



Questions and Answers

Q. *What features exist in the Columbarium?*

A. The Columbarium includes two major elements: A Wall of Remembrance, which provides beautiful lasting reminders of those who have passed from this life into the next; and the Columbarium itself, in which cremated remains may be inurned, with an exterior marker included.

Q. *Where is The Columbarium located?*

A. The Columbarium is on the southeast corner of Wilshire's property, with exterior access from Springside Drive and interior access from the Church Parlor.

Q. *Who may participate in The Columbarium?*

A. Any deceased member or past member of Wilshire Baptist Church, and any deceased staff member or past staff member of the church is eligible for inurnment or recognition by remembrance marker in The Columbarium. Also eligible are any deceased immediate family members of those previously mentioned, as well as any other deceased persons as permitted by special approval of the Columbarium Committee.

Q. *May I purchase a place on the Wall of Remembrance for loved ones who are buried elsewhere?*

A. Yes. Inclusion on the Wall of Remembrance is intended for those who are not inurned in The Columbarium.

Q. *May I purchase a place on the Wall of Remembrance for loved ones who have died long ago?*

A. Yes, there is no limitation on date of death to qualify for inclusion on the Wall of Remembrance. The only requirements are those stated above.

Q. *May I purchase a place in The Columbarium for myself or others who are still living?*

A. Yes. Both niches in The Columbarium and places on the Wall of Remembrance may be purchased in advance.

Q. *May I choose the wording to appear on the columbarium marker or Wall of remembrance?*

A. Yes, within certain parameters. Markers are of uniform size and style. Markers must include the name of the deceased and the year of birth and death. Inscriptions of name may consist only of the name and may not include titles, degrees or other terms of address (Using Jr., Sr. or III is permissible, but using

Dr., Rev., M.D. or Ph.D. is not permissible). Markers also will include room for a brief epitaph.

Q. *Will I or others be able to visit The Columbarium at any time we choose?*

A. The Columbarium will be open during all times the church grounds are open for worship and other weekly activities. Special arrangements may be made for visiting The Columbarium at other times.

Q. *How may I be assured that The Columbarium will be cared for and preserved in perpetuity?*

A. Wilshire Baptist Church will maintain The Columbarium with direct oversight by the Building and Grounds Committee. A portion of the funds received in payment of a niche in The Columbarium will be set aside in a Columbarium Maintenance Fund to cover perpetual maintenance. The Columbarium will be a secured site.

Q. *What services are included in the purchase of a right of inurnment in The Columbarium?*

A. The one-time fee for an individual right of inurnment includes the right to place cremated remains in The Columbarium, as well as a container and a marker or inscription. The cost of cremation, transportation, funeral services and other off-premises costs and services are not included in the fee.

Q. *May The Columbarium be used for memorial services or graveside services?*

A. Yes. The Columbarium is conveniently located near McIver Chapel, which is a common place for funerals and memorial services. The grounds of The Columbarium also may be used for such services. Only members of the Wilshire ministerial staff and/or others they may approve may officiate at inurnment services in The Columbarium.

Q. *When will markers be placed?*

A. Columbarium markers will be placed at the time of inurnment. Remembrance markers will be engraved within a reasonable time after purchase.

Q. *If I place a loved one's ashes in The Columbarium, may I place flowers at the site?*

A. In order to maintain the overall dignity and natural beauty of this sacred space, only the church may place flowers or plants in The Columbarium without prior approval. Placement of artificial flowers, artificial plants, ornaments or other decorations is strictly prohibited. The church reserves the right to remove and dispose of any flowers, plants, ornaments or decorations without notice. Reasonable requests to place freshly cut flowers in The Columbarium for brief periods will be favorably considered.

Additional notes:

- For complete information about the policies governing The Columbarium at Wilshire Baptist Church, please read the official guidelines included in the policy document and also published on the church's website, www.wilshirebc.org.
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