

Notice to Double Springs Baptist Church Members

Double Springs Baptist Church would like to inform its members that a limited number of burial plots remain available in the church cemetery. At this time, there are 9 remaining plots capable of holding two caskets each, along with 2 single plots. These plots will remain available until claimed by current members. The deadline to claim these spots is 12/31/2026, after which the graveyard will be considered closed, regardless of the remaining plots.

Members who wish to secure a burial plot should contact the Church office as soon as possible to complete the required registration. All plots must be registered through the Church office before any claim to a plot is considered complete.

In addition, all registered plots must be marked with coping in accordance with our cemetery by-laws.

Please contact the Church office with any questions or to begin the registration process.

July 5, 2026

DOUBLE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Cemetery Policy & By-Laws

1. Purpose

The cemetery of Double Springs Baptist Church is sacred ground dedicated to the respectful burial of members and their families. The cemetery shall be maintained in a manner that reflects Christian reverence and honors the legacy of those interred.

2. Ownership and Authority

- All cemetery property is owned and governed by Double Springs Baptist Church.
- Assignment of a plot grants the **right of interment only**, not ownership of land.
- All policies are subject to the authority of the Church and its appointed leadership.
- All plots must be registered through the Church office before any claim to a plot is considered complete.

3. Church Member Interment

A. Eligible Members

A church member may be interred if they:

- Have previously selected a burial plot
- Have the plot properly marked and identified

B. Children of Members

Children of church members may be interred in a family plot if they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Are under the age of 18
2. Are full-time undergraduate students
3. Are fully dependent on parents or an institution

4. Former Members

A. Definition

A former member is anyone who:

- Transferred membership by transfer of letter
- Joined another church
- Had their name removed from membership by any means

B. Status

A Double Springs Baptist Church member relinquishes all rights, privileges, and services when their name is requested to be removed from the Church role. Specifically, if a plot has been marked and is not in use, the rights to this property will be returned to Double Springs Baptist Church. Any markers identifying this plot will be removed.

5. Former Member Exception

A former member (i.e., any person who has had their name removed from the membership role of Double Springs Baptist Church) may be buried at Double Springs Baptist Church if the following conditions are met:

- A burial plot has been identified, properly marked, and registered while a member of Double Springs Baptist Church,
- A family member occupies the burial plot, and,
- The burial plot contains space within the boundaries of the marked and registered area.
- Upon payment of a **\$1,000 fee**

6. Plot Identification Requirements

All previously selected and unused plots must be:

- Prepared with coping and markers with the member's name. In addition, all registered plots must include **coping**, in accordance with these cemetery by-laws.

7. Cemetery Status and Space Availability

- The cemetery is currently closed to expansion outside its current boundaries.

8. Burial Procedures

- All burials must be approved and scheduled through the Church.
- Funeral services must be conducted through a licensed funeral home.
- A burial vault is required unless otherwise approved by the Cemetery Committee.

9. Urn Interment

An urn may be interred within an existing burial plot, provided the plot owner or authorized family representative grants permission, and all cemetery policies are followed. The urn must be buried within the boundaries of the assigned plot and shall be enclosed in a sealed waterproof, non-biodegradable container approved for cemetery interment. Such interment shall be considered acceptable, subject to cemetery regulations and any applicable restrictions.

10. Maintenance and Appearance

To preserve the dignity and uniformity of the cemetery, the following are **not permitted** without Committee approval:

- Planting trees, shrubs, or permanent landscaping
- Benches, structures, or obstructions

The Church:

- Maintains responsibility for general grounds upkeep.
- Reserves the right to remove any unauthorized or unsightly items.
- Assumes no liability for loss, theft, or damage of items placed on graves.

11. Cemetery Oversight

The Church may appoint a Cemetery Committee to:

- Manage plot assignments and official records
- Enforce all cemetery policies and by-laws
- Oversee maintenance and improvements

12. Liability

- The Church is not responsible for damage caused by weather, vandalism, or maintenance activities.
- Visitors enter the cemetery at their own risk.

13. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any time by a vote of Double Springs Baptist Church.

ADOPTION & SIGNATURES

Double Springs Baptist Church duly adopted this policy at a properly called business meeting.

Date of Adoption: July 12, 2026

Church Administrator: Joey Anders, Signature:



Operations Committee: Jerry Revis, Signature:

