



Gap Creek Baptist Church

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CEMETERY GUIDELINES

The cemetery is owned by Gap Creek Baptist Church and is not a public or perpetual care cemetery. Gap Creek Baptist Church is a church with a long history. We are dedicated to respecting all our members, family, and friends who have died and are buried in our cemetery. There are some graves over 100 years old.

We understand the significance of preparing a resting place for a lost loved one. We must consider established graves. Because of this we have guidelines in place to honor all sites.

Qualifications for Spaces:

1. No grave is to be dug without permission from the Cemetery Committee. The only pre-assigned space will be for surviving wife/husband and single children. Other spaces available upon approval and payment.
2. Husband, wife, father, mother, single children, and grandchildren of active members are given priority.

Please observe the following guidelines when preparing a grave site.

1. Border for grave sites must be within the outside diameter of the burial pit this includes coping and headstone.
2. Prior to digging the grave site or placing the head stone and border you must call a member of the Cemetery Committee or the Church office, 864-836-4002.
3. ***Please stay within the noted dimensions:***

Single Grave Space
3 ½ ft. x 9 ft.
(42 inches)

***This includes coping and headstone**

Double Grave Space
7 x 9 ft.
(84 inches)

***This includes coping and headstone**

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Outer burial container or vault made of concrete asphalt with reinforced steel and/or grave liner must be installed. (see notes below)
2. All graves are to be level and sowed in grass.
3. Coping, stone, or grave marker may be used and placed within the plot measurements.
4. All flowers to be in non-glass vases or such as saddle type attached to headstone.
5. The planting of bushes, trees, or permanent plants are prohibited.
6. Fences, walls, or barriers of any type construction may not be erected in the cemetery.
7. Christmas flowers and Easter flowers are to be removed within one month.
8. The Deacons shall have the right to increase fees as they see fit. The Deacons shall have the right to waive all or part of the fee in case of hardship/poverty and etc. upon recommendation from the Cemetery Committee
9. Natural flowers and excessive arrangements endangering grass shall be removed.
10. Any case not covered by these guidelines may be reviewed by the Deacons and Cemetery Committee.
11. Any family member asking to open a grave site or exhume or remove from the ground a casket or cremated remains must put the request in writing to a member of the cemetery committee or church office.
12. Only interments of a human being will be permitted in the Gap Creek Baptist Cemetery.

Gravesite Fees:

- Active Members = \$100.00
- Non-Active Members and Active Non-Member = \$300.00 if spaces are available
- Non-members = \$1,000.00 if spaces are available

NOTES:

1. These guidelines are made in an effort to be fair to all concerned and to ensure the proper maintaining of our cemetery.
 - a. Gap Creek Baptist Church cemetery does not offer perpetual care.
 - b. It is the responsibility of the family to maintain gravesite.
 - c. The church is not responsible for repair or maintenance of markers.
 - d. Neither the church nor any staff member is responsible for any damage, vandalism or theft of flowers of any type or vases or holders attached to headstones, etc.
2. Member and non-member definitions:
 - a. Active Member is defined as a person who, at the time of their death, meets 2 of the 3:
 - i. On the church roll
 - ii. Attending church regularly, at least monthly unless hindered by physical reasons
 - iii. Making at least quarterly financial contributions to the church
 - b. Non-Active Member is defined as a person who, at the time of their death, meets 2 of the 4:
 - i. On the church roll
 - ii. Not living in the area
 - iii. Seldom or never attends church (less than once a month)
 - iv. Not making regular financial contributions to the church (at least quarterly)

- c. Active Non-Member is defined as a person who, at the time of their death, meets 2 of the 3:
 - i. Not on the church roll
 - ii. Attending church regularly, at least monthly unless hindered by physical reasons
 - iii. Making at least quarterly financial contributions to the church
 - iv. Involved in church activities
- d. Non-Member is defined as a person who, at the time of their death, meets 2 of the 4:
 - i. Not on the church roll
 - ii. Seldom or never attends church (less than once a month)
 - iii. Does not make at least quarterly financial contributions to the church
- 3. It is customary for the husband to be buried on the left of his wife (standing at the **foot** of the grave and **looking up** towards **the head**). If you choose another arrangement please make sure this is in writing on both the receipt given to the church cemetery committee and to the mortuary.
- 4. Resale or transfer of unused lots (or burial spaces) must be approved by the cemetery committee and shall be in compliance with the cemetery guidelines.
- 5. Outer burial container means the following:
 - a. Category I-Protective Outer Burial Container-An outer burial container (vault) in which a casket or similar burial device is placed for in-ground interment and is designed and constructed to support the weight of the earth and standard cemetery maintenance equipment and to prevent the grave from collapsing while resisting the entrance of water or any other element found in the soil in which it is interred.
 - b. Category II-No protective Outer Burial Container-A non-sealing outer burial container (grave liner) in which a casket or similar burial device is placed for in-ground interment and is designed and constructed to support the weight of the earth and standard cemetery maintenance equipment and to prevent the grave from collapsing.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Christ,

Gap Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Committee

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