

First Baptist Church of Seabrook, Texas Inc.
CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving and making secure the principles of our faith and to the end that this body be governed in an orderly manner, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of the church, and to set forth the relationship of this body to other bodies of the same faith, we do declare and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this body shall be the First Baptist Church of Seabrook, Texas, Incorporated, a corporate body of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE II - ARTICLES OF FAITH

- Section 1. The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. The church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of *The Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.
- Section 2. Marriage and Human Sexuality
- A. Marriage - Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the Scriptures. This church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this church, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.
 - B. Human Sexuality - the Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.
- Section 3. Affirmation - Every pastor, staff member, and church member by virtue of their membership affirms their agreement with this Article II and agrees to conduct themselves in a manner with which it is consistent.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

To **Make** known the love Jesus through evangelism, service, and missions.
To **Move** one another to spiritual maturity through membership, discipleship, and fellowship.
To **Magnify** the Lord Jesus through spirit led worship, prayer, and ministry.

ARTICLE IV - VISION STATEMENT

Friends and family in membership, discipleship, and fellowship.
United in purpose, prayer, and praise.
Teaching and training one another to spiritual maturity.
Under the banner of Jesus Christ.
Reaching our community with the Gospel of Christ.
Exalting the Lord in all we do – this is God's vision for us.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERS COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Savior, having been baptized, being led by the Holy Spirit, being willing to submit to the Word of God and this Church's Constitution and Bylaws, I unite with the family of First Baptist Church of Seabrook. In doing so, with God's help, I shall seek:

1. TO PROTECT THE UNITY OF THIS CHURCH
 -By acting in love toward other members (1 Peter 1:22)
 -By refusing to use divisive words or actions (Ephesians 4:29, Romans 15:5-6)
 -By following the leaders (Hebrews 13:17)
2. TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS CHURCH
 -By praying for its growth and spiritual maturity (1 Thessalonians 1:2)
 -By inviting the unchurched to attend (Luke 14:23)
 -By giving cheerfully and regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2, Leviticus 27:30)
3. TO SERVE IN THE MINISTRY OF THIS CHURCH
 -By discovering my gifts and talents (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 -By finding a service area and serving (1 Peter 4:10)
 -By developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3-5)
4. TO SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF THIS CHURCH
 -By attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 -By living a godly life (Philippians 1:27)
 -By welcoming those who visit (Romans 15:7)
5. TO INFLUENCE THE COMMUNITY OF THIS CHURCH
 -By being a source of truth (2 Timothy 4:1-2)
 -By being a positive moral influence (Matthew 5:14-16)
 -By being a practical contributor (Mark 9:41)
6. TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH WORLDWIDE
 -By becoming involved in missions and personal witnessing (Matthew 28:19-20)
 -By pursuing the unity of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:3-6)
 -By working with other believers locally and globally (John 17:20-21)

Until, with the redeemed of the ages from all nations, we meet at the throne of God in perfect worship.

ARTICLE VI - CHARACTER

Section 1. POLICY. We are governed by the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the body, the church, as He shall reveal His leadership to us through the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The government of this church is vesting the body of believers who compose it. 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 Southern Baptist churches.

Section 2. DOCTRINE. This church receives the Scripture, God's Holy Bible as its only authority in matters of faith and practice.