

CONSTITUTION
OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CORSICANA, TEXAS

PREAMBLE

To ensure the preservation and security of the principles of our faith, the governing of this body in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted tenets of the Southern Baptist denomination, the preservation of the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of this body with respect to its relationship to other churches of the same faith, and the performance of its task of reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we do declare and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE ONE
NAME

The name of this organization shall be First Baptist Church of Corsicana, Texas.

ARTICLE TWO
PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to worship the Eternal God, to follow the leadership and teaching of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to live out His purpose under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and to fulfill the mission of sharing the gospel of our Lord with all mankind.

ARTICLE THREE
MEMBERSHIP, FAITH & PRACTICE

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this church shall consist of persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who have followed Him in scriptural baptism by immersion administered either by this church or by some other church of like faith and order, and whose names appear on the membership roll of this church.

SECTION2: FAITH & PRACTICE

The standard of faith and practice shall be that set forth in the New Testament and incorporated in the Articles of Faith as outlined in the Baptist Faith and Message, a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.

ARTICLE FOUR **GOVERNMENT**

It is agreed that the intention of this body is to discover and follow the will of Christ, its Head, in the making of decisions and taking of action. To this end, the active government of the church shall be vested in the body of believers who compose its membership, and it shall be subject to the control of no other body. The church shall, to achieve this purpose, adopt appropriate by-laws in definitive form to implement the Baptist doctrine of local autonomous church government.

This church accepts the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice, and its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the beliefs of the Baptist churches that cooperate within the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

ARTICLE FIVE **AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by the following procedures:

- A. Any proposed amendment shall be offered in writing at the regular business meeting of the church.
- B. The proposed amendment, together with the designated time for its consideration, shall be published in two consecutive issues of the church's official weekly publication thirty days prior to the meeting in which a vote is to be taken.
- C. The proposed amendment shall be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting at each of two consecutive regular business meetings of the church after proper offering and notification described above.