCRIPTURE READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Having Scripture read at a funeral or memorial service means a great deal to many families. Here are common Scripture readings, though, you may have a favorite passage that you'd prefer read.

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27	Psalm 116
Psalm 23	Psalm 121
Psalm 27	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Psalm 46	Isaiah 26:1-4, 19
Psalm 56:10-13	Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31
Psalm 103	Isaiah 57:1-2
	Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

New Testament

Matthew 23:23	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Luke 18:15-17	2 Timothy 2:8-13
John 5:24-29	Hebrews 2:14-18
John 14:1-3	1 Peter 1:3-9
Romans 6:3-9	1 John 3:1-3
Romans 8:14-23, 35, 37-39	Revelation 21:1-7

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

Music is a common and important component to most funerals and memorial services. These are suggestions we provide, however, there are many other songs to choose from.

Abide With Me
All Must Be Well
Amazing Grace
Be Still My Soul
From the Depths of Woe
Give Me Jesus
How Can I Keep From Singing?
How Great Thou Art
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
In the Sweet By and By
It Is Well With My Soul

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
O Heart Bereaved and Lonely
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
The Old Rugged Cross
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Rock of Ages
This is My Father's World
To God Be the Glory
Blessed Assurance
I Can Only Imagine
Save A Place For Me
Heaven Song

GRIEF SUPPORT

At Good Shepherd, we do not want anyone to grieve alone. We have ministries in place to help you find hope and healing through the loss of a loved one.

Visitation Team

This ministry is made up of friendly lay leaders who connect regularly and make visits to those who are home-bound or living in a nursing care facility. Please alert the church if you or your loved one would like a member of our Visitation Team to begin visiting.

GriefShare

Our church hosts weekly grief groups in the spring and fall each year. These groups allow you to grieve and learn to move forward with Jesus in a compassionate, safe and friendly environment. We also host a Loss of Spouse seminar once or twice a year for those have lost their spouse. You can visit our website for information on upcoming grief support.

Care Ministers

Our Care Ministry is made up of trained and compassionate care ministers who come alongside someone to provide confidential one-on-one Christian care to those who are grieving, or going through a difficult season in their life. You can visit the church website, or call the church phone number, to express interest in connecting with a care minister.