

As we've hosted many funerals over the past few years, we've noticed how impactful it is when the departed have clearly shared their faith with families and friends. Funerals are an incredible opportunity for the gospel, with people more willing to listen as they consider their own mortality. Seeing their beloved's confidence and hope in Christ encourages their faith and gives them confidence, hope, and comfort as they grieve.

Because of this, we want to help you record your story. We want to help you share your faith with your family and friends so they might share in your confidence and hope in Christ. We envision everyone in our church family having a video of them sharing their story, which can be played at their own funeral someday.

First, let's talk about how to tell your story. Think about sharing your story in three parts: 1) your life before Christ (if you were saved at a young age, then share what your life would have been like without Christ), 2) the moment you believed in Christ, and 3) how your life has been different because of Christ. Aim for around three minutes, to make this something you can share quickly with anyone.

Second, let's talk about how to record your video. You may choose to record this yourself, or, we have set a place up at Fellowship where we can record, edit, and archive the video for you, we will give you a copy of your video on a memory stick. You can register for this service here:

<https://fbc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2687367>

If you choose to do this yourself, your cellphone will work fine for this purpose. If you have someone to hold it for you, that is great, but a tripod of some sort would be even better. Set your phone up horizontally (the same orientation as most video screens and televisions), and set the resolution to the highest you can, typically 720p or 1080p. Finally, make sure the phone is close enough to get good audio of you speaking. Try to set up in a quiet place in your house that has softer surfaces, such as books, soft furniture, carpet/rugs, etc. Hard reflective surfaces like a bathroom or tiled kitchen will create echoes and make it harder to understand you speaking. Take your time and speak at a moderate, clear pace. Relax, and think of this as sharing your story with a close friend or child.

If you have any questions, reach out to info@fbctopeka.com for help.