

**Patton Chapel Cemetery  
Hoover, Alabama**

**Protection of Property and Peoples Rights of Claim**

1. Before opening a grave: Check with Hoover First UMC office at 205-822-8099, Chairman, Wally Gibson at 978-3399, or Billie Hayes at 277-9342.

- a. Give name of deceased and funeral arrangements and if the sanctuary will be needed.
- b. You will be advised at that time how to handle excess dirt. Be sure to round grave very high to allow for settling.
- a. Any damage or unauthorized alterations done by digging equipment will be the responsibility of the family to be corrected (i.e. holes dug by outrigger wheels, wheel marks entering and leaving)

2. Equipment:

- a. The layout of the cemetery is not in a straight or uniform manner, care must be taken in consideration of other plots.
- b. The wide gate is locked to keep unauthorized traffic out, only grave diggers are allowed to bring vehicles in.
- c. Pall bearers must carry the casket to the grave site, therefore needing at least six able bodied persons. Funeral homes do provide pall bearers for a fee, if needed.

3. Decorations:

- a. No headstone, mausoleum, marker, shepherds hook or other objects shall be placed in the cemetery or around graves that would prohibit the access of mowers, maintenance equipment or machines designated for digging graves. This restriction applies to walls, chains or any other barrier or object which might interfere with the free and unobstructed access to any plot. Mausoleums are permissible under this restriction in that they do not require maintenance of the gravesite, therefore no interference. No mausoleum shall be erected that has a vertical height of more than forty two (42) inches. Any questions concerning this rule shall be referred to the Cemetery Committee for decision. Any obstructions placed within the cemetery in violation of this rule shall be ordered removed, and if not removed within thirty (30) days, it will be removed by the Cemetery Committee and all costs associated with such removal will be charged to the responsible party.
- b. No plants, shrubs, or flowers shall be planted, however sod may be placed on graves with water and care at the discretion of the owner.
- c. While flowers are fresh and silks are clean, they will not be removed. Containers and left over flowers should be removed by family within a two week period after burials or holidays. You may use the church dumpster near the entrance to the cemetery.

**Please do your part in helping to keep the cemetery beautiful. Thanks for your support.**

Wally Gibson, Chairman  
Nancy Brasher  
Gary Parks

Herbert Douglas  
Billie Hayes  
Barbara Marston

Becky Nesmith  
Mickey Johnson  
Scott Martin

Pastor Rachel Gonia  
Jane Branch  
Joyce Randall