

CONSTITUTION

Current

Preamble

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the 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

This body shall be known as First Baptist Church of Lewisville, Texas, located at 1251 W. Valley Ridge Blvd., Lewisville, Texas 75077

Mission and Vision

Section 1 – Our Mission

We are committed first – to Christ. We are committed second – to one another in Christ. We are committed third – to God's world.

Section 2 – Our Vision

We exist to connect people with Christ. We present Christ creatively, credibly, and compassionately in response to the needs and interests of our community. We provide opportunities for people to build relationships and experience Christ. We develop and support fully devoted followers of Christ to minister to our community, nation, and world.

Non Profit Status

Missing

Proposed

Notes

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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.

Mission and Vision

Unnecessary

Removed (*Purpose* section created below)

Non Profit Status

Best practice for a non-profit in Texas.

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

Missing (Likely intended by *Mission and Vision*)

Statement of Basic Beliefs

This church receives the Scriptures as its authority on matters of faith and practice. This church endorses the absolute separation of church and state. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to a lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper.

First Baptist Church, Lewisville, Texas affirms the biblical definition of marriage as between a man and a woman.

Polity and Relationships

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute the membership. (See Article I of Bylaws)

All internal groups created and empowered by the church shall report to and be

Purpose

To 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.

This section restricts our resources from being used in a way that contradicts our 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.

accountable only to the church, unless otherwise specified by church action.

This church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support other Baptist bodies.

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