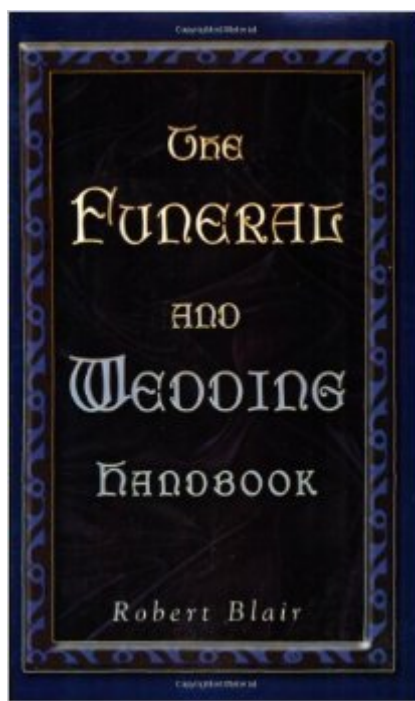


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The Funeral And Wedding Handbook



Synopsis

If you're looking for a planning resource to help you deal with funerals and weddings, this book is worth its weight in gold. Pastors are repeatedly called on to perform these ceremonies in an infinite variety of circumstances, yet there's no one-size-fits-all service, so it's a constant challenge to come up with meaningful and appropriate material that witnesses to the Lord's power. In this book an experienced minister shares a wealth of ideas that help you tailor services to individual needs, making these complicated occasions ones of impact and success for your ministry. The Funeral And Wedding Handbook shows you how to ...* Deal with difficult funerals ... suicides, infants, non-Christians, and many more* Effectively comfort the hurting* Plan memorable weddings from premarital counseling to the recessional march* Be prepared for the overlooked details and unexpected events that often arise during funeral and wedding services

Robert Blair's book stands alone as a comprehensive resource for both ministers and caregivers. Though systematic, the book is filled with examples from Blair's 40-plus years in the ministry, which makes the book dynamic, credible, and filled with wisdom. Underlying this work is Blair's humble, but all-encompassing devotion to Christ. An essential resource for all involved in funerals and weddings, this book is one of a kind.

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I have found Robert Blair's The Funeral And Wedding Handbook to be very helpful. It is well-written, informative, practical, and contemporary for today's minister. It is a great resource book, both for students preparing for ministry and those who have for many years served the Lord's people during these very important stages in life. Having this book is like having a good friend who's always ready to answer the how to and what to questions that come up in these situations. I highly recommend it to all ministers.

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Customer Reviews

Some books in this general category are primarily collections of readings and references to be used when performing a religious ceremony. "The Funeral and Wedding Handbook" is not such an anthology. It provides a good discussion of the important issues and circumstances one should remember when involved with a funeral or wedding ceremony. What emotions will you encounter, in your own experience and in working with families and others? What are the formalities or legal issues one must remember? What are the accepted and expected activities for which you will be responsible. This is an excellent book for the new member of the clergy. It would also be of real value to funeral directors or their staffs, and to the many workers involved with weddings.

I found this book to be a great resource for my own planning of funerals. As a fairly new pastor, I found the great advice Bob gives is priceless. Helpful hints, stories, Scriptures, and sample funeral messages all combine to make a easy to read resource.

There may not be two areas of ministry that touch the lives of people more then funerals and weddings! Therefore, to excel in exemplifying Christ during these times is a must for pastors and servant-leaders who are called on to conduct such services and minister to family members at such a time as these. Not only have I read "The Funeral and Wedding Handbook" by Robert Blair, I keep it ready as an immediate reference and reminder of my responsibility to the families whom I serve. This book should be on every pastor's library shelf and a requirement for reading by every pastoral student. Pastor Gregg Johnson Crossroads Christian Church

Certainly, this is not what they teach you in seminary, although they should. I picked this up on a whim, having owned a few books that contain wedding services, but I just felt I needed more funeral examples. This book not only offers good examples for both types of service, but Robert Blair also offers his own advice surrounding each event. Reading this book is like having a senior pastor mentor sitting beside you, offering his own guidance as you navigate the unknown territory of what is possibly the best and worst days in a person's life.

This book is excellent in every way. Most books on homiletics cover 5-10 pages on these subjects (if anything at all); here is a resource book with over 200 pages. It is very informative (on what to do) and filled with several practical examples (on how to do it) of ministry during these important times in people's lives. For the student preparing for ministry, the "rookie" or experienced minister, this book is a must. It is "as good as it gets" on these subjects.

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