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**EXCEL CHURCH**  
God's People Excelling in Life

For Christians, gathering to mourn someone who passed, celebrate their life, and proclaim the hope of Resurrection are essential practices of our faith here at EXCEL Church. During the COVID19 outbreak's extraordinary circumstances, the usual mourning of the passing of our loved ones and Celebration of Life has been interrupted.

As a Church family, our Pastors, leaders, and members understand the emotions and difficulties of losing a loved one. We genuinely empathize with those who are presently mourning the loss of someone they love. When a loved one dies, our natural human desire is to be surrounded by others to experience their comfort and support through presence, touch, prayer, and a common acknowledge of grief and loss. It's also known that during the current outbreak of COVID-19, the very gatherings and contact desired by those who grieve are what we should be cautious on, or at the very least temporarily regulated, if transmission of the virus is to be brought under control.

We value the lives of the people and families. It's during these unprecedented times of COVID-19, we have had to make the tough decision not to host funeral or memorial services in the building at this time. We know this is an inconvenience to those who are already mourning; however, we are still taking precautions not to add to any further potential disruption to an already difficult situation in the lives of families.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has a covenant with you, and he will never leave or forsake you - The feeling of your infirmities touches him. He is intimately acquainted with your grief and sorrow. He has promised you an eternity with Him and all the saints. We have a hope founded on Him and His Word. Hold onto these promises. They will carry you through the clamor and the quiet.

We are standing with you and praying for you. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen you. We have a Clergy department that is on stand by for counsel during this time of mourning and grief.

In Him,

EXCEL Church

Pastors Derrick & Zelphia Raines

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