

Pre-Planning Funeral Guide



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Six Steps to Pre-Planning Your Funeral

1. **Read this booklet...** jot down questions as you read.

2. **Contact the Church to make your wishes known...** you can call (608) 839-3770 or email the Administrative Assistant at info@abidingshepherd.org to make sure your information is placed into your membership file.



3. **Planning for your funeral service...** while pre-planning one's funeral is not a topic most people care to discuss, there are advantages to doing so:

- A) You can think about these things while you are clear-minded and able to reflect on the Lord's many blessings He grants to you during your lifetime.
- B) You can spare your children, or near relatives, the challenge of trying to remember or guess what your wishes might have been. This is especially important because, while we all look forward to the day the Lord chooses to take us home to heaven, our relatives will be dealing with their own personal loss and grief.
- C) Your wishes are properly honored. When your funeral arrangements are placed in the church file, they are kept safe until needed. Even if you should relocate or transfer to another congregation, your files will be forwarded to your new church home.

D) You have the time to consider appropriate Scripture lessons, hymns (or solos), and accompaniment. See the directory below to consider some common and favorite selections:

- Suggested **Scripture Readings** are on page 4 - 5.
- Suggested **Musical Selections** on page 6.
- A sample order of service for funerals is provided on page 7.
- Sample **Funeral Bulletins** can be found on page 8-11.
- Please note items necessary for the reading of a Christian obituary on page 12

4. Have you pre-planned with a funeral home? If you have made arrangements with a funeral home/cemetery it is helpful for you to include that in the information on page 12.

5. Other details... If your family will desire a meal to accompany your funeral service you should make your wishes known. Abiding Shepherd does not provide funeral meals through the church, but we have contracted with a local catering service for meals. While the family is responsible for the cost of the meal (you may request a current menu and price list), Abiding Shepherd has a funeral team that serves and cleans up after the meal at no charge to you.

Alternate location... if you are planning on having your funeral at a location other than our church, please make those wishes known as well (i.e. funeral home, other church location, etc.)

6. Priorities... when considering the planning of your funeral service it is good to remember that it will be a worship service first to honor God, and then to bring comfort and peace to those who will mourn your passing. The goal of the pastor performing your funeral service will be to help those who mourn to give thanks to God for your faith, for His gift of heaven, and for God's certain promise of the resurrection from the dead. 3

Suggested Scripture Readings

(Additional readings on page 5)

Gn. 5:24	Enoch Walked with God...God Took Him Away	Ps. 126:1-6	Reap with Songs of Joy
Gn. 28:17b	This Is the Gate of Heaven	Pr. 4:18	The Path of the Righteous
Ex. 15:22-27	The Waters of Marah And Elim	Pr. 10:7a	The Memory of the Righteous Will Be a Blessing
Nu. 23:10b	Let Me Die the Death of the Righteous	Pr. 10:28a	The Prospect of the Righteous Is Joy
Jos. 1:9	The Lord Will Be with You	Pr. 14:32b	In Death the Righteous Have a Refuge
Job 7:16	I Would Not Live Forever	Ec. 7:2	It Is Better to Go to a House of Mourning
Job 19:25-27	In My flesh I Will See God	Is. 43:1	You Are Mine
Ps. 4:8	I Will Lie Down And Sleep in Peace	Jr. 17:7,8	Blessed Is the Man Who Trusts in the Lord
Ps. 13:5,6	My Heart Rejoices in your Salvation	Jr. 29:11	I Know the Plans I Have for You
Ps. 16:9b	My Body Will Rest Secure	Jr. 31:3	I Have Loved You with an Everlasting Love
Ps. 17:15	I Will Be Satisfied with Seeing Your Likeness	Dn. 12:13	You Will Rise To Receive Your Inheritance
Ps. 23:1	The Lord Is My Shepherd	Mt. 6:9b	Hallowed Be Your Name
Ps. 23:4	the Valley of the Shadow of Death	Mt. 11:28-30	Come to Me And I Will Give You Rest
Ps. 23:6	In the House of the Lord Forever	Mt. 16:21-26	Whoever Loses His Life for Me Will Find It
Ps. 31:3	For the Sake of Your Name Lead And Guide Me	Mt. 16:26	What Can a Man Give in Exchange for His Soul?
Ps. 31:15	My Times Are in Your Hands	Mt. 20:6-15	The Man Who Was Hired Last
Ps. 34:19	The Lord's Deliverance from Many Troubles	Mt. 26:39	Not As I Will, But As You Will
Ps. 48:14	Our Guide Even to the End	Lk. 1:38	May It Be to Me As You Have Said
Ps. 51:12a	The Joy of Your Salvation	Lk. 1:78,79	The Tender Mercy of Our God
Ps. 71:5-9	God, Our Refuge from Birth to Death	Lk. 2:25,26	He Would Not Die before He Had Seen the Lord's Christ
Ps. 73:23,24	Afterward You Will Take Me into Glory	Lk. 2:29	Now Dismiss Your Servant in Peace
Ps. 73:25,26	God Is My Portion Forever	Lk. 12:37	Whose Master Finds Them Watching When He Comes
Ps. 84:1-4	Forever with the Lord	Lk. 23:39-43	The Tenitent Criminal
Ps. 90:1-17	Teach Us To Number Our Days Aright	Lk. 23:43	Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
Ps. 92:12-15	The Righteous Will Flourish	Lk. 23:56	Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit
Ps. 103:1,2	Forget Not All His Benefits	Lk. 24:29	Stay with Us
Ps. 103:15-18	The Lord's Everlasting Love		
Ps. 116:15	Precious Is the Death of His Saints		
Ps. 121:1-8	Both Now And Forevermore		

Suggested Scripture Readings

(Continued readings from page 4)

Jn. 3:16	God So Loved the world	1 Cor. 15: 55-57	Where, O Death, Is Your Victory?
Jn. 3:17,18	Whoever Believes in Him Is Not Condemned	2 Cor. 4:17,18	What Is Unseen Is Eternal
Jn. 5:24	Whoever Believes Has Crossed Over from Death to Life	2 Cor. 5:1-8	At Home with the Lord
Jn. 5:28,29	Those Who Have Done Good Will Rise To Live	2 Cor. 8:9	Rich through His Poverty
Jn. 6:20	Don't Be Afraid; It Is I	Ga. 4:4,5	the Full Rights of Sons
Jn. 6:53,54	I Will Raise Him Up at the Last Day	Ga. 6:14	Boast in the Cross
Jn. 10:27-30	I Give Them Eternal Life	Eph. 2:8,9	Saved by Grace through Faith
Jn. 11:11	Our Friend Lazarus Has Fallen Asleep	Php. 1:20	Christ Exalted by Death
Jn. 11:25,26	I Am the Resurrection And the Life	Php. 3:7-9	That I Might Be Found in Christ
Jn. 11:33	Jesus Was Deeply Moved in Spirit And Troubled	Php. 3:20,21	Our Lowly Bodies Will be Like His Glorious Body
Jn. 11:35-37	Jesus Wept	Col. 1:12-14	The Inheritance of the Saints in the Kingdom of Light
Jn. 12:26	Where I Am, My Servant Also Will Be	1Th. 4:13-18	We Will Be with the Lord Forever
Jn. 14:1-6	I will Come Back And Take You To Be with Me	1 Th. 5:9,10	God Did Not Appoint Us to Suffer Wrath
Jn. 14:19	Because I Live, You Also Will Live	1 Tm. 1:15	Christ Jesus Came into the World To Save Sinners
Ac. 4:12	Salvation is Found in No One Else	1 Tm. 6:12	Take Hold of the Eternal Life
Ac. 7:59	Lord Jesus, Receive My Spirit	2 Tm. 1:10	Christ Jesus Brought Life And Immortality to Light
Ro. 3:22-24	Justified Freely by His Grace	2 Tm. 4:18	The Lord Will Bring Me Safely to His Heavenly Kingdom
Ro. 4:25	Raised to Life for Our Justification	He. 2:14,15	Free Those Held in Slavery by Their Fear of Death
Ro. 5:8	God Demonstrates His Love	He. 4:9	A Sabbath-Rest for the People of God
Ro. 6:23	The Gift of God Is Eternal Life	He. 13:14	the City That Is To Come
Ro. 8:1	No Condemnation	1 Pe. 1:3,4	An Inheritance That Can Never Perish
Ro. 8:38,39	Death Will Not Be Able to Separate Us from the Love of God	1 Pe. 1:24,25	The Word of the Lord Stands Forever
Ro. 10:10	You Believe And Are Justified	1 Jn. 3:2	We Shall Be Like Him
Ro. 14:9	Christ Is the Lord of the Dead	1 Jn. 4:10	God Sent His Son as an Atoning Sacrifice
1 Cor. 15: 17-20	Christ, the Firstfruits of Those Who Have Fallen Asleep	Re. 2:10c	I Will Give You the Crown of Life
1 Cor. 15: 42-44	Sown in Weakness, It Is Raised in Power	Re. 7:13-17	God Will Wipe Away Every Tear
		Re. 19:9	The Wedding Supper of the Lamb
		Re. 21:3-5	I Am Making Everything New

Common Funeral Hymns (Other music may be used upon pastoral approval)

A Pilgrim and a Stranger (TLH 586)
Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound (CW 379)
Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep (CW 605)
For Me to Live is Jesus (CW 606)
How Blest Are They (CW 607)
How Great Thou Art (CW 256)
I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds (CW 608)
I Would not Live Always; I Ask not to Stay (TLH 588)
I'm But a Stranger Here—Heaven is My Home (CW 417)
My Course is Run. Praise God My Course is Run (TLH 599)
O Lord, My God, I Cry to Thee (TLH 600)
Tender Shepherd Thou hast Stilled (TLH 595)

Also appropriate are any of the following Easter hymns:

Alleluia! Jesus Lives (CW 153)
Christ the Lord is Risen Again (CW 155)
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (CW 142)
He's Risen, He's Risen (CW 143)
I Know that My Redeemer Lives (CW 152)
Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense (CW 167)
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (CW 145)
Morning Breaks upon the Tomb (CW 159)
The Day of Resurrection (CW 166)

Also appropriate are seasonal hymns, such as Christmas, Lent, Thanksgiving, etc.

You may also have some non-Lutheran hymns/songs that you would like considered for your service. For instance, a favorite for many people of the elder generation is "The Old Rugged Cross". If you have such songs in mind, please discuss them with one of the pastors to insure the appropriateness of the song's contents and words.

Order of Service for Funerals

Funeral/Memorial Service For

Name: _____

Date: _____

Invocation

Opening Prayer

Possible Musical Selection

Scripture Lessons

Possible Second Musical Selection

The Funeral Sermon Text

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Possible Third Musical Selection

Reading of the Christian Obituary

Blessing

Other Information that might be provided:

Will there be a meal? Yes No

When a meal is planned:

Location: _____

When: _____

(after service, after committal, etc.)

When the meal is at Abiding Shepherd,
catering arrangements will be made by:

☐ Family ☐ Abiding Shepherd

Caterer contact information:

If a committal is planned,
name/location of cemetery:

Musician/s:

Officiant:

Pallbearers:

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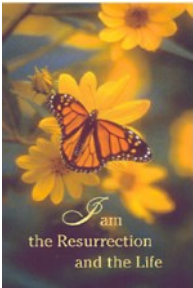
This bulletin features white flowers with rain drops on each petal and the words I am the resurrection And the life.

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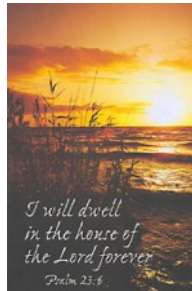
This bulletin features large pink Roses with the sentiment reading: In Loving Memory.

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This bulletin features yellow Daisies with an orange/black Butterfly on one of the flowers. The sentiment reads: I Am The Resurrection and the Life.

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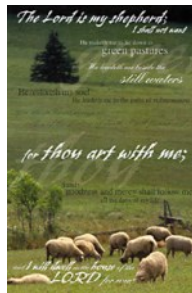


This bulletin features a sunset on a lake with small ripples of water hitting the stalks on shore. The sentiment below reads: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.. Psalm 23:6

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This bulletin shows clouds on the lower portion of the bulletin with a bright light coming through the top of the clouds. The sentiment on the top of the bulletin reads" AMAZING GRACE! How Sweet the sound Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will bring me home.



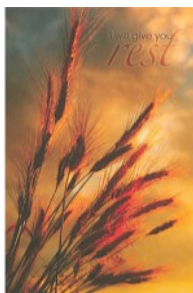
This bulletin features a green pasture filled with trees and sheep. The words on the bulletin say The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want He maketh me to lie down in green pastures He leadeth me beside the still waters He restoreth my soul He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

NW Catalog Item Number: OL-130080



Well Done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness! Matthew 25:21 (NIV) is the sentiment on the bulletin.

The background features a path through a garden with flowers, and bushes marking the path. Also there is a concrete wall with greens growing



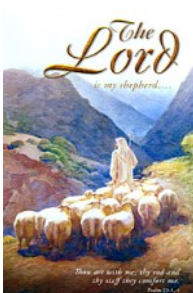
The bulletin features wheat with warm colored skies and the sentiment reading: I Will Give You Rest.

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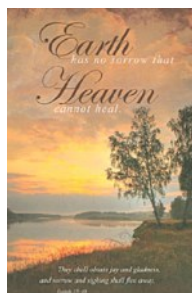
I Am The Resurrection And The Life is the sentiment on this bulletin with the background featuring small waves coming to shore and the sun setting over the ocean.

NW Catalog Item Number: OL-130241



Jesus is viewing the mountains and valleys below while holding His staff and His sheep are around Him. The sentiment reads: Thou are with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me..[Psalm 23:1,4](#) and The Lord Is My Shepherd...

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A serene valley view as the sun is setting over the waters. The sentiment reads: Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal and from [Isaiah 35:10](#).. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

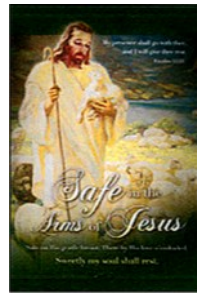
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This bulletin features a beautiful/serene scene where the bright sky has the sentiment from John 14:1-2...Let not your heart be troubled.. I go to prepare a place for you. Size: 8.5x11 inches. NW Catalog Item Number: OL-130272



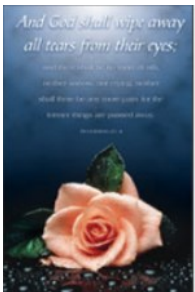
Surrounded by sheep, Jesus is holding His staff in one hand and a lamb in the other. The sentiment reads...Safe in the Arms of Jesus Safe on his gentle breast; There by His love o'ershaded, Sweetly my soul shall rest. My presence shall go with thee, and I will give the rest. Ex 33:14. NW Catalog Item Number: OL-130324



Praying hands on a cream background is the design on this simple, tender bulletin. Size: 8.5x11 inches. NW Catalog Item Number: OL-130325

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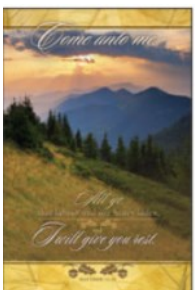
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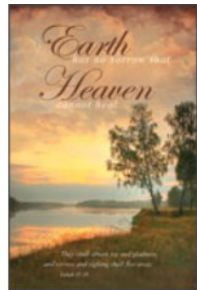
And God Shall Wipe Away All the Tears...Item #: U2310WEB



Beyond the Shadow
Item #: U2327WEB



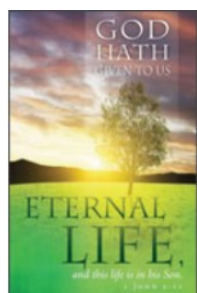
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Earth/Heaven
Item #: U2331WEB / 2011 /



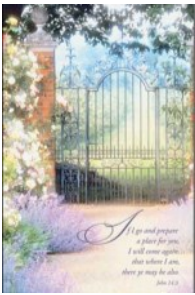
For God so loved the world...
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God hath given us eternal life
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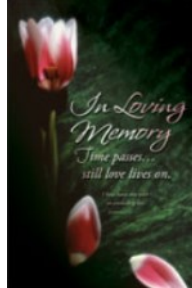
If I Go and Prepare a Place For You
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In Christ All Will Be Made Alive
(Butterfly)
Item #: 9438WEB / 2008 /



In Christ all will be made
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In Loving Memory
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Let not your heart be troubled
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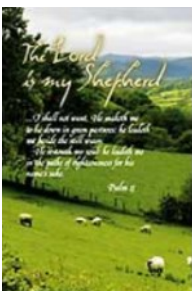
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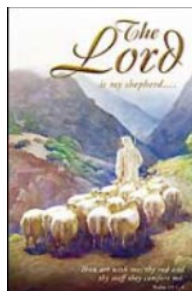
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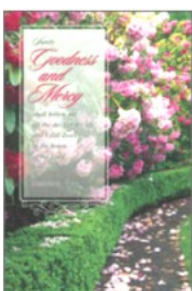
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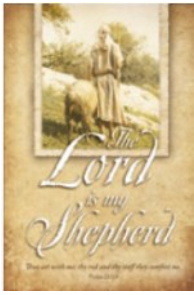
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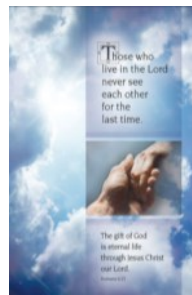
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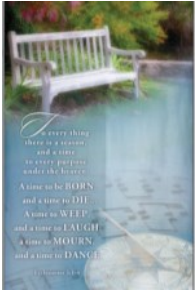
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Those Who Live in the Lord
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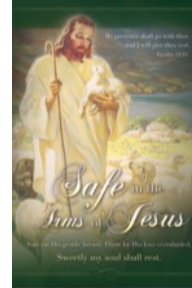
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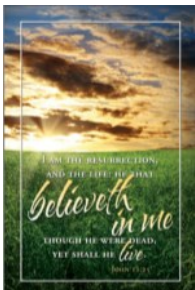
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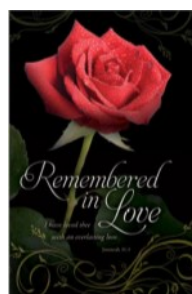
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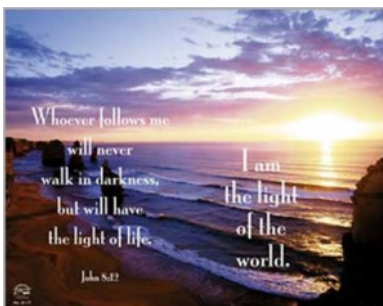
Safe in the Arms of Jesus
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I am the resurrection
Item #: U2318WEB / 2009 /



Remembered in Love
Item #: U2501WEB



I Am the Light of the World
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FUNERAL LUNCHEON MENU

Menu No. 1

Baked Ham

Choice of Potato: Mashed w/Gravy, Au gratin
or Scalloped

Choice of Vegetable: Whole Kernel Corn,
Green Beans, Peas or Carrots

Choice of Salad: Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit Salad
or Fruit Waldorf
Rolls and Butter

Choice of Dessert: See Below

Choice of Two Beverages: See Below

Price: \$8.75 per person

Menu No. 2

Baked Chicken

Choice of Potato: Mashed w/Gravy, Au gratin
or Scalloped

Choice of Vegetable: Whole Kernel Corn,
Green Beans, Peas or Carrots

Choice of Salad: Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit Salad
or Fruit Waldorf
Rolls and Butter

Choice of Dessert: See Below

Choice of Two Beverages: See Below

Price: \$8.75 per person

Menu No. 3

Trays of Sliced Ham, Turkey Breast and
Roast Beef

Sliced Swiss and Cheddar Cheese
Cocktail Rolls

Choice of Two Complimentary Items
Choice of Dessert

Choice of Two Beverages

\$8.25 per person

Menu No. 4

Sliced Ham and Turkey Sandwiches

Choice of Two Complimentary Items

Choice of Dessert

Choice of Two Beverages

\$7.50 per person

Complimentary Items: Scalloped Potatoes, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit
Salad, Taffy Apple Salad, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Macaroni Salad, Pasta Salad,
Assorted Relish Tray w/Dip

Dessert Choices: Frosted Sheet Cake, Brownies, Assorted Cookies

Beverage Choices: Coffee, Milk, Lemonade, Iced Tea (seasonal)

Note: Families are welcome to arrange a luncheon through the church office or directly with Gaylord Catering Service. If plans are made directly with Gaylord Catering, please let the church office know at (608) 839-3770 . Our serving committee will then knows how best to coordinate the meal.

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Abiding Shepherd Funeral Planning Worksheet

FUNERAL HOME/CEMETERY INFORMATION:

Name of funeral home: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Cemetery: _____

Location: _____

INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN OBITUARY:

Your date of birth: _____

Your baptismal date: _____

Where were you baptized: _____

Date of confirmation: _____

Where were you confirmed: _____

Spouse: _____

Date of your marriage: _____

Location of your marriage: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Names of your children	(and spouses)	and where they live:
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_____	_____	_____
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