

CEMETERY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

I. The Cemetery Committee which falls under direction of the Church Trustees and or Officers of the Corporation is to oversee the cleaning and necessary repairs to the cemeteries. To report all needs to the Church and work that needs to be completed. Oversee all records concerning plots, graves, and other needed information concerning the cemeteries. To keep record of all monies that are designated to the Cemetery Fund.

- A. An active member must attend church services at least once every 6 months, as stated in the Church Constitution Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph A- Active membership.
- B. There are no new plots available in the original Foy Cemetery or Old Elim Cemetery
- C. Definition of a Plot – 1 Grave Space

II. **The below rules and guidelines apply:** Approved by the Church on 04/2//08.

A. **ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH:** Members of the church may reserve cemetery plots for their immediate family (spouse, children, and/or family member/s that are dependent upon the member) at no cost to the member.

B. **INACTIVE OR NON-MEMBERS:** Non-members with the approval of the Cemetery Committee may obtain a cemetery plot for a donation of no less than \$500.00 per plot. They may obtain or reserve a plot with the approval of the Cemetery Committee Only! The Cemetery Committee has the authority to deny any non-member a plot in the Church Cemetery.

1.**DONATION FOR PLOTS:** A donation amount determined either by the Cemetery Committee or the Church shall be not less than \$500.00 per plot and the plot shall remain property of the Church.

c. MEMBERS WHO HAVE MOVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERS: Those members that have resigned their membership, or moved their membership to another church, will be considered NON-MEMBERS. If they have previously reserved a cemetery plot, immediately upon removal of their letter or membership, they forfeit those cemetery plot/s that they previously reserved. If they desire to keep their cemetery plot/s, they must have approval of the Cemetery Committee and donate the Non-Member amount required at the discretion of the Committee.

d. CORNERSTONES OR MARKERS: Cornerstones or markers are recommended to be put in place by all members and non-members who have or have reserved a cemetery plot/s. This is recommended to be put in place within 12 months after burial.

e. FUNDS: Any funds received or donated for cemeteries will be deposited in the Cemetery Fund. These funds will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of all cemeteries.

f. A MEMBER OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Member must be contacted before burial or placing stones or coping in the cemetery.

g. TREE OR SHRUBERY: These shall be prohibited in the cemeteries.

h. COPING: Must stay within boundaries of the plots.

III. The Cemetery Committee has the responsibility to keep the Church informed of all actions concerning the cemeteries under the responsibility of the Church. The Cemetery Committee will make a report on the Committee's actions at the regular schedule business conferences.