**GUIDELINES FOR BURIAL IN**

**RUNNELSTOWN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**

(Revised December 2017)

1. The “Cemetery Board” consists of active church members and the pastor (ex officio) who will work together to approve or disapprove burial in the Runnelstown First Baptist Church Cemetery, and to bring problems to the church family when necessary.

 Board members approved by church family:

 Earl Barham President 601-297-9842

 Carl Shepherd Vice President 601-550-3747

 John “Bo” Gleason Secretary/Treasurer 601-788-4375

 Johnny Farris Member 601-408-4434

 Jason Freeman Member 601-543-7462

 Rev. Hal Hood, Pastor Ex officio 601-543-2124

 Church Office 601-583-3733

2. Fees and donations can be given to Board members or deposited to Richton Bank and Trust Company of Richton for the upkeep of the cemetery (cutting grass, filling sunken graves, etc.)

3. Family members will be responsible for:

* + Having grave dug and filled
	+ Removal of excess dirt from grave site
	+ Removal of dead flowers from grave site

**GUIDELINES FOR RUNNELSTOWN FBC CEMETERY BOARD**

1. Free burial for active members and minor children (age 18 and under) of FBC Runnelstown.

 2. Any living spouse, who is not affiliated with Runnelstown Church, with a deceased spouse now buried in the cemetery will be charged $500.00 for a burial plot. (Revised November 19, 2008)

3. Former members who are in military service, teaching school, or gospel ministries, are exempt from fees; also their minor children, subject to approval by Cemetery Board. (Revised August 14, 1991)

4. Free burial for church members unable to be active because of a disability. (Revised November 19, 2008)

5. Non-resident members of Runnelstown First Baptist Church will pay $500.00 per person. (Revised November 19, 2008)

6. Non-church members who have an active attending church member relative in Runnelstown First Baptist Church and request burial in Runnelstown Cemetery, will be charged $500.00. (Revised November 19, 2008)

7. Free burial for armed service personnel who request burial beside a spouse, parent or grandparent who is or was an active member of Runnelstown First Baptist Church. (Revised August 14, 1991)

8. Cemetery Board must approve any headstone that is out of style from ones now in place; example: extra tall or odd color. There will be no concrete slabs or borders on top of graves. There will be no shrubbery or flowers planted on or beside graves.

9. Copies of Cemetery Guidelines will be available at church for all active members. Copies will be furnished to each local funeral home.

10. No grave is to be dug without the approval of the Cemetery Board. This applies to active, inactive, and non-church members.

11. If a member of Runnelstown First Baptist Church picks out a burial plot, then moves membership to another church, the burial plot goes back to the cemetery, unless they pay $500.00 to keep plot. If family members of a former member (now deceased) request burial in Runnelstown Cemetery, fee will be $500.00 per plot. (Revised February 2, 2010)

12. An annual minimum fee of $25.00 per year will be charged per family for maintenance of cemetery (mowing, etc.). This fee is to be paid on or before March 1 each year.