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"...Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted..."

Matthew 5:4

TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Bereavement
Ministry*



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We grieve with

HOPE

“We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

—1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Our Mission

The Bereavement Ministry, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, is an outreach ministry that prayerfully seeks to meet the needs of the church family during their loss and in their hour of need.

Who We Are

St. Paul tells the church that when one suffers all the members suffer. Losing a family member can be one of the most difficult and painful experiences a person will go through. Having the right support makes all the difference. Here at TCOC, we want to make a difference by reaching out and helping our church members and families through their grief, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith ministry.

What We Do

The Bereavement Ministry is committed to comforting those who mourn through our words of faith and support, and with acts of kindness. Depending on the needs of the family, the Bereavement Ministry under the guidance and supervision of the Pastor, will:



What We Do cont'd

- ❖ Meet with the bereaved family to offer prayer, support, and guidance as they plan the wake and funeral arrangements – whether held at the church or another location.
- ❖ Act as a liaison with other church members to provide meals, clean and prepare the home for visitations.
- ❖ Visit the family and friends of the deceased at the wake to offer support and prayer on behalf of the Pastor.
- ❖ Conduct funeral services if needed or requested by the bereaved family.
- ❖ Serve as a greeter at the wake and funeral services.
- ❖ Coordinate the repast.
- ❖ Provide a support system that can give the bereaved family with ongoing care and ministry throughout the grief cycle.

“God is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit.”

Psalm 34:18
