

Bell's Chapel Cemetery Association, Inc. A 501(c)13 Tax Exempt Organization www.bellschapelcemetery.org

April 1, 2025

Dear family, friends and supporters of Bell's Chapel Cemetery,

The Bell's Chapel Cemetery 2025 Annual Decoration Day, God willing, will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

We are planning to hold the 2025 Annual Decoration Day at the cemetery. Members (those who have family interred in the cemetery or own a burial plot <u>and</u> who also support the maintenance of the cemetery with their tax-deductible donations) are invited to stay for the annual business meeting which will begin at 2:15.

Our grounds maintenance service is continuing to maintain the cemetery in beautiful condition, but our older historical monuments are continuing to deteriorate. Although family members are responsible for the care and maintenance of their monuments, many are over 100 years old and have fallen into disrepair.

Therefore, your board has engaged Texas Cemetery Restoration to repair 32 of our older monuments in worst condition at a cost of approx. \$8,500.

We need, and would greatly appreciate, your tax-deductible donation to assist with the Historical Monument Restoration program and for the upkeep of the cemetery. You can donate today with the convenience of a credit card by going to our website http://bellschapelcemetery.org/ or by mailing your check to:

Mr. Tron Sutton, Vice President Bell's Chapel Cemetery Association 4308 Joy Lee St. Haltom City, Texas 75117 As a reminder, State Statute requires that routine annual donations need to be made for the care and upkeep of the cemetery in order to avoid forfeiture action on vacant burial plots. Please refer to our <u>Website</u> for additional information.

Bell's Chapel Cemetery has no employees or offices, so relies upon the services of volunteer family members. Many of the current board members are aging out, and we need to add some new blood from younger generations. Our pioneer family ancestors never intended that we spend our limited resources on overhead that could instead be used for care, upkeep and improvements; but we need volunteer board members to avoid hiring employees.

If you would like to nominate a Member in good standing, including yourself, to the nominating committee of the board for consideration when an opening occurs, please send it to Tron Sutton, using the expression of interest form on our Website.

You can add yourself or a family member to our email <u>Mailing List</u> on our webpage to receive our notices and information.

Each year our Annual Decoration Day serves as a reunion for family members to come together. Much new information is available on our website, including our new <u>cemetery map</u> and a current <u>list of burials and vacant plot ownership</u>. You can review this information at http://bellschapelcemetery.org/.

Many hours are spent maintaining our website, online plot map and ownership database, so we encourage all of our families, their attorneys and advisors to use it. May God bless and keep each of you and your families.

Sincerely,

The Board and Officers of Bells Chapel Cemetery

email: board@bellschapelcemetery.org