



South Fork Baptist Church

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

The South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery is organized, owned and maintained by South Fork Baptist Church. The South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery is governed by the Church Cemetery Committee, in accordance with the South Fork Baptist Church Bylaws.

South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery is a place to remember our loved ones with love and affection. The treatment of and behavior while on the premises shall be guided accordingly.

South Fork Baptist Church nor South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery will be responsible for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, such as but not limited to, wind thieves, vandals or accidents. All Repairs will be at the cost of the estate.

General:

1. Fees:
 - a. SFBC Active Members \$250
 - b. Inactive Members, Nonresident Members, or Non-Members \$500
2. Lots are 4' x 10'
3. Lots become the property of purchaser upon sale. All transfers of ownership must be approved first by the SFBC Church Cemetery Committee and said transfer will not be recognized unless approved.
4. Any lots sold and unused after 100 years become the property of South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery for the purpose of being resold.
5. Lots are for human remains only (not pets or objects).
6. Lots are for single burial use only with exception to with prior approval of infant/child caskets.
7. Records and Plats are kept in the offices of South Fork Baptist Church.
8. South Fork Baptist Church is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery and therefore reserves the right to remove any items hindering said maintenance.
9. Burial vaults are required to prevent sunken graves.
10. South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery is not responsible for filling sunken graves or leaning headstones, and are the responsibility of the loved one's executor or executrix.

Landscaping:

1. Flowers and plants are permitted in pots and baskets and shall be placed on the monuments and not on the grassy areas. Trees and Shrubs are not permitted.
2. Any decorations placed must be placed on the monument and not in the grassy area.
3. All articles must be attached or affixed to the monument.
4. Benches, edging, curbing, fences or trellises are not permitted around the grave sites.
5. Rock, stone, or mulch or are not permitted around the grave site.
6. This private Christian cemetery will not allow any decoration on or around monuments that are inconsistent with Christian ideals and principles.
7. Any items not adhering to these policies or are no longer aesthetically pleasing will be removed by cemetery committee or its designees

Tombstones:

1. Must be approved by cemetery committee prior to being set on cemetery property.
2. Must be emplaced within one year of burial.
3. Must be Christian or Neutral in content
 - a. Must not have any Non-Christian religious markings
 - b. Must not have any markings indicating or promoting unbiblical ideals contrary to church beliefs as stated in the SFBC Constitution & Bylaws regardless of Federal, State or Local laws.
 - c. Any questions concerning approval of markings or epitaphs can be directed to the SFBC Cemetery Committee
4. Must have legal name representing the individual's biological gender at birth
5. No joint tombstones for any of the following:
 - a. Non-Married Couples
 - b. Homosexual Marriage
 - c. Polygamist Marriage
6. Tombstones not meeting the above mentioned criteria shall be removed and replaced at the expense of the estate.

These policies and guidelines may be amended at any time as deemed necessary for the care and protection of the cemetery by the South Fork Baptist Church Cemetery Committee.

Approved by SFBC Cemetery Committee on 9/24/14