

ABOUT CHRISTIAN BURIAL, CREMATION & INURNMENT

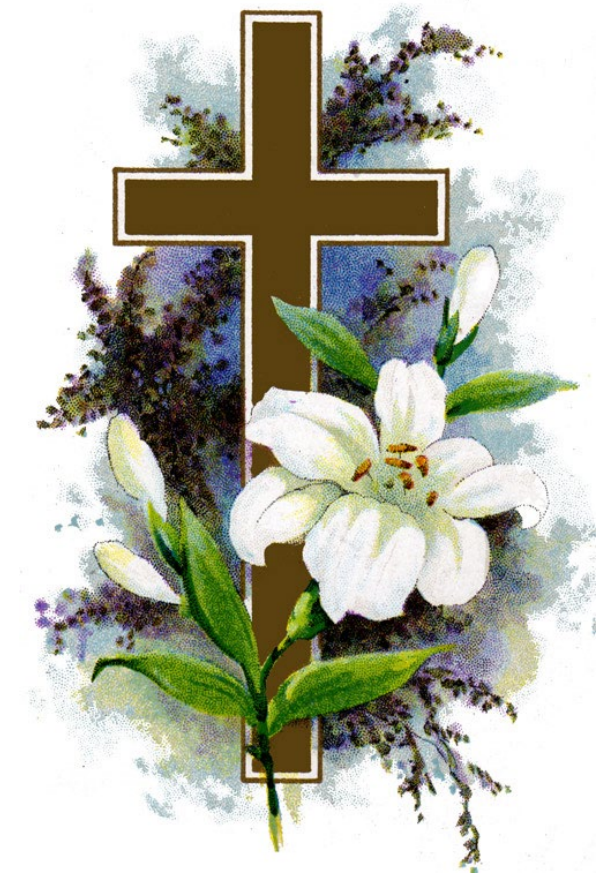
The Church ministers to people throughout their lives, especially at turning points such as birth, baptism, marriage, and death. Scriptures teach that the body is the means through which the human personality and soul is communicated to the world.

Therefore, the Church has always sought to bury the dead reverently, in consecrated places. Once, it was common for churches to have cemeteries; now the landscape of church is changing. With population density increasing and less land available for cemeteries, cremation is becoming more popular.

In response, churches have established facilities for the respectful safekeeping of cremated remains. This space is called a Columbarium, from the Latin for “dovecote,” *columba*; the dove is a symbol of God’s Spirit and of peace.



Disciples Center at Tawakoni Columbarium



ABOUT THE COLUMBARIUM AT DISCIPLES CENTER AT TAWAKONI



The Columbarium at Disciples Center at Tawakoni was entrusted to us from First Christian Church in Wichita when that congregation closed its visible ministry. It is a fitting place for the safekeeping of cremains, especially for those who learned of the love of God through church camp or in other outdoor ministries of the regional church, for those whose life in the church has involved a number of congregations, and for those whose spiritual lives are nurtured in the experience of God's natural world.

The Columbarium is the responsibility of the Christian Church in Kansas, administered through the office at Disciples Center at Tawakoni. The Columbarium is in the Chapel prayer room.

The Columbarium is open for visitors upon request, except when such visits will interfere with events at Disciples Center. Contact us at 316-775-1222 or scd@kansasdisciples.org to arrange for visits.

SIZE:

Each of the 25 niches will hold one or two urns, depending on shape and size. Niches are 10" x 10" x 13"; urns for an individual space may be no more than 6.5" x 9.5" x 10".

Contact us at 316-775-1222 or scd@kansasdisciples.org to reserve your space.

COST

Your donation to Disciples Center at Tawakoni will reserve one or both spaces in a niche, at a minimum of \$2500 per space, \$4500 per niche. This may be given at the time of agreement, or in installments over a period of up to one year, provided that the full amount is received before inurnment. Engraving is included; name(s) will be engraved when your payment is complete. Birth and death dates are added at the time of inurnment.

Records of inurnment are maintained in the Administrative Building at Disciples Center at Tawakoni. From time to time, the Christian Church in Kansas will establish the amount of donation appropriate for inurnment, scattering of ashes, and for memorialization. If at any time, the Christian Church in Kansas is unable to continue this ministry, the Church will make every effort to contact next of kin to make other arrangements for their loved one.

SCATTERING

In addition to inurnment, ashes may be scattered in specified areas of the grounds with memorialization of those whose ashes are scattered here. Names, with dates of birth and death, are engraved on a plaque in the Columbarium. A donation of at least \$500 is requested for this service. All donations are used for facility upkeep and improvements.

