

**CONSTITUTION
OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LUBBOCK**

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.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body shall be known as the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LUBBOCK. The principle office shall be located at 2201 Broadway in Lubbock, Texas.

ARTICLE II. 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 peaceful assembly. The church is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes under the laws of the State of Texas. The church is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The focus and mission of this church is to be led by the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to train all in Biblical truth and to include each member in a community of faith and fellowship.

ARTICLE IV. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis of our statement of faith. This church is committed, as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, to share the good news of salvation to a lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as described by Scripture. We believe the biblical ideal for marriage is the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in covenant commitment. Accordingly, this church's pastors and staff will not officiate in same-sex unions or same-sex marriages, nor will its property or resources be used for such purposes.

ARTICLE V. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The governance of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. 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 recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Southern Baptist churches. First Baptist Church of Lubbock will voluntarily cooperate with and support the Lubbock Area Baptist Association, Texas Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, provided such cooperation does not conflict with the church's own best interest.

ARTICLE VI. CHURCH COVENANT

This covenant represents a goal which the church body should strive to attain. Therefore, having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to support the ministry, the

expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions, to Biblically educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, maligning, gossiping, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our effort to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we, as members, remove ourselves from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Adopted and affective the ____ day of _____, 2024, by action of the church in conference on this date.

Chairman of the Deacon Body

ATTEST: _____
Business Administrator