



### DEACON BEREAVEMENT ASSISTANCE

As a family of faith, Northside Baptist Church enjoys being of service to the families of our church members at the time of death of a loved one. There are so many details to attend to on the day of a funeral or memorial service. Our deacons have identified a few ways they could be of help during this time of bereavement:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist in making or answering phone calls
- \_\_\_\_\_ House-sitting during the funeral or memorial service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with transportation for family members such as airport pickup
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide pallbearers if needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open & close the church for funeral services if not during regular church office hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with a meal for the family of our active members in the church fellowship hall following the funeral.

Family Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Funeral \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Home Name/Location \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Funeral \_\_\_\_\_ Time for Family Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Members to Plan for in Preparing the Family Meal After the Funeral \_\_\_\_\_

When the pastor or church office is contacted by the family of the deceased, they will ask how the deacons can assist at the time of loss in any of the ways listed above. The pastor or church office will relay any requests and a phone number where the family member making the request can be contacted. This information will be relayed to the bereavement team and the chair of the deacons. The bereavement team will coordinate providing the assistance requested.

If the church is notified of member death by someone other than family, the church office will ask if they know who in the family of the deceased is handling arrangements. They will also ask if they know how they can be contacted if contact information is not already available. The church office will notify the pastor, chair of deacons and bereavement team in order to attempt to contact the family to see how the deacons can assist.