

## **Leesburg church of Christ - - Funeral Policy**

*The purpose of the Policy Letter is to document and communicate the position of Leesburg church of Christ as it relates to funerals that are conducted on our church premises.*

First, we acknowledge that, even for Christians, experiencing the death of a loved one is a difficult time. In our humanity, we grieve the loss of loved ones, but we do not sorrow as those who have no hope (**1 Thessalonians 4:13**). It is through the Word of God that we have hope in times like these (**Romans 15:4b**).

It is important that we issue this policy letter so that in the time of a family's bereavement we are clear how our church will be of service to them.

### **Funeral Services...general**

The right/benefit of having one's funeral at Leesburg church of Christ comes with being a member of our church. Therefore, all funeral services occur at the express permission of the Leadership.

Who is a member, indeed? Being a member in good standing of "The Burg" must be clearly understood:

Members in good standing are ones who have faithfully embodied/executed the duties as a resident of heaven.

Funerals for **non-members** and for those individuals deemed **inactive** are at the discretion of the Pastor.

### **Date and Time of Funerals**

Dates and times for funerals at "The Burg" are to be arranged in consultation with the Pastor/Elders based on availability and the preferences of the deceased family. Funeral services will need to be planned around already scheduled events.

### **Who will officiate?**

Who officiates a funeral at "The Burg" is under the total scrutiny of the Pastor. Any requests for another pastor/minister to officiate or assist in the service must be approved by the Pastor/Elders.

### **Structure of the Funeral Service**

A funeral service at "The Burg" is a service of worship whereby we honor and praise God, and bow in His Sovereignty in all matters, even the death of our loved ones. The liturgy of the funeral service and the burial service takes on the form of a basic worship service. The gospel is preached, and the family of the deceased is pointed to Christ Jesus for help and comfort.

Additionally, members—during their lives—may be involved in various social organizations. Quite often there are requests for these organizations to be involved in funeral services. This is scrutinized closely by the Pastor/Elders—who have oversight in such matters. Therefore, any organization or groups that by charter/organizational beliefs/mandates do not square with written scripture will not be allowed to participate in the funeral services on “The Burg’s” premises.

## **Funeral Music**

Only music appropriate to a worship service shall be used. Taped instrumental and accompaniment music, soloists, solos, musicians and all matters musically, must have the approval of the Pastor/Elders.

## **Decorations**

Families may wish to display the deceased’s remains, as well as certain photographs of the deceased and the family. The following guidelines apply in these situations:

- Any displays or pictures must be appropriate to a worship setting—No furnishings shall be removed
- No nails, tacks, staples or screws shall be put into the walls or attached to the seating
- All decorations must be removed within 3 hours of the conclusion of the service

## **Flowers**

Only fresh cut flowers and planters may be used in the sanctuary.

## **Funeral Meal/Repast**

“The Burg” will do everything reasonably possible to accommodate a member’s request for a family meal following a funeral service. The meal is prepared under the direction of the “**Sisters-In-Action**” guidelines.

There is no fee charged for this meal. Members of “The Burg” provide this service as a ministry of Christian love.

For the Elders,

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