

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ALAMANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY**

The following rules and regulations of the Alamance Church Cemetery, which became effective on and after September 1, 1957, were adopted by the Board of Deacons and Bench of Elders on July 15, 1957, and ratified by the Congregation on July 28, 1957.

Amended by Congregational Meeting on November 26, 1961

Amended by Congregational Meeting on May 30, 1976

Amended by Congregational Meeting on May 4, 1986

Amended at Session Meeting, March 15, 2009

1. The Alamance Church Cemetery Memorial Fund shall be established. The Board of Trustees shall be the legal guardian of these funds.
2. The principal of all present cemetery trust funds and future trust funds given specifically for cemetery care shall be invested, with only the interest to be used for cemetery care and upkeep, except: upon specific approval in a congregational meeting, principal funds may be allocated on a loan basis, at then prevailing interest rates, for building purposes.
3. Plots are to be assigned to members of this church. No deviations are to be made, except: any former pastor, or member of this church who has devoted his or her life to the ministry or full-time church service, may be allotted grave spaces for his or her immediate family (spouse and minor children). The location of this space shall be at the discretion of the Session (effective December 1, 1961).
4. Any member of this church who has been assigned a plot may bury:
  - a. Any deceased member of his or her immediate family (defined as spouse and minor unmarried children)
  - b. Family members other than immediate (as defined above), provided the deceased is a member of this church at the time of death.
  - c. Members of the family who were not members of this church, by paying a fee of \$1,000 per grave to the Business Manager of Alamance Presbyterian Church (effective May 4, 2009).

5. Any person who is not a member of this church and who has a plot in the cemetery prior to the adoption of these regulations (September 1, 1957) will be charged a fee of \$1,000 per grave for any future use of this plot (effective May 4, 2009).
6. Any member of this church who has been allotted a plot (after September 1, 1957) loses possession of the plot if he or she moves his or her membership, provided no grave spaces have been used. If grave spaces have been used, any future use of the plot will be at the same rate of \$1,000 per grave (effective May 4, 2009).
7. Cemetery committee or other church representative shall be authorized to contact nearest of kin of persons having plot with unused grave spaces, for permission to use these spaces for members of the church.
8. All curbing and shrubbery to be removed from plots. No one is to be permitted to install curbing or plant shrubbery on or around graves in the future. (May 4, 1986)
9. All foot stones and plot markers placed in the future are to be level with the ground. (May 4, 1986)
10. Persons desiring to have tombstones placed should check with the Cemetery Committee for details before having work started. Committee will specify:
  - a. That the stone to be placed does not extend into another plot
  - b. That a concrete base be installed, which must be at least 4 inches deep and extend 4 inches on all sides beyond the base of the stone to be installed.
11. The Cemetery Memorial Trust Fund is to be reimbursed for all plot markers paid for by the church.
12. There shall be a Cemetery Team consisting of seven members appointed by the Session. The duties of this team shall be: to interpret present cemetery regulations, and make annual report to the Session of this team's activities. This team shall also make recommendations to the Session of desired changes in the cemetery regulations, and shall investigate any recommendation that the Session deems wise regarding the cemetery regulations. The team will also be responsible for coordinating the care and repair of cemetery plot markers. This team's duties shall be limited to those as directed by the Session.

Amended March 15, 2009

