

Our Schedule of Sessions  
Sunday Evenings 6:00 pm.

February 10, 2008  
Introduction to the Seminar.

February 17, 2008  
Attorney James H. Swink will  
discuss powers of attorney  
and health care directives.

February 24, 2008  
Ann Bellamy of Dunbar Funeral  
Home will discuss pre-planning and  
pre-paying the funeral.

March 2, 2008  
Palmetto Health Hospice  
explains Hospice Services.

March 9, 2008  
The General Price List and  
The Funeral Planning Guide.

There is no charge to attend these  
sessions. You may register  
by phone or email.

Office hours are:  
Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 5:00.  
Friday 8:00 – 12:00.  
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A Funeral  
Planning Seminar

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An Invitation for You,

I have observed through my ministry that there is little, if any, advanced planning done to prepare oneself and family for the inevitable day when we depart this life and leave our survivors with the task of arranging for and purchasing a funeral. It has been evident to me that death and funerals are a subject that we do not talk about, until we have no other choice.

Decisions that are made about the funeral are often made under significant stress and emotional upheaval. In many instances, we make these decisions only while in the Arrangements Conference with a Funeral Director. At this point there is no time to go home, think about what you want to do, and return to the Funeral Home in a day or so to finalize your plans.

As part of my doctoral work, I researched the funeral process and developed a Funeral Planning Guide that will enable you to put on paper the plans, wishes, and desires that you have for your own disposition. Your written plan can then

be used by your survivors to coordinate and fulfill your final wishes.

I have designed a Funeral Planning Seminar for the evenings of February 10, 17, 24, and March 2, 9. A schedule of the Seminar Sessions is located on the back of this brochure.

There will be no cost for you to attend the seminar. However, the Funeral Planning Guide is rather involved and will require an appreciable amount of time for assembly. I do ask that you sign-up for the guide and indicate how many copies that you need. You may accomplish this with the sign-up sheet outside my office door, by calling the church office, or by email. I simply need to know how many copies of the guide to prepare. Attendance is not limited to church membership. Your friends and neighbors are very welcome to attend.

A word of advisement; funeral language is unique. For example, you will learn something about the embalming and cremation processes. Part of our present problem is that we do not know some of what is involved in the funeral and burial

method and this contributes to our tendency to become confused about decisions that must be made.

The goal of the Planning Guide is for you to complete as much of the information as is practical and present the Guide to those people who will be responsible for arranging for your funeral. This is your gift to them. They will have a document that records your life history, your funeral wishes, and financial matters that will be necessary to settle your estate. Your survivors will also know that they are following your desires. I have observed that this can be a great source of comfort to the bereaved.

A seminar of this nature is not very common. If you believe that it can be of help to you, please sign-up and participate.