

**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
POLICY AND PROCEDURE
(September 2020)**

Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is to establish a uniform and equitable system of allocating burial space in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Policy

For a set fee, all persons carried on the current church rolls shall be provided burial space, if requested. Additionally, dependent children of members residing at home or for handicap children will be provided space upon the request of a member parent or guardian. The spaces thus allocated will be considered a benefit of church membership and all maintenance costs of these plots will be borne by the church.

All fees will be deposited in the Cemetery Trust Fund, and interest accrued will be applied to the perpetual maintenance of the cemetery. All interest accrued from purchased CD's will be deposited in general funds of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and will be designated to be used for the grounds maintenance of the cemetery.

Property for the cemetery will be laid off in individual lots. Burial space will be sold to church members for \$200.00. A burial space for a nonmember will cost \$1,000.00.

Church members have only burial rights' --- no deeds are given. If you move away and wish to return the grave plot, you may do so and your money will be refunded.

Persons may not sell burial plots to another party.

Procedures

Church members may reserve required spaces in advance by contacting the church Cemetery Trustees and selecting a reserved space or spaces from spaces available, or at the time required by asking the Church Cemetery Trustees for assignment of space.

A permanent grave marker with the name, birth date, and death date of the deceased will be placed upon the grave. The church cemetery trustees reserve the right to approve all monuments as to type and inscription. A vault will be required for all burials. There will be no above ground vaults or crypts. Only flat monuments can be installed in the "new" (across the drive) cemetery.

No cement or marble coping or permanent shrubbery can be placed in the cemetery.

No graves are to be opened without proper authorization from the trustees.

Any damage caused to the cemetery grounds or to grave stones or markers will be the responsibility of the company incurring the damage.

Any excess dirt from graves or tombstones installation must be removed by the company that is employed.

General

Funeral directors will be responsible for clearing all requests with the Cemetery Trustees. No grave will be opened without prior approval of the Cemetery Trustees. If no trustee is available, contact the church office or chairman of the deacons.

Cemetery Trustees

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