

## **Policy Guidance for Funerals at Northland Bible Baptist Church**

Officiating Funerals: The elders of Northland Bible Baptist Church will typically officiate at funerals held in the church. Rarely, the elders may approve an official from outside the church to conduct the funeral.

Facility Use: The church facility can be used by families of church members at no cost. Non-members can use the church facility for funerals for a maintenance fee of \$100.

Luncheons: The church will host luncheons following funerals as requested by the family of the deceased. For church members and their immediate families, the church will cover the cost of the luncheons. For those families unaffiliated with the church, they will be charged the actual cost for the luncheon, and will be invoiced after the funeral.

Food provided at funeral luncheons will be catered to the church or purchased from vendors in the food business. For food safety reasons, luncheons will not be prepared at the church or prepared in home kitchens and brought to the church. There are no exceptions to this directive.

The pastor will work with the family to determine their wishes regarding a luncheon and get an estimate of the number expected in attendance. He will relay this number and any specific details regarding the luncheon to Sherri Vredenburg and Susan Pierce who will handle purchase of the food, as needed. They will also provide oversight for setup and serving of the luncheon with help from church family. Out-of-pocket expenses to Sherri or Susan will be reimbursed by the church.

Flowers: The church will purchase flowers for church members for approximately \$40 (excluding delivery). Kathy Zaren will typically coordinate. The church will not purchase flowers for non-member funerals.

Music: All music used at any time during funerals at the church must be approved by the elder officiating the funeral. People singing or playing music during the funeral must also be approved by the officiating elder. There are no exceptions to this directive.

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