

South River UMC

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Funeral/Memorial Service Planning Info

- Choose a funeral home which will assist you with products and services giving family members and friends the opportunity to honor the deceased. This may include:
 - Filing the Death Certificate
 - Coordinating plans with the cemetery for burial
 - Transportation of the body
 - Embalming or Cremation including purchase of casket & vault or urn
 - Visitation, Funeral/Memorial Service and Graveside Service planning
 - Writing an obituary for the newspaper(s)
 - Purchasing floral arrangements
- The South River church family wants to meet your spiritual needs, surround your family with Jesus' love and work with you to celebrate the life of your loved one. We can provide church facilities and a burial site when needed and assist in the details making the funeral/memorial and/or graveside service an honoring tribute.
- Contact the Pastor if the family would like to use the church facilities for the visitation, funeral/memorial service or graveside service. Please be mindful that the church Preschool operates on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 8:30am – 12:30pm with the Rowan County Public school calendar and our Food Pantry ministry operates on the third and fourth Saturday mornings. Services cannot be held during these times. **All service plans at the church must be approved by the Pastor.**
- It is a professional courtesy and church policy that an invitation to a guest minister to participate during any service held at South River **be approved by the Pastor and extended by the pastor to the guest minister on behalf of the family.**
- **Remember...before opening any grave at South River, the location of burial site must be approved by the Cemetery Committee.** Refer to Cemetery Rules and Regulations for plot and burial information. Contact the Cemetery Chairperson if you plan to use the church cemetery.
- When a spouse, child, step-child, mother, step-mother, father, or step-father of a church member or regular attendee passes, the church will provide a covered dish meal or sandwich food trays. We suggest the meal be served in the Fellowship Hall on the day of the funeral if at South River. Otherwise or if the family prefers, the meal can be brought to your home at anytime. If the someone does not contact the family during the first 24 hours about food, please contact the Food Coordinators, Susan Cobb and Angie Ward. Please be prepared to estimate how many people we will be serving.
- When a spouse, child, step-child, mother, step-mother, father, or step-father of a church member or regular attendee passes, the church sends a flower or potted plant to the service or makes a memorial to the charity or church fund as requested by the family. Please let the Pastor know which option the family prefers.
- The church provides the bulletin/Order of Worship for the service at no charge. Please contact the Pastor to obtain an Funeral Bulletin Informational Form for the church secretary to use in preparation of the bulletin.
- If the family wants use of the church sound system for microphones, video or taped music for the service, please let the Pastor know so that a sound tech volunteer can be contacted to provide this service.
- Church volunteers, when available, can provide a pianist, organist, choir or other musicians for the service if requested. Please let the Pastor know if you want to arrange for this.
- The church has a pall (an ornamental crème colored cover for a casket) that is available should the family wish to use it instead of purchasing a casket flower spray.
- In the event the Pastor is unavailable, please contact the Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson.

Pastor – Parsonage (704) 278-2894

Church Secretary – Amber White (704) 881-4760 Cell