



## Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church: Cemetery Guidelines

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\*\*Revised Guidelines effective January 1, 2013

1. The cemetery is for church members only with the exception of a non-member spouse
2. There is no charge for **active** church members and dependent children  
(**active member**: attends regularly and monetarily supports the church)
3. Fees:
  - A. Fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700) will be charged for burial of a non-member spouse
  - B. Fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) will be charged for **inactive member** of 3 years  
(**inactive member**: has not attended regularly or monetarily supported the church for a period of 36 months--**\*does not apply to a shut-in**)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Monetarily supporting the church means that any funds given to the church for any reason (i.e. regular tithe, memorials, special offerings, etc.) must be placed in an envelope marked with your name and what it is for or a check without an envelope is acceptable. Otherwise there is no record of your giving. When there is a death in the church our Financial Secretary verifies to the Cemetery Committee whether or not that person contributed monetarily to the church but does not disclose the amount given to protect your privacy. As monetarily supporting your church is a large part of being an active member, and with no record of your giving, you or your family may be responsible for the inactive member cemetery charge of \$500 to be buried in Mt. Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery.

- C. Active non-member charge is at discretion of Committee
4. Each grave must have a vault or liner
5. All graves are to have a permanent marker—foot or headstone within 6 months
6. A ground level 6" wide x 2" deep concrete border is to be placed around each headstone and/or foot marker
7. All foot markers are to be at ground level (not grass level)
8. All fresh flowers are to be removed from grave after 2 weeks
9. Cemetery Committee has **FINAL DECISION** on all matters

\*We hope our church family understands that the maintenance of our cemetery takes a lot of time and effort to keep it in good condition and that it is a large part of our church. Any funds collected are used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

### **Cemetery Committee Members**

Larry Bolick, Chairman  
Ann Reece  
Talmage Bowman  
Joey Teague  
Connie Blackburn  
George Clark