

Constitution
University Hills Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC
September 13, 2026

THE PREAMBLE

In order that all things may be done harmoniously, that we may help one another in our Christian service, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner for the purpose of preserving the liberties and the corresponding responsibilities inherent in each individual member of this Church, we declare and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body shall be incorporated and shall be known as University Hills Baptist Church.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this body shall be to glorify God. We will do this through: practicing Christian worship and service; sharing the gospel at home and throughout the rest of the world in cooperation with other churches of like faith through the Metrolina Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of NC, and the Southern Baptist Convention; practicing the ordinances, doctrines, stewardship, and ethics as set forth in the New Testament by our Lord Jesus Christ; nurturing our members through a program of Christian education; and encouraging one another in personal and public devotion to Christ through the leadership of His Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The declaration of this Church's faith is set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message* (1998 revision).

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ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Qualifications

The membership of this Church shall consist of those who have professed Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord; received believer's baptism by immersion; subscribed to the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Bylaws of this Church, and been affirmatively received by the Church. Any person may offer themselves as a candidate for membership. After confirmation of qualifications, they shall be presented to the Church by the Pastor.

Section 2 - Rights of Members

Only members of the Church in full and regular standing are entitled to vote at elections and on all questions submitted to the Church in conference. They are eligible for consideration as a candidate for various team and committee positions, except as stipulated in the Bylaws for Deacons, and may receive communion. *Full and regular standing* is defined as not under Watchcare membership or disciplinary action.

Section 3 - Watchcare Members

People who elect to join under the Watchcare of the Church while maintaining their regular membership at another church may do so by offering themselves as a candidate for Watchcare membership. Watchcare members shall enjoy the fellowship of the Church, be under the care of the Church, and participate in ministry opportunities with the Church. Watchcare members may not serve as full members of any team or committee or vote in matters of Church business, including elections. Watchcare membership is concluded when Watchcare members move from the Charlotte area or as noted in Section 4 on Termination of Membership.

Section 4 - Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated in any one of the following ways:

1. Transfer of letter to another Baptist church
2. Formal request or evidence of separation from this Church (*e.g.*, membership in another church)
3. Exclusion by action of this Church, as in a disciplinary matter
4. Death of the member.

It shall be the practice of this Church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. Should some serious condition exist that would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the Church, the Pastor and Deacons will take every reasonable measure to resolve the problem in

accordance with Matthew 18. If it becomes necessary for the Church to take action to exclude a member, a recommendation shall come from the Pastor and Deacons; then a two-thirds vote of the members present will be required for exclusion. All such proceedings in excluding a member shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance. The excluded member may request restoration of membership and, upon evidence of their reformation, may be restored by a majority vote in Church conference, following a recommendation from the Pastor and Deacons.

ARTICLE V. ADOPTION

Section 1

This Constitution shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the business meeting at which the vote is taken.

Section 2

The adoption of this Constitution shall result in a repeal of all previously adopted rules in conflict herewith.

Section 3

A current copy of this Constitution shall always be kept by the Clerk among their reports. In addition, a current copy shall be kept in the Church office and will be accessible on the Church's website. *Current* is defined as all amendments or revisions to date are included in the version on file.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or altered by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular business meeting of the Church, provided such amendment or alteration be given to the Clerk in writing and presented to the Church via the Church newsletter 1 month prior to the regular Church business meeting.

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