

Bylaws for Wilksburg Baptist Church Cemetery

GENERAL

The cemetery is located at 5949 Woods Ferry Road, Chester, SC 29706.

The cemetery and the land on which it is located is the property of Wilksburg Baptist Church (located at 3137 Pinckney Road, Chester, SC 29706) and the church retains sole ownership and management of the cemetery.

All decisions will be made by the Cemetery Committee representing and on the authority of Wilksburg Baptist Church.

All work done in the cemetery shall be done under the approval and supervision of a member of the Cemetery Committee.

PLOTS

Only active members (according to the Bylaws of Wilksburg Baptist Church) may select graves for themselves and their immediate family. Children are considered members of the immediate family providing they are less than twenty-one years and still furthering their education by being in school and being considered as living at home or mentally or physically handicapped.

If a previously assigned plot is no longer wanted or needed by a person, the plot will be reassigned by the Cemetery Committee. Plots are non-transferable.

Inactive members or non-members will not have the privilege of selecting grave sites for their future use, but such persons will be allowed the opportunity to be buried in close proximity of their deceased family members, providing adequate space is available.

CASKET BURIAL

All casket burials require a vault.

CREMATION

Cremains may be buried in a grave plot providing the plot is assigned per the appropriate bylaws section.

There is a maximum of three cremains containers allowed in a single standard grave plot.

DECORATIONS

All seasonal flowers should be removed within 30 days after the holiday.

Flowers on new graves shall be removed and disposed of by family.

Wilksburg Baptist Church reserves the right to remove any flowers or decorations as it deems necessary.

The planting of shrubs or plants or the installation of benches outside of a grave plot must be priorly approved by the Cemetery Committee.

COST

Interment cost applies to casket and cremains arrangements whether in ground or in the columbarium.

All fees must be paid prior to burial.

Active members (according to the Bylaws of Wilksburg Baptist Church) may be buried free of charge.

Inactive or non-members will be charged a fee of \$1,000.

Persons that are not a resident of the area and do not have immediate family connections will be charged a fee of \$2,000.

If cremains are interred in the columbarium, the spouse's cremains may be interred in the same compartment without additional charge.

The Committee will make exceptions for members that are homebound, in a long-term care facility, or other circumstances that hindered them from being active in the church.

The Committee will, on a case-by-case basis, make exceptions or arrangements regarding the interment fee upon request.

MARKERS

A permanent marker is required to be installed within one year of burial. If circumstances prevent this, the Cemetery Committee must be contacted.

ADOPTION

These Bylaws were adopted on December 26, 2021 and supersede all previous bylaws or regulations.