



Abounding Life

Church of God in Christ

All Members of Abounding Life Church of God in Christ

Re: Use of the Church for Funeral Services

We regret the loss of your family member/loved one and count it a blessing that we can be of service to you during this very trying time. We want you to know that you have our sympathy, concern, support and sincere prayers.

Reverence and respect of the “House of the Lord” is paramount to promote the support of your loved ones during this most difficult time. Please review the following documents and if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Funeral Guidelines

The Pastor and the Abounding Life Church extend their prayers and condolences to you and your family upon the death of your loved one. We hope that these guidelines help you to plan a funeral service within the liturgy of the Abounding Life Church that comforts you and your family at this time. To assist you, we have developed the following step by step Funeral Planning Guide, which includes suggested service program and rules concerning the use of the church facility. Please review the following guidelines and feel free to contact the Church secretary to finalize the arrangements and/or to answer any questions.

Scheduling of Service

Once you have contacted the funeral home, please contact the Church secretary to set a date and time for the funeral service.

Because of our weekly Saturday food pantry program, the chapel is available after 12pm. No services are held on Sundays. Exceptions can be reviewed by the Pastor and the board for Sunday funerals. All services are subject to the church calendar availability. **The wake and funeral should be 4 hours or less.**

Scheduling an Appointment

To schedule an appointment to begin the process, please call (708) 371-0090 and ask for the Church secretary. If no one is available to take your call, leave a message with your name, phone number and someone will respond within 24 hours to set up a meeting with the family.

Suggested Neighboring Funeral Homes

Gatlings Funeral Chapel
(708) 331-4111
1200 East 162nd Street
South Holland, IL 60473

Leak and Sons Funeral Services
(708) 206-0860
18400 Crawford Ave,
Country Club Hills, IL 60478

Nabors Family Funeral Home
(708) 704-5023
17135 Westview Drive
South Holland, IL 60473

W W Holt Funeral Home
(708) 331-0310
175 W. 159th St
Harvey, IL 60426

Reserving the Church

Our facilities are open to all members. ***All other circumstances are subject to board and Pastor review.***

Typical Order of Service

Attached is a suggested sample of service for the Abounding Life Church of God in Christ.

Funeral Prepast/Repast

For all funerals held at the church, we only allow pre-pasts before the wake/funeral. No repasts are accepted.

1. The limit for the chapel is 130 persons.
2. The limit for the multipurpose room 200 persons.
3. Use of the multipurpose hall and the chapel must be catered by a **certified caterer** and the family is responsible for all food and supplies.

*******Caterers MUST submit a copy of their certification prior to the services. *******

Musician and Music/Video

It is our intention to provide a choir and musicians however, they are subject to availability. Special music requests will be submitted to the Minister of Music for consideration ***as soon as possible***. You are welcome to hire your own musician(s) at your own expense.

Music selected should honor God. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of the music you would like to use, you will be directed to contact the Minister of Music for approval. The church will not allow you to play music that is secular in nature.

Bereavement Committee

Bridgett A. Harris – Church Secretary\Chairperson of Bereavement Committee

Fees***Main Sanctuary:***

- Members of Abounding Life Cogic, will ***not*** be charged.
- For immediate family members*, use of the Main Sanctuary is **\$1500**.

****Immediate family members are:*** Spouses, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, mother-in-law and father-in-law, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law. Adopted, half, and step members, half-siblings. Any individual related according to this immediate family list, is eligible.

- All who are outside the membership but within the COGIC, will be charged **\$2500**.
- All who are outside of the COGIC will be charged **\$3500**. (Must go through a vetting process with the church secretary).

Chapel

You have the option of using the chapel or the main edifice for the services. Suggested donation of **\$150** for security and cleaning of the church is requested.

A donation will be greatly appreciated.

- Members of Abounding Life COGIC, will not be charged.
- For immediate family members*, use of the Chapel is **\$500**

****Immediate family members are:*** Spouses, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, mother-in-law, and father-in-law, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law. Adopted, half, and step members, half-siblings. Any individual related according to this immediate family list, is eligible.

- All who are outside the membership and not an immediate family member will be charged **\$1000**.

Optional Packages

Gold Package

Additional \$750

(All Members of Abounding Life automatically get the Gold Package Free of charge.)

Includes: Facebook Live/ YouTube Live/Screen Video Presentation*

****Screen Presentation is shown in the Main Sanctuary only.***

Silver Package

Additional \$350

Includes: Facebook Live or YouTube Live

Bronze Package

Additional \$250

Includes: Screen Video Presentation*

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These are mandatory fees must be paid in full 72 hours before the services to reserve our facilities.

***** SIGNATURES *****

I have read and understand the aforementioned Abounding Life Church of God In Christ's guidelines and policies. My signature constitutes my agreement to abide by them.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Wake (if applicable) _____

Start Time _____

End Time _____

Date of Funeral _____

Start Time _____

End Time _____

Date of Signing _____

Date: _____

Order of Service

DATE

Processional

Congregational Song

Invocation

Old Testament Scripture
New Testament Scripture

Master or Mistress of Ceremony

Musical Selection

Remarks

Family/Friends (2 min.)

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions/
Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

INTERMENT:

Addendum

Funeral Prepasts:

Due to COVID-19, this service is NOT available until further notice.

Facility Usage Parameters:

The usage of either facility will be based according to the number of people expected.

Main sanctuary: more than 250

Chapel: 250 or less

RECEIPT

Date: _____

Received From: _____

Amount: _____

Received By: _____
Representative of Abounding Life Church of God in Christ

Paid By: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Cashier's Check

☐ Funeral Home

Funeral Home Name: _____