

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

New Testament

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

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| Abide With Me | The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want |
| All Must Be Well | O Heart Bereaved and Lonely |
| Amazing Grace | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go |
| Be Still My Soul | The Old Rugged Cross |
| From the Depths of Woe | On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand |
| Give Me Jesus | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need |
| How Can I Keep From Singing? | Rock of Ages |
| How Great Thou Art | This is My Father's World |
| How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds | To God Be the Glory |
| I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | Blessed Assurance |
| In the Sweet By and By | I Can Only Imagine |
| It Is Well With My Soul | 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.