
Cemetery

As a courtesy and privilege to our members, First Baptist Church Maddoxtown maintains a cemetery where, upon death, each can be laid to rest. The following guidelines are used:

1. The cemetery is for First Baptist Church Maddoxtown members as defined in Article IV of the church bylaws. All members have a plot by default.
2. Upon termination of membership, as defined in Article IV, Section 4 of the church bylaws, burial in the cemetery is forfeited.
3. Upon death of a member the location of plots is the next available. Surviving members who desire to be buried beside a family member may reserve up to two plots for a \$25 nonrefundable fee per plot. The reservation needs to be done at the time of death and is nontransferable. In no case will there be more than 2 reserved per member, per family.
4. Upon termination of membership, as defined in Article IV, Section 4 of the church bylaws, the reservation is also terminated. Under no circumstances will members be allowed to select the location of plots.
5. As of review of this policy October, 2011, prior reservations were made by nonmembers. A grandfather clause will be instituted to honor any reservation made by nonmembers prior to September, 2011.
6. If a member moves away, remains a member, as defined in Article IV of the church bylaws, and returns, they will still have the right of burial in our cemetery.
7. If an elderly member has to move with their children because they are unable to take care of themselves, they will still be able to be buried in the Maddoxtown cemetery.
8. When our current pastor is not a member an exception will be made for him. If his family chooses to bury him at Maddoxtown a plot will be provided.
9. Any member having custody of minor child (aged 12 and under) or person incapable of making decisions for themselves concerning salvation, who is attending Maddoxtown and has not become a member may be recommended by a combined committee of deacons and trustees to be allowed to be buried in the Maddoxtown cemetery.
10. We do not sell plots to non-members.

Addendum (08/13/2016)

11. All headstones must be at the head of the grave and in compliance with church policy.
12. The addition of live planted shrubs, flowers, etc. is not permitted due to upkeep of cemetery plots. Only artificial wreaths, flowers are allowed.
13. All decorations must be removed by June 15th. All will be removed and disposed of after June 15th.

- 14.**In the event of death of a First Baptist Church Maddoxtown member, it is the responsibility of the family to contact the church's designated person to make arrangements for a burial plot.

Proposed Addendum (12/12/2018)

- 15.**Any member not in good standing may request to have the funeral service at Maddoxtown, however, the church will not provide a meal.

Addendum (05/11/2019)

- 16.**Upon death, family of deceased members will be required to make a nonrefundable deposit for the purchase of a granite marker to be placed on the grave. The marker will be approximately 16"x10" and only contain the name and date of death. If a headstone has not been placed within 3 months after burial, the marker will be used. If/when a headstone is placed, the marker will be returned to the family. Cost will be at market value at the time of death.