

Constitution

Valley Ridge Church, The First Baptist Church of Lewisville Texas

Preamble

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the church body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

Name and Location

This body shall be legally known as First Baptist Church of Lewisville, Texas (the “Church”). The principal office is located at 1251 Valley Ridge Blvd, Lewisville, Texas.

The Church may operate under nicknames or “doing business as” (DBA) names, such as *Valley Ridge Church*, as approved by the leadership for marketing and communication purposes.

Non-profit Status

The Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, unless any law shall be repressive in scope and/or nature, that it is our duty to democratically oppose it on the basis of the right of free exercise of religious beliefs and peaceable assembly. The Church is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes under the laws of the State of Texas, including any purpose described by Section 2.002 of the Texas Business Organizations Code.

Purpose

The purpose of The Church is to be a Spirit led church that connects people to Jesus of the Bible, and to each other for the good of others and the glory of God.

Statement of Faith

This church affirms the Baptist Faith and Message 1963 (Statement of Faith) as its official statement of faith. Accordingly, no pastor, minister, employee, property, or resource of the church shall be used in any way that contradicts or conflicts with these beliefs in doctrine or practice.

Polity and Relationships

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it and executed as prescribed in the Bylaws. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute membership. All organizations created and empowered by the church shall report to and be accountable to the church. This church is not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common

among likeminded Churches and associations or networks provided such cooperation does not conflict with the church's own best interests.