

# Finishing Well – Celebration of Life

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:7-9

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:44

The Key to Finishing Well is as in Living Well: Faithfulness, Preparation and Communication

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## Death of a Loved One

- If the death occurs at home: Call 911 or the hospice organization for pronouncement.
- If the death occurs in the hospital the staff will notify the authorities and if you have given them the funeral home's name they will contact them as well.
- Registration of the death: medical certificate
- Notifying Family and Friends: Designate someone to do that for you.
- Notify Church Family and access plan documents on file.

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If There Are No Prearrangements Loved Ones Must Choose:\*

- Should the deceased be embalmed?
- Do I need to purchase a casket?
- Will I care for loved one's physical remains through burial or cremation?
- What sort of funeral or memorial service should I plan?
- Are there any religious traditions or customs I need to plan for?  
Should I engage the services of a clergy member?
- Planning now can take the burden from your loved ones.

• Source: Mowell Funeral Home and Cremation services "When Death Occurs"

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## Plan Your Burial While You Are Living:

- Loving and caring thing to do for those you love.
- ASAC has a form to pre-plan your burial. We will retain on file.
- Designate and communicate your needs to all who should know.
- Order of service can be found on page 249 of the 2019 BCP and on page 324 of the 1928 BCP
- Key is choosing the scripture that is meaningful to you and the hymns that speak to your spirit and journey with the Lord.
- Holy Communion is encouraged.
- Determine how memorials should be designated.

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## Plan or Prepay for Funeral Services While You Are Alive:

- Ensures you will be given the care and service you wanted.
- Takes the opportunity for anxiety and discord out of the planning discussions.
- This morning representatives of local funeral homes have kindly agreed to meet with us, discuss their services and answer questions:
  - **Mr. David Mowell**, President of Mowell Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 200 Robinson Rd., PTC, GA 30269, 770-487-3959
  - **Mr. Bill Slaughter**, Funeral Director and Location Manager for Carmichael-Hemperly (Dignity company) Funeral Home and Crematory, 135 Senoia Rd. PTC, GA 30269, 770-631-9171

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Next Week Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: When Everyone Goes Home