



# GOBER MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

## May 21, 2017

### “In God We Trust”

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#### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017/2018

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#### May 21, 2017 Gober Community Center

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting: 11:40 a.m.

Covered Dish Lunch: 12:00 noon

#### Accomplishments Over the Past Year,

- Since our Tabernacle has been updated, we asked for donations to buy new chairs to store in the new storage areas. **Because of your very generous donations** (approximately \$2700), we are in the process of purchasing 60 lifetime commercial grade contoured folding chairs, white granite, at Sam’s Club. There will be money left over, so we will set up an account for this money and will use it for replacements as needed. The new podium, thanks to Bill Roberts, is also under the Tabernacle.

#### Projects being considered for the coming year,

- Touchup paint on the Tabernacle,
- Research how to remove the lichen that is growing on some of the monuments and covering up information,
- Look up names of grave sites where the stones are so eroded that information cannot be read. Consider metal name markers in these areas?

If any of you have expertise in the above areas, or would just like to volunteer to work with others, please let us know.

#### **For your consideration...**

The cemetery is mowed on a regular basis. It is difficult to maintain the grass/weeds close to the monuments when there are flowers or various types of pipes to hold the flowers buried in the dirt next to these monuments. The Board asks you to consider placing stone/concrete planters next to your loved ones markers to make the care of the cemetery a more productive task. These planters can usually be found at Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot or through funeral homes. We would appreciate your consideration of this request.

**In October of 2010, the Board voted to no longer allow curbs around plots.** This decision was made because the shifting ground had resulted in the uneven lay of the curbs. Erosion around the curbs has also occurred. Some of the curbs have eroded to the point that they have become eye sores. Mowing has become very difficult. In addition, much weed eating is required which is very time consuming in such a large area. We respect the fact that families paid for the curbs to be installed and feel that we cannot make the decision to have them removed without permission. We are asking for your feedback in the best way to handle this concern. Please contact one of the Board Officers with your thoughts.

**Remember**.....we are a member of the **Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program**. If you shop at Tom Thumb, you can link your Reward Card to the Gober Cemetery Association organization, number 9926. A percentage of what you spend will periodically be sent to the cemetery association.

### ***New Cremation Guidelines...***

**The Gober Cemetery respects your choice** in the burial of your loved ones. For those choosing cremation, we have guidelines regarding this type of interment:

1. One grave space may be used for the burial of one and not more than three cremains.
2. Our primary purpose is to protect the urn of your loved one from the weight of the earth and any heavy maintenance equipment. The following criteria must be met when selecting a burial urn:
  - a. Cremains for burial must be placed in a sealed urn.
  - b. If a brass urn, wood or similar material is chosen, then the use of a separate burial vault is required.
  - c. An urn of cultured marble or granite can function without a separate component and can be buried as is.
3. Family members may bury the urn not less than 3 feet deep on the gravesite.
4. The *first cremains* are to be buried at the head or upper portion of the grave space. The *second cremains* must be in the middle of the grave space with *the third being* placed in the bottom portion of the grave space. No cremains may be buried at the foot of an existing burial space.
5. The gravesite for the cremains must have one marker indicating that space has been used. A traditional burial stone monument may be used with names and dates for all cremains in that gravesite. This is very important to us as we do not want your loved ones' burial space to be disturbed.
6. All burials at the Gober Cemetery must be recorded in the Cemetery Directory. Notify the Gober Cemetery Caretaker *three days in advance* of a private family burial or one handled by a funeral home. State the name of the deceased, the burial date, and the grave plot being used. The Caretaker will check the stated gravesite to confirm it is safe for a burial.
7. If a family desires not to open and close the burial space themselves, the Gober Cemetery Association recommends contacting R.W. Owens Funeral Home in Wolfe City, Texas. Should your selected burial date need postponing, a two day notice to the funeral home is required.
8. No cremains may be scattered anywhere in the cemetery above the ground.
9. Funeral Directors do not have to be used for the burial of cremains.

#### **Notification Phone Numbers:**

(903) 456-0295 - John Babers, Caretaker  
(903) 496-2378 - R.W. Owens Funeral Home

*Approved by the Gober Cemetery Board, March 2017.*

**Contributions are always appreciated and can be mailed to:**

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**If you would like a detailed copy of the financial report mailed to you, contact Joetta. Copies will be available on Gober Memorial Day.**