

A funeral marks the close of a human life on earth. It is the opportunity for friends and family members to express farewell to their loved ones who have passed on to be with our Lord. A Christian funeral and wake service is also a time of rejoicing, a time of gladness that our late loved one has laid aside his/her earthly body and entered into the presence of the Lord he/she loved and served so faithfully.

Death is always a solemn and serious experience. For the Christian it can be one of God's most wonderful blessings. The death of an unbelieving sinner is indeed a sad and tragic experience. It would mean the end of a wasted life and the beginning of a hopeless eternity. For those of who are children of God, such is not the case.

At Church of Sengkang, we regard the funeral and wake service to be the first and foremost a ministry that proceeds from Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. The primary purpose of the funeral and wake service is therefore to worship God, and secondly to thank God for the life of the deceased. It is also a time to bring a word of comfort and inspiration to all who are grieving, and to bring a sense of closure to a relationship, which has now ended. Tears are expressed, not of a hopeless eternity, but rather the loved ones realise that they will not walk beside the deceased on earth again. That they will not again listen to the footsteps or hear the voice of the deceased.

The family of the deceased will decide with the church on the number of night wakes as well as the time and venue of the wake service. Proposed Order of Nightly Wake Service should include:

葬礼标明一在地上的生命的结束。此场合让亲友和家人向他们所爱的人告别，因他已离开并与我们的主同在。基督徒葬礼和追思集会也是一个喜乐的时刻，高兴感激的时刻 - 因我们已去世的亲爱亲友已放下他/她的地上的肉体，并进入主的同在 - 这是他/她信实地爱和服侍的主。

死是个严肃和需认真对待的经历。对基督徒而言，这可以是神所赐的最美好的祝福之一。一位非信徒的罪人之死的确是伤感和悲惨的经历。这意味一个失去机会的生命的结束和无望永恒的开始。然而对神儿女却非如此。

在盛港教会，我们视葬礼和追思会是源于耶稣基督的首要 and 最重要的事工，而他正是我们的盼望和救赎。因此，葬礼和追思会的基本目标是敬拜神，其次是为死者的一生来感谢神。此刻，也为伤心的人带来安慰和激励的话，也是为一个已终止的关系，带来谢幕感。流了泪，不是因无望的永恒，而是挚爱的人明白他们再也不能与死者在地上同行。他们再也听不到死者的脚步声和他的

的声音。

死者家属与教会商议要有多少个晚上的追思会和时间与地点。一般上，晚间追思会的次序表需包括：

JESUS Loves me

this I Know

for the BIBLE

Tells me So!

John 3:16

耶稣爱我

我知道

因圣经

告诉我！

约翰 3:16

Chairman:

Opening Prayer (Pastor, Church Leader or LG Leader)

- Should be a request for God's Presence and for God's Blessing upon the wake service, and it should also include a request for God's comfort for those who mourn.

- If appropriate, a moment of silence be given to the deceased as an expression of respect.

Thanksgiving Hymns:

Three to Five Hymns (include favorite hymn of deceased, if any!) (By Approved Song Leader)

Tribute or Eulogies:

To Cherish the memory of the deceased. (By Loved ones & Others)

Comfort From God's Word:

Scripture Readings and Proposed Theme Message (By Pastor or Appointed Speaker)

1. Certainty of the Resurrection of Believers
John 11
2. Heaven - A Place Prepared By Our Lord John 14
3. Affirmation of Faith and Comments of Appreciation of the Life and Ministry of the deceased.
4. Glorious Assurance - The Lord is My Shepherd
Psalm 23
5. We Have A God of Comfort 1 Corinthians 1:3

Benedictions:

Appropriate Scriptural Prayers (either by Chairman or Pastor In Charge)

1. Philippians 4:7, 23
2. Numbers 6:24-26
3. Romans 15:13
4. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

主席:

开场祷告 (牧师, 教会领袖或小组组长)

- 需求告神的同在和祝福此追思会, 并求告神安慰那些守丧者。

- 在适当时刻, 可有段默哀时间作为对死者的致敬。

感恩诗歌:

三至五首诗歌 (若有, 可包括死者所爱的诗歌!) (由受认可的领诗长带领)

敬意或颂词:

珍惜对死者的回忆 (由挚爱亲友或其他人)

神话语的安慰:

读经和有关主题的信息 (由牧师或受委讲员)

1. 信徒复活的肯定性 约 11:
2. 天堂 - 我们的主所预备之地 约 14
3. 对死者信心的肯定或他的生平与事工的赞赏
4. 荣耀的保证 - 主是我的牧者
诗篇 23
5. 我们有一位神来安慰我们 哥前 1:3

宣福

用适当的经文作祷告词 (由主席或主持牧师)

1. 腓 4:7, 23
2. 民 6:24-26
3. 罗 15:13
4. 帖后 2:16-17



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祝福仪式



Word of Comfort
慰藉话语

