

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

CONSTITUTION (as amended July 23, 2017)

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution for the preservation and security of the principles of our faith and so that this body may be governed in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body in its relation to other churches of the same faith.

I. NAME

This body shall be known as The First Baptist Church of Round Rock, Texas, hereafter referred to as the "Church" or "The First Baptist Church".

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 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.

III. STATEMENT OF FAITH & DOCTRINE

The Holy Bible is the Inspired Word of God and is the basis and authority for our 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. A more specific statement of faith is presented in the Church Bylaws. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the Church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

IV. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of 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 the support of 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 secret devotions, to religiously 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, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts 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 remove 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.

V CHARACTER

1. Polity

The government of this Church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It 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 the Williamson Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

VI. PURPOSE, VISION, & CORE VALUES

1. Purpose & Vision

As First Baptist Church we seek to equip believers to follow Christ and to engage the world so people may know Christ.

2. Core Values

➤ God

We recognize that there is one and only one living and true God, who exists in three persons — Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit — but without division of nature, essence, or being. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 1:1; John 1:14)

➤ Authority of Scripture

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We will value Bible-centered preaching and teaching as the foundation for all that we do. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

➤ Salvation

We believe Jesus is the only way to salvation. Salvation is by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. We will proclaim that gospel message repeatedly in all we do. (John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9)

➤ Prayer

We believe prayer is the difference between what we can do and what God can do. We will intentionally seek to set aside specific times for private, family and corporate prayer. (Matthew 6:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

➤ Life Change

We believe if a person has been saved, they are a new creation in Christ and should continue to grow into that new nature. We will provide opportunities for every believer to develop a Christian worldview and engage the culture wherein they live, work, and interact. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:13; Colossians 1:28)

Amendments

Date	Change
Oct. 21, 2001	Not previously itemized.
July 23, 2017	Added section 2 Non-Profit Status. Enhanced wording in Section 3. Revised section 4, Purpose, Vision, and Core Values.