Sunday, May 09, 2021

Events that are taking place:

- **Church Services**
  For those that will be attending our church services on Sunday’s, we are asking you to please be here on or before 09:30 a.m.

  If you do not have a release form on file you will be required to complete one before attending church service (The release form indicates that you will not hold Providence Baptist Church responsible if a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any church hosted or programmed event).

  For those that will be attending, must follow the procedures that have been established by the church and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). You MUST wear a mask when entering the church and it must be worn the entire time you are in the church.

  For those that are not wearing gloves, you must sanitize your hands with Instant Hand Sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes which will be disposed of in the trash can provided in the vestibule. We will also be doing contactless temperature checks of everyone. We are asking those who are ill or displaying symptoms of illness to please stay at home.

  You will be required to maintain social distancing when entering through our doors and during worship service. This would require everyone to maintain six feet of physical separation between each person. Those in the same household will be able to sit together.

  There will not be any distribution of bulletins or passing of offering baskets. Your Tithes and Offering will be placed in a basket by you at the Sanctuary Doors.

  There will not be any Hymns or Bibles in the shelves on the back of each pew.

  We will continue having livestream worship service for those who are uncomfortable gathering in person or unable to attend our worship services.

- **DO YOU** want to get involved in **Sunday School**?
  There will not be any Sunday School Classes today Sunday, May 09, 2021 in honor of Mother’s Day. Come and join the Sunday School Class today, Sunday, May 16, 2021. Time: 01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m., via zoom. You will truly be blessed and strengthened spiritually!
• **The Men’s Ministry** is hosting a “Men’s Ministry Prayer Meeting” every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. via zoom. All men are being asked to please attend. If you did not receive the zoom information, you may call the Church Office (415-641-8719).

• **On Sunday, May 16, 2021**, Providence Baptist Church will be a vaccination site for COVID-19. Time 12:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. additional information to follow.

• **Attention all High School, College, and Trade School Graduates.** Providence Baptist Church is planning the celebration of all graduates. Please contact Michelle Davis @ michelledavis131@comcast.net to confirm your participation in the Baccalaureate program to be held sometime in August of 2021.

Scholarship applications are also available for High School Graduates who are active members of the church. Please contact michelledavis131@comcast.net for a scholarship application information. Thank you, Michelle Davis

• **The Providence Foundation of San Francisco** is now accepting Scholarship Applications through the end of May 31, 2021. To receive and complete an application go to www.providencefoundationsf.org.

• If you would like a copy of the **Sunday School Lessons** emailed to you, please send an email to secretary@providencecares.org and they will be emailed to you.

• **The Black & Burgundy** T-Shirts and Sweatshirts will have Providence Baptist Church Logo “God’s Way Is Providence’s Way and Providence’s Way Is God’s Way” on the back of each T-Shirts and Sweatshirts. For those of you that have not ordered your Black and/or Burgundy T-Shirts and Sweatshirts, still have time to do so. Please complete an Order Form and bring it to the Church Office, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. We would like to get more orders in, so we can submit them all at one time. So, please, let’s get your forms completed and submitted to the Church Office on or before Tuesday, June 02, 2021.

• **Reverend Dr. Leroy E. Adams, Jr.** book, “**The Black Church**” is now available for pickup time: 10:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m., Monday – Friday until they are all gone. Donation: $15.00. He is currently teaching from this book.
San Francisco is now offering drop-in COVID-19 vaccines to everyone 16 and older living in the Bayview, Visitation Valley, Mission, Excelsior, Tenderloin, Potrero Hill, and Portola Neighborhoods.

1. San Francisco is expanding vaccine eligibility and offering COVID-19 vaccinations to those 16 and over in the neighborhoods most impacted by the pandemic. This includes the Southeast Health Center in the Bayview and the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital in the Mission Districts. These sites are both run by the San Francisco Health Network.

2. Anyone 16 and over that lives in the following zip codes: 94124, 94134, 94112, 94110, 94107, 94102, 94103, & 94130 can drop-in for a COVID-19 vaccine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (1001 Potrero Avenue) daily between 9am and 3pm, while supplies last. Currently, ZSFG carries the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine.

3. Anyone 18 and over that lives in the following zip codes: 94124, 94134, 94112, 94110, 94107, 94102, 94103, & 94130 can drop-in for a COVID-19 vaccine at the Southeast Health Center (2401 Keith Street) daily between 9am and 3pm. Currently, Southeast Health Center carries the Moderna vaccine.

4. At both Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and the Southeast Health Center, a parent/guardian consent must be obtained in-person. Anyone ages 16 or 17 getting the vaccine must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**Did you pay Funeral Costs after losing someone due to Covid-19?**
The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (known as FEMA) is dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus. FEMA is now providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. For those that have lost loved ones due to Covid-19 and you have paid their funeral expenses, you can now apply for reimbursement from FEMA. We have posted information on our website on how to apply for those that are interested.

- Let’s remember our Sick and Shut-In, those that are requesting Special Prayers and those that have lost love ones, by continuing praying for them.

- Let’s continue worshiping the Lord by giving our Tithes and Offering. As stated in Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

  “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts....”

  There are three (3) ways for you to give:
  1. by mail;
  2. driving by the church and dropping your envelope in the church mailbox;
  3. and by Givelify.
GOD BLESS Mothers
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

HAPPY Mother's Day
Sister Loretta Ash
Sister Lois E. Bailey
Brother Alfred Barber
Sister Bobbie Brown
Sister Juanita Casey
Brother Honor B. Dixon
Sister Ruby J. Gray
Mother Pearline Hamilton
Mother Lois Johnson
Mother Ada Jones
Sister Myrtle King
Brother Bob Lee
Sister Lorraine Lowery
Sister Wilhelmina Matthews-McFarland
Sister Mildred Patton
Sister Ophelia C. Person
Mother Beatrice Richardson
Sister Sonjia Simpson
Sister May V. Smith
Sister Geraldine Tolan
Brother Deven L. Wilson
Sister Mabel Winding
Rev. & Mrs. Calvin Jones, Jr.
Sister Gailyn Anderson
Mr. Oscar R. Barnes
Sister Rosie Byers
Sister Mary L. Dixon
Mr. Charles Gipson
Sister Emma Jones
Brother Otis Jones
The Martin/Thomas/Smith Family
Mr. Richard Montgomery
Sister Ophelia C. Person
Sister Brenda Rollins
Sister Ola Smiley
The Spikener Family
Sister Carol Tatum
Mr. Craig Thomas
Sister Dorris Vincent
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COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number
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844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

For more information about this assistance, visit COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov. Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process on FEMA’s Funeral Assistance FAQ page. Watch the video, Providing Financial Assistance for COVID-19-Related Funeral Expenses.

Funeral Assistance FAQ
Apply for Assistance

Who can apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance?

You may qualify if:
You are a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who paid for funeral expenses after January 20, 2020, and The funeral expenses were for an individual whose death in the United States, territories or the District of Columbia, may have been caused by or was likely the result of COVID-19.
Who cannot apply?

1. A minor child cannot apply on behalf of an adult who is not a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien. There are several categories of aliens lawfully present in the U.S. who are not eligible for FEMA’s Individual and Households Program assistance, including funeral assistance. These include, but are not limited to:
   2. Temporary tourist visa holders
   3. Foreign students
   4. Temporary work visa holders
   5. Habitual residents such as citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

No online applications will be accepted.

When you call, it should take about 20 minutes to apply. We will not rush through calls because we intend to make sure every applicant gets their questions answered and receives the help they need to apply.

It is important to gather all necessary information and documentation before applying for assistance. This will help us take the application and process it in a timely manner.

Once you have applied and are given an application number, you may provide supporting documentation to FEMA a few ways:

Upload to your DisasterAssistance.gov account
Fax documents: 855-261-3452.
Mail documents: P.O. BOX 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782
I’m getting a busy signal. What do I do?
We are receiving high call volumes, which is causing some technical issues. Some applicants are reaching operators, while others are receiving a busy signal. If your call was not able to connect, please try calling again later. We are working to correct the technical issues. Keep in mind there is no deadline to apply.

Can a funeral home apply on behalf of the family?
Funeral homes are not eligible to apply on behalf of a family or to be a co-applicant on the Funeral Assistance application. The person applying must be an individual, not a business, who incurred the funeral expenses.

What funeral expenses are covered?
COVID-19 Funeral Assistance will assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation. Any receipts received for expenses that are not related to funeral services will not be determined eligible expenses. Expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation typically include, but are not limited to:
- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- Arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable local or state government laws or ordinances

I was responsible for funeral expenses for more than one person whose death was attributed to COVID-19. Can I apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance for more than one death? Is there a limit?

Yes, applicants may receive assistance for the funeral expenses of multiple deceased individuals. Assistance is limited to a maximum of $9,000 per funeral and a maximum of $35,500 per application per state, territory, or the District of Columbia.
Someone else helped me pay for funeral expenses. Can they apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance?

FEMA will generally only provide COVID-19 Funeral Assistance to one applicant per deceased individual.

To be approved for reimbursement of funeral expenses due to a COVID-19 fatality, you must have incurred funeral expenses for the deceased individual and have documentation (receipts, funeral home contracts, etc.) showing your name as the responsible party.

We recognize that multiple individuals may have contributed to funeral expenses for one deceased individual. FEMA will work with applicants in these situations and those who submit multiple receipts for funeral expenses when their name does not appear on the receipt.

If more than one individual contributed toward funeral expenses, they must register with FEMA under the same application as the applicant and co-applicant, or the first applicant that submits all required documentation will be awarded COVID-19 Funeral Assistance for the deceased individual. No more than one co-applicant can be included on an application.

If a minor child directly incurred funeral expenses for a COVID-19-related death and the documentation supports that payment, the minor child’s application could be reviewed for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance.

Can I apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance even though I’ve already applied for a recent disaster event?

Yes. Applicants who recently applied for FEMA assistance for home and/or personal property damage from a disaster and also had funeral expenses for a death attributed to COVID-19 after January 20, 2020, may apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. A separate application will be required.

Are pre-planned and pre-paid funerals eligible for reimbursement if the individual died due to COVID-19?

Any source of payment designated specifically to pay for a funeral in anticipation of a future death cannot be reimbursed under this assistance. This includes burial or funeral insurance, a pre-paid funeral contract, a pre-paid trust for funeral expenses, or an irrevocable trust for Medicare.
What is the deadline to apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance?

At this time, there is no deadline to apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. FEMA will communicate a specific deadline once established.

Will the money run out?

Passing of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 now makes it possible for families and individuals who incur funeral expenses due to COVID-19 in 2021 and beyond the ability to apply for Funeral Assistance. Since there is no way to predict how many COVID-related deaths may occur between now and 2025, an exact funding cap has not been established.

After Receiving A Decision

How will I receive COVID-19 Funeral Assistance?

If you are approved for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, you will receive a check by mail or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you chose when applying for assistance.

I received a decision letter and was not approved. How do I appeal FEMA’s decision?

You have 60 days from the date of the decision letter to upload, fax or mail a signed letter appealing FEMA's decision. The appeal should include the following:

1. Why you think the decision is not correct.
2. Supporting documentation (i.e., death certificate, funeral expenses, or other supporting documentation).
3. The application number must be included on each page of the appeal submitted.

Appeal documents may be submitted by:

1. Upload through your DisasterAssistance.gov account.
2. Fax to 855-261-3452.
3. Mail to P.O. BOX 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Please refer to the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance letter received for more information.
Documentation Needed

What information do I need to provide when I register?

The applicant responsible for COVID-19 funeral expenses will need to provide the following information below when they call FEMA to register for assistance. We recommend gathering this information now as we prepare to open the application process:

1. Social Security number for the applicant and the deceased individual
2. Date of birth for the applicant and the deceased individual
3. Current mailing address for the applicant
4. Current telephone number for the applicant
5. Location or address where the deceased individual passed away
6. Information about burial or funeral insurance policies
7. Information about other funeral assistance received, such as donations
8. CARES Act grants and assistance from voluntary organizations
9. Routing and account number of the applicant’s checking or savings account (for direct deposit, if requested)

What documentation do I need?

You must provide a copy of the death certificate, proof of funeral expenses incurred, and proof of assistance received from any other source.

The death certificate must indicate the death was caused by, “may have been caused by” or “was likely a result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, or the District of Columbia.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance is not available for the funeral expenses of U.S. citizens who died outside the United States.

Documentation for expenses (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) must include the applicant’s name as the person responsible for the expense, the deceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses, and that funeral expenses were incurred after January 20, 2020.
The applicant must also provide FEMA with proof of funds received from other sources specifically used for funeral costs. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance or financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government programs or agencies, or other sources. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance will be reduced by the amount of other assistance the applicant received for the same expenses. Life insurance proceeds are not considered a duplication of Funeral Assistance benefits.

**The death certificate doesn’t attribute the death to COVID-19. How do I get a death certificate amended?**

It is possible to change or amend a death certificate. This process starts with contacting the person who certified the death. This may be a treating doctor, a coroner or a medical examiner, and their name and address is on the death certificate. Applicants may present evidence to them to support the claim the death was attributable to COVID-19.

**How do I prove my loved one who died did not have life insurance?**

Applicants will not be asked to provide proof of life insurance. Life insurance proceeds are not considered a duplication of Funeral Assistance benefits. However, expenses paid for with burial/funeral insurance, or a pre-paid funeral, are considered a duplication of benefits and therefore, are not eligible for reimbursement under this program.