

RULES AND BYLAWS
CHICKASAW PRECIOUS BLOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
REVISED January 2015

MANAGEMENT:

1. The Cemetery Board shall consist of a minimum of three officers: the Manager, the President and the Secretary/Treasurer. (By Archdiocesan Law, the Manager is the Pastor.)
2. In parochial cemeteries, the Pastor is constituted the Manager, with full authority to determine the rights of burial and the rules and regulations of the Cemetery (Statute 152). If the Pastor wishes, he may appoint a lay member as his personal assistant.
3. The President and Secretary/Treasurer are elected from the members of the association.
4. All provisions of the Civil Law and the Church Law are an obligation of the Cemetery Board.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. All members of Precious Blood Parish who are 21 years of age or older will be assessed a fee of \$10.00 per year (\$20.00 per married couple). If you own a burial lot (and therefore have Perpetual Care) you are no longer required to pay the \$10.00 annual fee.
2. If at the time of death you are over five years behind in payment of dues, the cost of a grave lot will be \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).
3. Non-parishioners will be charged \$1,000.00 per grave.
4. All persons who live outside the parish, but are still members, may continue their membership.
5. Any parishioner who leaves the parish due to retirement, old age, sickness or any similar reason may keep their membership by:
 - a. Continuing to pay their annual dues of \$10.00, or
 - b. Purchasing a burial lot for \$150.00
6. Dues are to be paid using the envelope in your church offering packet; to be paid January-March.

PRECIOUS BLOOD ORDER OF BURIAL:

April 2013

1. A grave space will be determined in the order in which members die, unless a space is reserved.
2. A grave space may be reserved by the surviving spouse of the deceased who has been buried in Precious Blood Cemetery. The reservation must be made before the next burial. There is no reservation fee for this.
3. Other members of the Association who wish to reserve a grave space must pay a fee of \$150.00 per grave (this includes Perpetual Care). The cost of a child's grave will be \$75.00.
4. Anyone who has purchased a grave lot is no longer required to pay annual dues.
5. No grave may be opened until the pastor has certified that the deceased has a right to burial in the Prec. Blood Cemetery.
6. The Pastor/Manager has the right to require full payment of all fees before granting permission to "open a grave".
7. Fees and dues as stated in the Rules transfer burial rights but not the ownership of any part of the cemetery. Property "title" remains in the possession of the P.B. Cemetery Board.
8. Opening and closing of the grave will be the responsibility of the relatives. They may receive any help that is needed. Use of any heavy equipment must have the permission of the Cemetery Board. No grave may be opened until it has been marked at the exact spot by the Cemetery Board.
9. No work of any kind may be done on the cemetery property except with the approval of the Cemetery Board and under the direction of the Cemetery Board.
10. No planting of any kind will be permitted on the graves or any other part of the cemetery property.
11. The Cemetery Board may remove any wilted or faded decorations.
12. Graves may be decorated with cut flowers and wreaths on Memorial Day and on All Souls Day. All other times the decorations must be placed on the grave marker.
13. Items may be placed on grave stones/markers. No glass allowed on cemetery grounds.
14. An approved vault (for either a casket or cremated remains) is required for burial.
15. Mausoleums and stone grave coverings are not allowed on the cemetery.
16. Any services or ceremony not conducted by the local Pastor requires the approval of the local Pastor.
17. Any member wishing to have their cremated remains buried at Prec. Blood Cemetery is required to purchase a burial lot.
18. The burial of one or two cremation vaults on one lot will be permitted.
19. The burial of a casket vault and a cremation vault on the same lot will not be permitted.
20. Any case not foreseen by these rules will be decided by the Pastor/Manager after consulting with the Cemetery Board members.
21. The headstone must be erected within one year of burial whether it be a burial of the standard casket and vault type or burial of the cremated remains.