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*Thankful Missionary Baptist Church*

# Bereavement & Social Services

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*Bereavement Support*



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## *Vision & Mission Statement*

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*The purpose of the Compassionate Care/Social Services Ministries will be to provide an array of bereavement services, support services, ministry, educational training for the sole purpose to help those in need through evangelizing, educating, equipping and edifying Christ.*



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### *Procedures for Bereaved Families*

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- Call the church office to contact Chairperson or Co-Chairperson at the time of death.
- A person designated by the by the Pastor will contact the family from the Compassionate Care Ministry.
- Inform designee as soon as possible when a decision is made concerning the desired time and date of funeral.
- An approximate number of family members who desire to be served food should be provided
- Activities for the Pastor and/or church will be checked so that the funeral can be scheduled and properly planned.
- In case the family decides to use other ministers, those ministers should contact the church office before scheduling anything.

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## *Thankful Café Food Ministry*

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If the family of the deceased (non-member) would like to have food catered in Thankful Café will not be available to provide food services. There will also be a fee of \$75.00 for the use of the kitchen. The family will be allowed to heat and store food for the repass. All food must be removed at the end of the event. Any food that is left behind will be disposed of. The kitchen must be cleaned prior to leaving.

Menu Option 1: less than 100	Menu Option 2: More than 100
1- Meat	2- Meats
2 -Sides	3- Sides
Bread	Bread
Dessert	Dessert
Beverages	Beverages



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## *Thankful Café Food Ministry*

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*Mission Statement: Thankful Café Food Ministry delivers hospitality to our Community, Members, & Guests through food with the mission of creating a loving fellowship atmosphere centered around God.*

Thankful Café will fulfil the needs of members by feeding the family and guests up to 150 people. If you will be anticipating more than 150 people you will have to pay the additional cost of \$10.00/ person for the food to be covered.

Due to insurance regulations no outside will be allowed in the building if Thankful Café is providing Food Services. If you would like to have outside food provided, Thankful Café will not be allowed to provide any food services.

In the event that your food is catered in by another source Thankful Café will provide all paper supplies for your family & guests.

If the deceased is not a member, of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church, Thankful will not be obligated or responsible for providing Food Services for the repass. If you are interested in food services from Thankful Café there will be a charge. Non-Members will be responsible for paying \$12.00/person.

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## *Family Support Manual*

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Just as it takes time for a broken bone to heal, so it takes time for a broken heart to heal. Time is the tool that God uses to heal all earthly troubles.

We submit this packet of support materials along with our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one.

While most of our deepest grieving starts after the funeral, the service itself will play an important part of the process. For this reason, we have enclosed a possible grief process, a list of hymns, helpful scriptures, and a sample outline for the order of service.

Thankful Missionary Baptist Church is here to aid you in every way possible. Please keep in mind that the person designated by the Pastor is always available for consultation concerning the program and/or the process.

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## *Death*

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If someone close to you has died, you may be feeling many different emotions. You may be sad, worried, or scared. You might be shocked, unprepared, or confused. You might be feeling angry, cheated, relieved, guilty, exhausted, or just plain empty. Your emotions might be stronger or deeper than usual or mixed together in ways you've never experienced before.

You might also notice that your loss is affecting what you're thinking about and how you behave. If you're grieving, you might be having trouble concentrating, sleeping, eating, or feeling interested in things, you usually enjoy. You might be trying to act like you feel OK (even if you don't) because you want to be strong for someone else. You may wonder if you will ever get over losing someone who means so much to you.

These emotions can be natural reactions to the death of someone close. They're part of the process of grieving.



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## *Facility & Fees*

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Family Members of the deceased member will not be responsible for paying any fees for use of the Life Center or Sanctuary. If the deceased is not a member the following fees will be applied. All fees must be paid in full before facility is booked and other arrangements are made.

Sanctuary \$200.00

Life Center \$200.00

If you would like to have the Projector (Screen) on during Services to play pictures or etc. you will be responsible for paying a technician fee of \$75.00. This fee is required for members and non-members.

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## Bereavement Scriptures

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The grieving process of death can be very long and draining.

These Scriptures serve as encouragement. The Word can



restore and give you strength. Even though tears are shed, they are because of earthly ties, not heavenly concerns.

Christians die with honor and great expectations of a better life. Pray and seek the wisdom of God.

### Scriptures

Matthew 11:28-30

John 10:27-29

John 14:27

John 16:22

I Corinthians 15:55, 57-58

II Corinthians 1:3-4

II Corinthians 5:1-8

Philippians 4:4-7, 13

I Thessalonians

Psalms 16:11

Psalms 18:30

Psalms 20:1-2

Psalms 22:24

Psalms 27:5

Psalms 46

Psalms 5:22

Psalms 73:23-25

Isaiah 40:28-31

Revelation 21:1-5

### Subject

The Promise of Rest

His Sheep are Safe

The Gift of Peace

Joy during Sorrow

Victory Over Death

The God of all Comfort

Present with the Lord

God is Adequate

Promise of Reunion

God's Guidance and Presence

He makes no Mistake

He Sends Us Help

He is Sensitive to Our Needs

God's Gracious Protection

Our Refuge and Strength

Give God Your Burden

God is all We Need

Power to the Faint

All Things New

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## The Grief Process

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According to the late Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (1969), the responses to death is the process of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. **Denial** being the initial shock associated with the news. There is an emotional numbness when we hear that a loved one has died. This is a normal response triggered by the nervous system of the body. This stage should or does not normally last a long time.

**Anger** is a normal reaction to separation and loss. Anger may be directed toward God, toward others or toward the disease, which is viewed as an enemy to be battled (Broderick & Blewitt, 2015). It is alright to let God know your confusion and sense of loss, however, this should not last a long time. It could drive a wedge in your relationship with God. Then there is **Bargaining**. This is the act of trying to delay the foreseeable by making promises, usually to God. The negotiation is made in exchange for a changed lifestyle.

Of course, **Depression** has its way of creeping in with those feelings of loneliness, sadness, and hopelessness especially after the events of the funeral. The dedicated Christian must not think that he is above these normal expressions of grief. Time is the biggest advocate during these times. Prayer and seeking to continue in all possible normalcy can be very helpful.

The last stage of **Acceptance**, is considered the feeling of peace and tranquility in coming to terms with death.

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## *Sample Order of Service*

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Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Processional \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture

Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks (2 minutes please) If chosen, list them here

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Solo \_\_\_\_\_

Obituary (read silently)

Words of Comfort \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgements \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional \_\_\_\_\_

**Poem if space permits**



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## *Sample Hymns*

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**Lift Him Up**

**Unclouded Day**

**Pass Me Not**

**Onward Christian Soldier**

**Because He Lives**

**Just a Closer Walk with  
Thee**

**I Must Tell Jesus**

**In the Garden**

**Precious Lord**

**Have Thine Own Way**

**Sweet by and By**

**Safe in His Arms**

**Hymns that will help to enhance the spiritual atmosphere of the  
Homegoing Service.**