

Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Rules and Regulations

I. Burials

a. Eligibility:

The following guidelines are used to determine eligibility to be buried at Pine Grove Baptist Cemetery

- i. Active Members
- ii. Immediate family of active members.
 1. Immediate family is limited to spouses, lineal ascendants and descendants, and collateral relatives restricted to siblings.
 2. Direct relative burials to occur no matter race, sexual orientation or religion.
- iii. Immediate family of persons currently buried in the cemetery
- iv. Current or former staff
- v. If one or both parents are eligible to be buried in the cemetery then their children are also eligible.
- vi. Non-members or otherwise ineligible burials of individuals living in the community may still be conducted with the approval of the Pastor and Deacon body for a fee to be equal to the average of cemetery plots in Livingston Parish, to be determined by the Deacon body and cemetery committee.

b. Grave Site Selection

- i. Only Active members over the age of 65 may preselect and prepare a grave site. Active members are defined as:
 1. Members who currently attend services at Pine Grove Baptist Church at least once a month.
 2. Members who have been declared as homebound or shut-in due to illness, age, or disability as determined by the Deacon body.
- ii. Sites for non-members living in the community at the time of death will be provided when and where available with the permission of the Cemetery Committee

II. Grave Site Preparation, Care, and Maintenance

- a. Before use of the cemetery for burial purposes is allowed, a family member of the deceased must contact PGBC through the cemetery committee and notify them of the name of the deceased and proposed date of burial.
- b. Family members of the deceased will be responsible for spreading and or removing excess dirt and old flowers.
 - i. A refundable deposit of \$300 will be required to ensure the removal of excess dirt and flowers within 90 days
 - ii. Family members of the deceased will be responsible for any damages to other gravesites
- c. Only authorized vehicles will be allowed in cemetery
- d. Graves must have a headstone

- i. Military foot markers are allowed flush with the grave at the foot of the grave but may not be used as head stones
 - ii. Military headstones are acceptable monuments
- e. Families of those buried are expected to donate to the cemetery fund annually for upkeep of the cemetery
 - i. No plants/trees/bushes are to be planted around graves
 - ii. All vases, markers, flowers and so forth be inside coping
 - iii. No work will be allowed in cemetery on Sunday unless it is necessary to bury someone
- f. No minors 17 or younger are allowed in cemetery unless accompanied by an adult 18 or older

III. Graveside Services

- a. Funeral or graveside services will be conducted in a Christian manner
- b. No Satanic symbols, songs, or rituals will be permitted
- c. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on cemetery property or church property
- d. All other graves will be treated in a respectful manner

IV. Exceptions and additions to these rules must be approved by the Cemetery Committee and all decisions made by the committee are final

Adopted August 7th, 2016 by the Church Body