

CEMETERY BYLAWS  
for the  
SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH  
of  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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CEMETERY BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CEMETERY**

- A. South River Baptist Church shall be responsible for the upkeep and care of the cemetery.
- B. A Cemetery Committee of at least three (3) persons shall be appointed annually by the church and be vested with this authority.
- C. The Chairman of the Cemetery Committee shall be responsible for making any necessary reports to the church.

**ARTICLE II - PURCHASE OF PLOTS**

- A. Purchase shall be made through the chairman of the cemetery committee.
- B. Payment arrangements are to be made prior to the opening of the grave. In case of persons not able to pay, burial may be permitted, based upon the decision of the entire committee.
- C. Final approval for the opening of a grave is to be given by the chairman of the cemetery committee.
- D. There shall be no charge for persons whose names appear on the current RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP ROLL, their spouses and children living in their home.
- E. Upon request, a non-resident member or a former church member may purchase a plot for self, spouse, or child for a fee of \$1,000.00.
- F. Any person having a spouse or child buried in the cemetery, prior to January 8, 1978, may have a plot free of charge upon proper request.
- G. Any person having a plot assigned by establishment of a marker or monument, or by recorded reservation, prior to January 8, 1978, may have a plot free of charge upon proper request.
- H. Plots may be assigned, upon request, to any resident church member without fee. The plot assignments must be recorded with the cemetery committee chairman. Any member whose name is removed from the RESIDENT CHURCH ROLL loses free burial rights, even though a plot may have been assigned. Payment of \$1,000.00 must be made by that member to retain the plot. No plot(s) shall be considered reserved or purchased

unless arrangements for payment have been made or cleared through the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

- I. All payments shall be made in full prior to the opening of the grave.
- J. Plots are non-transferable.

### **ARTICLE III - MARKERS**

- A. A marker of permanent nature shall be placed at the grave site within a reasonable time from date of burial.
- B. If a standing type marker is erected, it is required that a six inch border of concrete be poured around the base to facilitate lawn mowing.
- C. Any surface marker placed shall be in such a way as not to hinder mowing with a power mower.
- D. No border or curb around plots shall be erected that will hinder mowing grass; nor, shall any permanent natural plants, trees, shrubs, etc., be planted.
- E. The Chairman of the Committee shall inform all purchasers of these rules concerning markers at the time of purchase and sixty days after burial.

### **ARTICLE IV - FINANCE FOR MAINTENANCE**

- A. Payments for plots.
  - 1. Free will donations by concerned members and friends. These donations do not give a person burial rights.
  - 2. Additional support from the church budget, upon church approval, if amounts in 1. and 2. are not adequate.
  - 3. This money shall be kept in a special Cemetery Fund and a monthly report of receipts and expenditures shall be made.
  - 4. All gifts and receipts received in the Cemetery Fund shall be used for maintenance of the cemetery.

## **ARTICLE V - MISCELLANEOUS**

These by-laws regarding the South River Baptist Church Cemetery may be amended or altered by a majority vote of the members present at any regular church conference, provided, however, that such amendment or alteration be presented to the church at least two weeks prior to the time the vote is taken.