# Funeral & Memorial Services INFORMATION PACKET



HE WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH - REV 21:4





# A Note from Pastor John

If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, we are here to offer comfort and support during your time of grief. As part of the church family here at Revival Christian Fellowship, we hope we can assist in the practical details of planning a funeral or memorial service to honor your loved one.

Primarily, these services are for those who regularly attend Revival Christian Fellowship and consider it their home church. Please review this *Funeral Information Packet* for specific instructions and guidelines to assist you in making your arrangements.

God Bless,

Pastor John Miller

# Funeral Information Packet

# Planning/Preparation of Services

All requests for funeral services here at Revival Christian Fellowship go to our Pastoral Care ministry. The Pastoral Care ministry is our hub to ensure that the initial information is obtained and then appropriated to help the family get started and follow through for the performance of a funeral service.

# **Scheduling of Services**

In our effort to offer services here at Revival at no cost to the family, we have designated days of the week that will allow our staff to assist in the different aspects of holding a service. Therefore, Mondays-Thursdays are days available to consider for your service.

\*Days/Times are subject to previously scheduled events

# Officiating of Services

The oversight and officiating of services held here at Revival Christian Fellowship are limited to Pastors on staff at Revival unless Revival approves an outside pastor.

# Videos or Slideshows

Often, families want to show a video highlighting photos or video memories. Therefore, slide shows should be approximately 4-6 minutes long and delivered in a digital format (mp4 file) 72 hours before the service so they can be reviewed and edits made before the service.

Please be aware that we screen all videos to ensure images, videos, or Christian songs are of appropriate content. Our staff will remove any inappropriate content from the video.

# Worship

Revival will provide a worship leader for funeral services unless permission for an outside worship leader is given by the Revival pastor officiating the service.

#### Service Handouts

Revival will provide the family with several examples of handouts to consider for your service. Once the family chooses a particular design for their brochure, we will work with you for content included. Upon completion, we will print the recommended number of handouts and have them available for the day of service. (Sorry, no out-side handouts will be allowed).

#### Memorabilia

Families can bring memorabilia to display in the foyer. These items are to be set up before service and removed after the service and are the family's responsibility. Revival does not take responsibility for these items. These items may include but are not limited to:

- Personal achievements plaques, trophies, clothing/uniforms, etc.
- Pictures/collages

\*Note: Please be sure all items to be displayed are of appropriate content. Revival reserves the right to ask the family to remove any items we deem inappropriate for display.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers are welcome, and the Revival funeral team will be available to help place arrangements for the family for display in the foyer, the sanctuary, or the designated room for the service.

Flower Delivery - Individuals or florists can deliver flowers on the day of the scheduled service at least two hours before the service start time.

#### Caskets & Urns

Based on the "order of service" details, the officiating pastor will work with the family regarding the casket/urn set-up, placement, and removal order.

# **Viewings**

Pre-service or post-service viewings are allowed. However, Revival would prefer that caskets be closed during the service.

# Receptions

As an accommodation for reception requests, Revival offers refreshments accordingly:

Cookies, vegetable platter, bottled water, coffee (please, no outside food to be brought in).

Cost to Family – The cost for these items will be the family's responsibility, and payment will be made when service arrangements are finalized. The family will determine the number of guests attending, and the cost of refreshments will be \$2 per person.

Upon agreement and payment, Revival will purchase refreshments, provide set up & tear-down, and prepare leftover refreshments for the family.

The outside patio (weather permitting) is where refreshments will be available.

#### Pre-Service Considerations

Pre-Service Music - Revival can provide music from our internal playlists to be played 30 minutes before the service. Should the family have a song or songs of their preference, please inform the officiating pastor during your scheduled pre-service meeting for consideration.

Backscreen Picture Options - The family has several options to consider for the scene backdrop upon request.

Reserved Seating for Family - We reserve the first two or three rows of both center sections of the sanctuary for the family. Please let the Pastoral Care Pastor know the approximate number of family members to be seated.

Quiet Room for Family - Our prayer room behind the stage is available upon request for the family to sit/meet/pray before service.

Mother's Room - This room is available for nursing mothers or mothers with a crying infant that would disrupt the service. This room has a speaker and a window that will allow viewing of the service.

\*Note: For consideration of nursing mothers, we ask that no males occupy the mother's room.

MY FLESH AND MY HEART
MAY FAIL, BUT GOD IS THE
STRENGTH OF MY HEART
AND MY PORTION FOREVER.
- PSALM 73:26

## Order of Service Options

We have three available options for the order of service for your family to review and consider. Please select your preference before your pre-service meeting with your officiating pastor.

#### Order of Service A:

Opening Welcome (officiating pastor)

## Worship

- 2-3 songs
- Worship is optional depending on the climate of service
- Special song/solo is another option

# Eulogy

- Biographical synopsis of their life
- Optional
- 10 minutes, not to exceed 15 minutes

#### Personal Testimonies

- 3-4 testimonies maximum
- 5 minutes each
- Open mic not allowed if service is at Revival

Soloist/Special Song (optional before or after message)

Message - 15-20 minutes (officiating pastor)

Slideshow/Video

Closing Worship (1-2 songs)

- Optional

Closing prayer and announcements (officiating pastor)

#### Order of Service B:

Opening Welcome (officiating pastor)

#### Worship

- 2-3 songs
- Worship is optional depending on the climate of service
- Special song/solo is another option

# Eulogy

- Biographical synopsis of their life
- Optional
- 10 minutes, not to exceed 15 minutes

#### Personal Testimonies

- 3-4 testimonies maximum
- 5 minutes each
- Open mic not allowed if service is at Revival

#### Slideshow/Video

Message - 15-20 minutes (officiating pastor)

Closing Worship (1-2 songs)

- Optional

Closing prayer and announcements (officiating pastor)

#### Order of Service C:

Opening Welcome (officiating pastor)

### Worship

- 2-3 songs
- Worship is optional depending on the climate of service
- Special song/solo is another option

# Eulogy

- Biographical synopsis of their life
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- 3-4 testimonies maximum
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Message - 15-20 minutes (officiating pastor)

Closing Worship (1-2 songs)

- Optional

Slideshow/Video

Closing prayer and announcements (officiating pastor)



After your family has reviewed this packet and is prepared to move forward in your planning with Revival, please get in touch with our Pastoral Care department at (951) 672-3157 for help with the next step.

May God's comfort and peace be with you!



"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, YOU BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME, - JOHN 14:1



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