

CONSTITUTION	Proposed	Notes
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Name	Name and Location	This adds the ability to use a DBA.
<p>This body shall be known as First Baptist Church of Lewisville, Texas, located at 1251 W. Valley Ridge Blvd., Lewisville, Texas 75077</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Church may operate under nicknames or “doing business as” (DBA) names, such as <i>Valley Ridge Church</i>, as approved by the leadership for marketing and communication purposes.</p>	
Mission and Vision	Mission and Vision	Unnecessary
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Removed (<i>Purpose</i> section created below)</p>	
Non Profit Status	Non Profit Status	Best practice for a non-profit in Texas.
Missing	<p>The Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes</p>	

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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)

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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.

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.

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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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