

Tabernacle Baptist Institutional Church Funerals

Membership Matters

Greetings,

Our deepest condolences are extended along with our prayers of comfort and strength for the entire family. As it relates to funerals held at Tabernacle, we pray that you will find the following information helpful to you during your planning and arrangements.

WHEN DEATH OCCURS

When there is a death of a love one, Tabernacle's first priority is to offer the bereaved family spiritual support that includes, but are not limited to, prayer for the family, caring compassion, love and guidance. At the time of death, Membership Status is an important matter because it determines the privileges available and the amount of church expenses that will be incurred by the family. Membership is not determined solely by a person visiting or attending a church frequently. To be a Covenant member, a person must publicly join, complete the Membership Orientation Classes, and **annually** maintain their active membership status through sufficient financial contributions, ministry participation, and by maintaining a current Membership Profile in the church records yearly.

FUNERAL MUSICIAN

The church organist/keyboardist musician will play at the service. However, if the family has another musician that they would prefer using instead of the church musician, please notify the church in advance before the day of the service so that it is arranged and approved. If there is a special hymn or song request or if the family has a special soloist that they would like to include on the program, please contact the Tabernacle church musician as soon as possible at least 48 hours before the service. The advance contact will allow the soloist and church musician to collaborate on the song selection, the musical key and musical arrangement. The Tabernacle church musicians' fee are paid by the church.

PALLBEARERS (CARING THE CASKET): The family has the primary responsibility to solicit family and friends to serve as pallbearers after the funeral service and at the cemetery. A general statement in the funeral program such as: *Pallbearers.....The Family, Family & Friends, or a Certain organization, etc.* The pastor can and often will invite those attending the funeral to come forward to serve as pallbearers if there is not enough family or friends prearranged to serve.

FUNERALS FOR DEATH OF A NON-MEMBER WHO IS NOT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Lastly, when a member of Tabernacle who has actively supported the church ministry has a Non-Immediate family member to die who is not a member of Tabernacle; a full price service is offered to the family. In this context, Non-Immediate family includes persons who are not their biological parents, who are not their blood sister/brother, and who are not their natural or legal children. In such case, the family is charged \$850 for the funeral service and Fellowship Hall facilities for a repast. **The repast is optional**, however, if a repast is desired by the family, the family must provide the adequate funds to cover the expense of the food, drinks, eating utensils, etc. to be used and served by the Culinary Ministry for their family & guest.

SPECIAL VIEWING: There is a \$150 additional fee in the event the family also chooses to use the TBIC Sanctuary instead of using the funeral home facilities for a **Public Viewing** prior to the day of the funeral.

The repast is optional, however, if a repast is desired, the Fellowship Hall Fee is an additional \$300 for the use of the facilities only. The bereaved family is responsible for the meal, drinks, serving utensils and eating utensils. The family may also choose to provide the church with adequate funds to purchase the food, drinks, eating utensils, etc. to be used and served by the Tabernacle Culinary Ministry for their family & guest. The funds must be collected three days in advance to allow for time to make the necessary purchases.

If the family chooses **not** to have a repast, the family is only charged \$550 for just the funeral, or \$850 for both a funeral and the use of the Fellowship Hall facilities for a repast. The fee for use of the Fellowship Hall for a Repast is for the facilities only.

FUNERAL FOR DEATH OF A NON-MEMBER WHO IS IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Also, when a member of Tabernacle who has actively supported the church ministry has an immediate family member who dies and is not a member of Tabernacle, the funeral service is offered to the family at a reduced cost. In this context, Immediate Family only includes, biological parents; grandparents; legally adopted children; children of natural birth; siblings who are blood sister/brother; and legally married spouses. In such case, the family is only charged the reduced fee of \$350 for the funeral service and Fellowship Hall facilities for a repast or just \$250 for the funeral service without a repast. The family is also responsible for additional funds to purchase and provide the food, drinks, plates, forks, napkins and other eating utensils. In the event the family also chooses to use the **TBIC Sanctuary for a Public Viewing prior to the day of the funeral** instead of using the funeral home facilities, there is a \$150 additional fee for the public viewing.

The repast is optional, however, if a repast is desired, the bereaved family is responsible for the meal, drinks, serving utensils and eating utensils. The family may also choose to provide the church with adequate funds to purchase the food, drinks, eating utensils, etc. to be used and served by the Tabernacle Culinary Ministry for their family & guest. The funds must be collected three days in advance to allow for time to make the necessary purchases.

If the family chooses **not** to have a repast, the family is only charged \$350 for just the funeral, or \$600 for both a funeral and the use of the Fellowship Hall facilities for a repast. The fee for use of the Fellowship Hall for a Repast is for the facilities only.

FUNERAL DEATH OF A TABERNACLE COVENANT MEMBER

When a Covenant Member of Tabernacle dies who has annually maintained their membership status; the Tabernacle church family rallies together to provide additional support and courtesy to the bereaved family. One of the many privileges of being a supportive Covenant Member of Tabernacle is that in the event of death, there is no cost to the family for having a Tabernacle funeral in the sanctuary. A funeral for a Member is free of charge to the family. A family repast in the TBIC Fellowship Hall is also available to the family, if desired, free of charge as well.

SPECIAL VIEWING: However, there is a \$150 fee in the event the family also chooses to use the TBIC Sanctuary instead of using the funeral home facilities for a **Public Viewing** prior to the day of the funeral.

TBIC FUNERAL & FACILITY FEES	FOR TBIC COVENANT MEMBER	NON-MEMBER, IMMEDIATE FAMILY	NON-MEMBER, NON-IMMEDIATE FAMILY
REPAST FACILITIES ONLY	NO CHARGE	\$250.00*	\$300.00*
SANCTUARY FUNERAL	NO CHARGE	\$350.00	\$550.00
FUNERAL & REPAST TOTAL	NO CHARGE	\$600.00	\$850.00

***REPAST FEE IS FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES ONLY AND DOES NOT INCLUDE FOOD, DRINKS, PLATES, NAPKINS, EATING UTENSILS, ETC.**