



WHITE'S CHAPEL
METHODIST CHURCH

COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN



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A MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN E. MCKELLAR

The grief following the death of a loved one is often compounded by the stress of having to make funeral and cemetery arrangements quickly. Planning in advance can be a thoughtful gift to ease the burden on those left behind. In an era when people call many different cities "home" over a lifetime, it can be difficult to choose a meaningful location for a final resting place. Inurnment in the White's Chapel Columbarium offers members of White's Chapel and their immediate families the opportunity to choose the church that has been a source of peace and support throughout their lives. We pray this beautiful memorial will serve as a spiritually powerful location for friends and family to gather in remembrance long into the future.





What is a Columbarium?

Columbarium in early Rome meant simply a nesting place for doves. When Christians, relegated to Rome's catacombs, began using cliffside niches to seal away ashes of the faithful who died, the term "columbarium" took on its present meaning: sacred compartments for storage of cremated remains.

Where is the Columbarium located?

The Columbarium is located just to the west of the Ponder Prayer Chapel adjacent to the mall area in front of the sanctuary.

Is cremation biblically sound?

Cremation is widely recognized as theologically valid, essentially a hastening of the natural process that occurs following death. And with land surrounding churches less readily available, cremation makes it possible to continue the tradition of granting a place for God's children to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

What are the benefits?

- Affords families substantial financial savings
- Serves as a final resting place at your own church
- Provides a Sacred Space where family can visit and meditate
- Eases the process of service planning



Eligibility

- Those who have been a White's Chapel Member for a minimum of 6-months as well as past White's Chapel members and their immediate family (spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents and companions).
- Current and previous White's Chapel pastors and their immediate family.
- Senior Pastor discretion.

Columbarium General Information

Niche inside dimensions are 11.25" wide, 10.75" high and 11.12" deep; granite faceplate is 12" x 12" x 12". Each niche will accommodate two urns, included with your purchase. The cost also includes inurnment, faceplate engraving, and perpetual care of the Columbarium & Memorial Garden. Since urns are included in your purchase, the use of any "nonstandard" urn is discouraged and must be pre-approved.

All engravings on niche and memorial wall granite faceplates will be uniform and include only name, date of birth, and date of death. Only names of those inurned will be engraved on the granite faceplate.

Heirs are responsible for making cremation arrangements directly with the crematorium or funeral home, including the transfer of the remains into the urn. Heirs are also responsible for contacting White's Chapel to arrange a memorial service.



The Memorial Wall

Memorial Wall inscriptions are available to remember loved ones who are not inurned at the Columbarium, including non-members. The cost includes engraving of the granite faceplate and the perpetual care of the Columbarium & Memorial Garden.

Contact Information

If interested, please contact the church office at (817) 481-4147. We will direct your call to Care & Support who will answer your questions and assist you through the application process.

For more information and to download a digital packet, please visit whiteschapel.org or scan the QR Code provided.



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White's Chapel Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Cost of a Niche

The cost is a one-time payment of **\$4,000** per niche. Each niche will accommodate two (2) WC urns. The cost includes inurnment, niche faceplate engraving, two urns and perpetual care of the Garden.

Check payable to WCMC: \$4,000

Electronic (online or credit card):
\$4,000 + 3% fee = \$4,120



2 urns included in the price, select gold or silver

Columbarium Packet is available at whiteschapel.org

You must be a 6-month WC member to purchase

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Purchasing a Right of Inurnment

Thank you for contacting White's Chapel Methodist Church regarding the purchase of a right of inurnment in our Columbarium & Memorial Garden. Before you review and complete the enclosed documents, you may find the following information useful:

1. The Rules, Policies and Regulations related to the Columbarium are made and approved by White's Chapel Trustees as owner of the Columbarium. The Trustees and its Columbarium Committee have authority for all decisions pertaining to the Columbarium & Memorial Garden. When you purchase a right of inurnment, you will be asked to indicate you have received and agreed to abide by these Rules, Policies and Regulations, so please read them carefully. A copy of the Rules, Policies and Regulations for White's Chapel's Columbarium and Memorial Garden is enclosed.
2. A Right of Inurnment Application is included in the documents you have received. There will also be an Inscription Request Form as well as a chart for you to choose the Section and your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of a niche location. The Columbarium Committee will process all applications as they come in with niche selection on a first come/first serve basis. Should all your niche location choices been selected by an earlier approved applicant you will be notified by a Committee member and we will work with you to choose a niche location that is available.

Your completed application should include the following:

- a) Right of Inurnment Application – Complete in full. Please write clearly.
- b) Section and Niche Selection – Complete identification by filling in section letter and by providing your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of niche selection. Please mark these selections accordingly. Put an "X" through each niche box number to indicate your selection.
- c) Niche Inscription Request Form – Complete in full and sign. Retain the approved inscription form in your file until needed and the remaining information (date of death) is known.
- d) For those who have a loved one who has died but not inurned here and would like to have their loved one's name inscribed on our Memorial Wall please complete the required information on the Memorial Wall application in this packet.
- e) Payment – Payment in full is required when you submit your application. Please make your check out to White's Chapel with the notation, "Columbarium & Memorial Garden".

- f) The final item included in your packet is a change of address form. As stated in the Rules, Policies and Regulations of White's Chapel's Columbarium & Memorial garden, it is your responsibility or the responsibility of your heirs to give notification of current address information.
- g) Your application may be delivered or sent via regular mail to the address at the top of these instructions, Attn: Columbarium Committee
- h) After your application has been reviewed and eligibility determined, you will receive a copy of your Application, Inscription Request and Right of Inurnment Certificate. This approval and signed copy of the Application will serve as your signed receipt.
- i) Once a niche location has been selected and payment made any change to the niche location will result in a \$300 administrative fee.
- j) The Columbarium & Memorial Garden is a columbarium only. It does not provide cremation services. You will need to make those arrangements separately.
- k) A supply of urns for cremated remains to be inurned in our Columbarium & Memorial Garden will be available at the church. Due to the size of niches any personal urn for inurnment needs to be approved by the Columbarium Committee. At the time of need, you and your family may obtain an urn from the Columbarium committee and provide it to the crematorium or funeral home so that the cremated remains of your loved one can be placed in the urn.

If you have any additional questions, please call the church office at 817-481-4147.

WHITE'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

COLUMBARIUM RULES, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE:

White's Chapel's Columbarium will be a place for inurnment of the cremated remains of deceased WC past and current members, their immediate family, and other eligible persons. In addition to columbarium niches, memorial plaques will also be used to memorialize loved ones who have gone before us but whose resting place is elsewhere.

Our objective is to provide a sacred site of beauty and dignity for final resting that glorifies God, and where families and friends can visit, reflect, and remember.

2. GOVERNANCE:

The Rules, Policies, and Regulations related to the Columbarium are made and approved by White's Chapel's Board of Trustees as owner of the Columbarium. The Trustees and their Columbarium Committee have authority for all decisions pertaining to the White's Chapel Columbarium and Memorial Garden.

Role and responsibilities of the Columbarium Committee:

- **Budget/expense management for the proper administration, operation, and maintenance of Columbarium**
- **Application review and approval/Certificate issuance**
- **Name plate inscription process**
- **Other applicable decisions**

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- **Persons with a minimum of 6-months as a WC member, past WC members and their immediate family (spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, companions)**
- **Current and past WC pastors and their immediate family**
- **Senior Pastor discretion**

4. FEES AND RIGHTS OF INURNMENT:

The one-time fee for the Right of Inurnment shall be as stated in the Schedule of Fees.

The WC Committee will have the authority to set the price for purchase of the right of inurnment. The right of inurnment shall include urn(s) that are specifically designed for the niche. The niches have been constructed with a capacity of two urns. However, a purchaser of a right of inurnment may choose whether to be placed in the same niche with a loved one or in an individual niche at an additional cost of an additional niche.

To purchase a right of inurnment, an eligible person should obtain a WC Columbarium packet from the church office. A packet should contain a copy of the Rules, Policies, and Regulations, a copy of an application, and any other applicable forms. The applicant should complete all the requested forms and submit them to the church office. When the application is approved, the new owner of a right of inurnment will be issued a Certificate of Right of Inurnment. This certificate should be stored in a secure location for future reference.

5. SELECTION OF NICHES:

Assignment/selection of niches will be in the order the application is received/approved. The Columbarium packet of materials will have a form for the Applicant to designate their niche preference. In the instance the niche designated is unavailable at the time the application is processed, a Committee member will assist the Applicant in selecting another location near their preference.

The niches will remain the property of the Church. Eligible persons are purchasing a right of use, not ownership.

6. INURNMENT PROCEDURES:

- **Services are the sole province of the Pastors of White's Chapel.**
- **Only an ordained pastor of White's Chapel Methodist Church or invited by the WC Senior Pastor is authorized to officiate at an inurnment/memorial service.**
- **Only sealed urns holding cremated human remains will be allowed.**
- **Niche inscription will be of uniform size and contain the deceased's full name, date of birth, and date of death.**
- **Urn(s) must conform to Church standard size. The Church will have a supply of urns for Purchaser, which is included in the original price.**
- **Opening of niche is prohibited by anyone other than authorized Church personnel except as provided by court order.**

7. SURRENDER, ABANDONMENT OR REVERSION:

- **SURRENDER:** The Owner may elect to surrender the Right of Inurnment certificate if no cremated remains have ever been inurned in the assigned niche. In this case, the Owner must fill out the Termination of Right of Inurnment form and the Columbarium Committee will refund 75% of the original purchase price to the Owner within 30 days after receipt of the termination notice.
- **ABANDONMENT:** If after 25 years from date of Right of Inurnment certificate, no cremated remains have been inurned in the assigned niche, and the Owner of such certificate cannot be located after good-faith efforts are made by the Committee to locate the Owner, the Right to Inurnment and the certificate evidencing same shall be deemed null and void and of no further force and effect and the assigned niche shall revert back to the Church.
- **REVERSION:** If the cremated remains of an eligible person are not inurned in an assigned niche within 6 months of the eligible person's death, the Right of Inurnment after the death of such eligible person reserving the niche or the last death if two persons jointly reserved niche, the assigned niche shall automatically revert to the Church unless otherwise granted by the Committee. The Committee shall make a good-faith effort to notify the appropriate family member(s) or personal representative of such deceased eligible persons(s) prior to the expiration of the six-month time limitation. However, upon the expiration of the six-month period, all rights in and to the assigned niche formerly held by the deceased shall revert back to the Church, with no requirement for a reimbursement of any of the paid fees.

8. NICHE USE:

No cremated remains may be inurned in any assigned niche except those of the persons listed on the Right of Inurnment certificate for that assigned niche. The Committee has the right to request documentation from a Crematoria attesting to the person's identity and other information as may be required by the Committee.

9. TRANSFER & ASSIGNMENT:

- **Rights of Inurnment are not transferable without proof of eligibility of the proposed new owner.**
- **Cremated remains remain the property of heirs at law of the deceased, unless provided for otherwise in a valid will. If removed by the Owner of the cremains, the Right of Inurnment reverts to the Church.**
- **Title to the Columbarium and all niches remain with the Church at all times.**
- **Cremated remains may not be removed without the written consent of the Church and the owner of the Right of Inurnment.**
- **Properly identified descendants may reclaim cremated remains with no compensation due to the Owner of the cremains.**

10. FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS:

Except during inurnment services, flowers, decorations, and other objects will not be permitted in the Columbarium area. The placement of any materials (including toys, wreaths, candles, ornaments, or other decorations) within the Columbarium area may be removed and disposed of without notice to the owner or liability to the remover.

11. OWNER'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Owner of the Right of Inurnment has the obligation to keep the Church notified concerning current address and contact information. Neither the Church nor the Committee shall bear any liability for any action taken without the consent of an Owner of a Right of Inurnment if the contact information in the inurnment Owner's file is not current.

12. INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

Subscriber agrees to indemnify and hold harmless White's Chapel from any and all past, present, or future claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions arising out of claims for personal injuries or damages which subscriber has or might have, known or unknown, now existing or that might arise hereafter, for or in any manner arising out of the condition, existence, or maintenance of the White's Chapel Columbarium, or any alleged dangerous condition or defects thereto.

The subscriber's duty to indemnify and hold harmless shall include but not be limited to: causes of actions for negligence, negligent hiring or supervision, negligent maintenance, gross negligence, intentional injury, intentional infliction of emotional distress, breach of contract, violations of any federal, state or local statute or law, violations of any federal, state or municipal building or safety code, violations of any common-law provisions, and/or for any element of loss or damage recoverable under law. This indemnity agreement serves to indemnify and hold harmless White's Chapel Methodist Church for White's Chapel Methodist Church's own negligence (including any alleged gross negligence of White's Chapel Methodist Church), and for the negligence and gross negligence of

White's Chapel's employees, agents, and representatives in connection with the existence, conditions, and maintenance of the property, or alleged dangerous conditions or defects in the property.

This indemnity agreement shall apply where such claims, injuries or damages are or were caused by White's Chapel's sole negligence or breach of any duty or the joint negligence or breach of any duty by White's Chapel, its employees, agents, and representatives, and/or any other person or entity.

13. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP:

The Right of Inurnment will continue as long as the present church edifice stands and is owned by the Church. If the present edifice is to be sold or demolished, and a replacement columbarium will not be furnished at the new site, the Right of Inurnment will cease. In that event, the Church will notify the Owner (or his or her legal representative successors) that they must remove the cremated remains from the niche. If no one of such persons removes the cremated remains within a reasonable time or if no one of such persons can be contacted within a legal time, the Church has the right to relocate the cremated remains, as it deems proper. No refund of any amount for the Inurnment Rights will be made.

14. PERPETUAL CARE FUND:

Funds from the sale of niches in excess of initial construction costs and associated expenses shall be maintained by the Church, under direction of the Columbarium Committee, as a perpetual care fund for the upkeep of the Columbarium, including the following:

- Routine maintenance**
- Seasonal plantings**
- Inscription and installation of engraved plaques**
- Insurance as required**
- Future additions, modifications, and/or repairs to the Columbarium**
- Other uses at the discretion of the Columbarium Committee**

15. AMENDMENT OR WAIVER OF OPERATING RULES:

The Columbarium Committee may at any time amend, repeal, suspend, or waive any or all of the rules and requirements of these Rules, Policies, and Regulations. Waiver of any rule or requirement shall not be construed, unless specifically so stated by the Committee, to constitute a continuing waiver of that rule or requirement with respect to any situation or occurrence arising thereafter.

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**COMPLETE AND RETURN
THIS FORM**

RIGHT OF INURNMENT APPLICATION

Date: _____ Application #: _____
(Leave Blank)

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Telephone: () _____ Alternate Telephone: () _____

Primary Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Name(s) of Eligible Person(s) To Be Inurned:

Person 1: Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Eligibility Criteria (Check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> WCMC Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Former WCMC Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Family of WCMC Member or MCC Minister	Membership years _____ - _____
Name of Member/Minister and Relationship: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder or Deacon of the MCC

Person 2: Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Eligibility Criteria (Check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> WCMC Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Former WCMC Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Family of WCMC Member or MCC Minister	Membership years _____ - _____
Name of Member/Minister and Relationship: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder or Deacon of the MCC

I have received a copy of White's Chapel's Columbarium Rules, Policies & Regulations and agree to abide by these and future revisions.

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



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CAMPUS MAP
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↑ (7709) SOUTHLAKE BLVD.

BUSINESS COMPLEX

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

GARAGE & STORAGE

↑ (7709) SOUTHLAKE BLVD.

PRAYER LAYERTH

EAST PARKING LOT

GENERATOR SUPPORT AREA
 SANCTUARY GARDEN
 CHAPEL HILL PLAYGROUND
 ORPHANS WING

BOOK STORE

THE JAMES

ENCLOSURE

EVANS HALL

MITCHEN

THE FOUNDRY

FRONT ENTRANCE

THE COMMONS

GRACE CHAPEL

WELSH CAFE

WELSH PERFORMANCE

WHITE'S CHAPEL CEMETARY

NURSERY WING

RAWLINS ADULT EDUCATION BUILDINGS

STUDENT BUILDING

CHORUS WING

CHOR / ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL ROOMS

SANCTUARY

WELSH COURT

WELSH PERFORMANCE

WELSH CAFE

WELSH PERFORMANCE

WELSH CAFE

WELSH PERFORMANCE

WELSH CAFE

WELSH PERFORMANCE

WELSH COURT

RIDER POND

ALPHARETTA TER

WATSON CHAPEL

WEST PARKING LOT

FRONT LAWN

WELSH COURT

PINE DRIVE

WHITE CHAPEL BLVD.

↑ (7709) SOUTHLAKE BLVD.

STATIONS OF LIGHT
 SPELL CHAPEL