

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Anyone who believes in me, though they die,
yet shall they live, and whoever lives
and believes in me shall never die."*

John 11:25-26



PEAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM

*A place where the ashes of the departed
may rest in peace and dignity
within the shadow of the church.*

In the Garden of Memory we remember and hold in our hearts:

The founders and charter members of Peakland Baptist Church.
Those whose ashes are scattered here, as well as those who are
named in memoriam but whose ashes are scattered elsewhere.

Future generations whose ashes are
and will be inurned at Peakland.

This is a Garden of Respect, Dignity, Honor, and Inclusivity of:

The heritage and hopes of those who have shaped our lives.

The wide reach of those who have been part of our shared
experience of the grace and goodness of life.

This is a Garden of Peace, for them as well as us.

Here we come to claim the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ,
"My peace I give to you," (John 14:27) as we release
our departed loved ones into the arms of His embrace.

Here we come to work through our own grief
until we arrive at the peace of acceptance.



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Protocols Governing the Columbarium of Peakland Baptist Church

- ◆ **Authority** Management of the Columbarium is entrusted by the Church to the Church Administrator. The Church Administrator shall have the authority to establish reasonable procedures for the care and use of the Columbarium and to oversee collection and disbursement of funds.
- ◆ **Eligibility** The ashes of any past or present member of PBC, his or her spouse, parents, and children, and others who have a sufficient connection to the Church shall be eligible for inurnment in the Columbarium.
- ◆ **Use of the Niches** Each niche may be used for the ashes of one or two eligible persons specified by a Purchaser who is responsible for the payment of designated fees. Each purchaser may appoint another person to make or change designations in case the Purchaser dies or becomes incapacitated. In the event another person is not named or fails to serve, the Church Administrator shall function for the purchaser and appoint a substitute.
- ◆ **Reservations of Niches** Niches shall be available to Purchasers upon payment of fees in effect at the time of reservation. Payment of fees entitles the Purchasers to the use of the niche for the inurnment of the cremated remains of qualified persons. No transfer of a reservation may be made without the prior written approval of the Church Administrator. In the event a Purchaser determines to cancel a reservation, he or she may do so in writing, in which event a refund of the purchase price will be made, payable on the resale of the niche.
- ◆ **Rites and Services** All rites and services, including officiants, in connection with the inurnment of ashes in the Columbarium shall be those prescribed or approved by the pastor.
- ◆ **Urns or Containers** All urns or other containers for ashes shall be of material, dimensions, and construction provided by the church.
- ◆ **Plaques and Inscriptions** Each inurnment shall be marked by a plaque. In order to ensure uniformity, only niche plaques provided by the Church may be used. Inscriptions shall likewise be uniform in style, size, and structure, and may include only the name of the decedent and the dates of birth and death.
- ◆ **Memorial Plaques** Plaques in memory of persons whose remains are scattered, inurned, or interred elsewhere may be purchased and mounted in the space designated for such purpose. They shall be uniform in material, dimension, and style of inscription as provided by the Church and shall be inscribed only with the name and dates of birth and death.

- ◆ **Ownership** The Columbarium, grounds, and all niches remain the property of Peakland Baptist Church. Reservation of a niche and payment of the established fees entitle the Purchaser to the privilege of use and not the rights of ownership.
- ◆ **Responsibility and Disclaimer** Peakland Baptist Church shall endeavor to protect the ashes and their receptacles before and after they are inurned in the Columbarium, but shall have no responsibility for failure to do so. The Church reserves the right to alter or to move the Columbarium, or any of the contents thereof, if deemed appropriate by legal and/or unforeseen events that may occur. Ashes will only be removed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

◆ **Reservation and Plaque (Columbarium and Memorial Pedestal) Fees**

Reservation of a niche:	Single	\$1,200
	Double	\$1,500
Memorial Plaques:	Single	\$300
	Double	\$600

The opening and closing of niches and the mounting of plaques is the responsibility of the Church Administrator and Facilities Team.

The choice of funeral director is the responsibility of the family or estate of the decedent. The cost of cremation and all other funeral costs of the Purchaser and payment for such services is made directly to the funeral home by the Purchaser.

- ◆ **Columbarium Fund** Funds received from the reservation of niches and memorial plaques shall be placed in a Columbarium Endowment Fund to be administered by the Stewardship Team. Memorial contributions to the Columbarium Fund are welcome and encouraged.
- ◆ **Records** Records pertaining to the Memorial Garden and Columbarium will be maintained by the Church Administrator and will be available in the Church office.
- ◆ **Amendments** Amendments to these Protocols may be made only upon recommendations to the Church Administrator and subsequent approval by the Church. Any amendments will not be retroactive in effect.