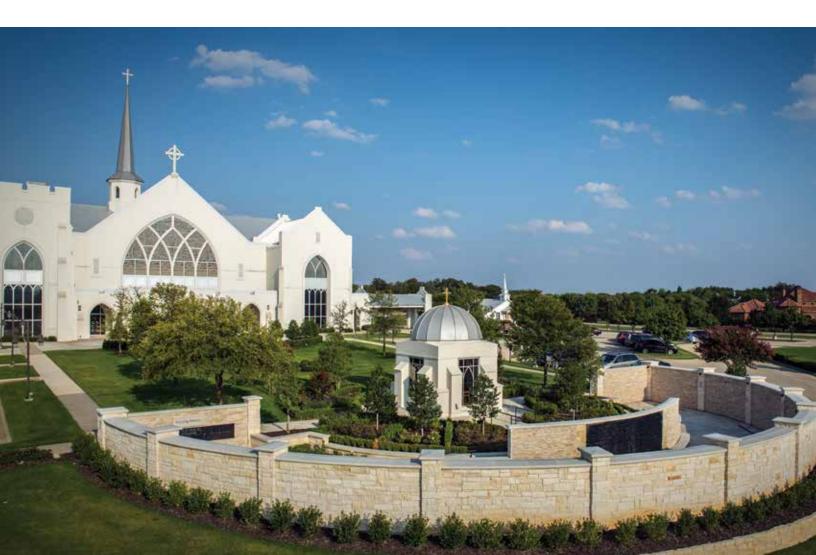
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A message from Dr. John E. McKellar

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 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
- A final resting place at your own church
- A Sacred Space where family can visit and meditate.
- Ease of service planning.



Eligibility:

- Current and past members of White's Chapel and their immediate family (spouse, children, step-children, parents, step-parents, grandparents, companions)
- Current and past White's Chapel pastors and their immediate family
- Pastor discretion

Columbarium General Information

Niches are 12" x 12" x 12" deep. Inside dimensions are 11.25" wide, 10.75" high and 11.12" deep. Each will accommodate two (2) urns. The cost includes inurnment, niche engraving, one or two urns, and perpetual care of the Garden.

Use of any "nonstandard" urn is discouraged and must be approved by the Columbarium Committee.

Heirs are responsible for making cremation arrangements directly with the crematorium or funeral home, including the transfer of the remains into the urn.

Contact Information:

If interested, please contact the church office at 817-481-4147. We will direct your call to a Columbarium Committee member who can answer your questions and assist you through the application process.

The Memorial Wall

Memorial wall inscriptions are available to memorialize loved ones who are not inurned at the Garden. The cost includes the engraving and the perpetual care of the Garden.



All engravings on niches and memorial wall will be uniform and include only name, date of birth, and date of death.

Memorial services can be held at the church. It is the responsibility of the heirs to make those arrangements with the church.

You may also download a full packet online at whiteschapelumc.com



White's Chapel has several designated "Sacred Spaces." These spaces are available year-round and 24 hours a day for you to meditate, or find peace and tranquility amidst the hectic world outside. Anyone is welcome to visit these spaces.