MINISTRY GUIDELINES IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH

(Immediate Family Member: spouse, parent, sibling, child, or relative who resides in the home)

NEW: Upon notification of a death, the Pastoral Care Director makes arrangements for a meal to be purchased and delivered to the home on the same day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

A. The teacher should call the Church Receptionist at 843.662.0453 as soon as you are notified of a death. If you are notified after business hours, call to leave a voice message and the Pastoral Care Director will respond.

B. If the death is a class member or their immediate family member, the Sunday School class is to oversee the arrangement and delivery of a meal to the home (within a 25-mile radius of the church), on the day of the funeral.

C. If the funeral meal is to feed more than 25 people, contact the Pastoral Care Director.

D. A basic funeral meal consists of a meat, side items, dessert, bread, drinks. Paper goods (cups, plates, napkins, utensils) will be supplied by the church. Please take only the amount of paper items needed from the Supply Closet located beside the kitchen.

E. Do not use the FCS kitchen as a food collection area; instead, use the Church Office breakroom.

F. Please do not collect money within your class to purchase food or gift cards without first contacting the Pastoral Care Director. If there is a financial need, the church will meet the need.

   NOTE: Church members have already given their tithes and offerings. Part of the church’s annual budget is allocated for benevolence needs of church members. Allow God the opportunity to meet their need through their local church.

G. If a member’s relative who passed away was active in another church, more than likely that church will take care of the funeral meal. Coordinate with the family (or church) to determine if there is a need at another time.