

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Unfortunately, everyone sooner or later will find themselves dealing with the grief that comes from the passing of a loved one. Vineyard Church North Phoenix offers the following information to assist those who may need our help and counsel through such a difficult time.

## Vineyard Church North Phoenix offers compassion and support to bereaved families by:

- Assisting in the planning of a funeral or memorial service at VC.
- Providing a VC pastor or lay leader to officiate at a funeral or memorial service at another location.

During your time of grief, our pastors and staff will come alongside you to offer guidance, comfort, and encouragement. It is our desire that funerals and memorial services at Vineyard Church North Phoenix bring glory to God, while also honoring your loved one.

The heart of this ministry is to make this difficult time less burdensome by comforting you emotionally, encouraging you spiritually, and helping you with the practical details of arranging a funeral/memorial service for your loved one.

## **Policy**

- Funerals held at Vineyard Church North Phoenix are conducted without charge.
- We will do our best to work with you to find a time that is convenient for both your needs and the church's schedule.
- We do not have facilities for post-service receptions.
- We do not provide childcare for funeral services.
- We are not able to provide musicians or worship leaders for funeral services.
- We do not have resources to assist in processionals to the cemetery.
- We do not provide technical support in producing a video or a live streaming service.

## We Provide:

- Pastor/ Lay Pastor
- Hostess
- Sound Person
- Room
- Directional marquee signage
- Draped tables for guestbook, picture/momento/flower display
- Easels
- Boxes of tissue

## You Provide:

- · A guest book
- Funeral announcements/programs
- · Video, music, photos
- Directions to the place of interment or post-service reception

Each family will be followed up with by our Griefshare Coordinator, who will provide them information about upcoming Griefshare sessions. Griefshare is a place where family members and friends can find healing, comfort, and support during the grieving process.

For additional counsel, please feel free to set up an appointment. Contact the church office to begin this process at 623.934.4000.

If you have further questions regarding funerals, please contact: **Michelle Hyatt**, 623.934.4000 or mhyatt@vineyardnorthphoenix.com