

CHURCH CONSTITUTION OF AVERSBORO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of believing Christians may be governed in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted tenets of missionary Baptist churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of the church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this body shall be Aversboro Road Baptist Church, a North Carolina corporation located in Garner, North Carolina. The original of the "Articles of Incorporation" was filed in the Department of the Secretary of State on September 7, 1973.

Principal Office: The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 1600 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529.

Registered Office: The registered office of the corporation (hereinafter referred to as the Church), required by law to be maintained in the state of North Carolina may be, but need not be, identical to the principal office. The address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Diaconate.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The Aversboro Road Baptist Church is organized for the purpose of advancing and promoting the worship of God through the reading and study of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God, the teaching and preaching of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conducting of regular services of worship, providing a flexible educational ministry which provides spiritual training. The Church shall be missionary in spirit extending the gospel through our organized religious channel to the entire world.

The Church will support the following:

1. The priesthood of all believers and assure equality of opportunity and responsibility of all persons in Christ.
2. The freedom and autonomy of the local church under the leadership of Jesus Christ.
3. The separation of church and state and the concepts of a free church and a free state.
4. The Christian development that will benefit each member and equip them for winning souls to Jesus Christ and effective witnessing.

It shall promote and maintain the teachings and doctrines of that Christian denomination universally known and designated as a missionary Baptist denomination.

It shall exist to provide regular opportunities for public worship, to sustain the ordinances, doctrines and ethics set forth in the New Testament for the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to channel its offerings to the support of the objects of the Kingdom of God.

In order to effectively carry forward the objects and purposes set forth above, the church will have full power and authority to purchase, lease and acquire by gift, devise or bequest and to

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hold, mortgage, convey and dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, provided that the title to all property shall be vested in the church trustees as hereinafter set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership of this church shall be composed of persons who have given evidence of regeneration by the Spirit of God, who have been baptized by immersion in water, and who have subscribed to the Church Covenant, Articles of Faith, Constitution and Bylaws of this church, and who have been received into membership by vote of the church. A person may become a candidate for membership as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The church shall hold regular meetings for worship, teaching, training, fellowship, and regular business meetings as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Other meetings of the church as a whole or of authorized groups within the church may be set according to the needs of the congregation.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of this church shall be the Lead Pastor and lay leaders as needed to fill the following offices: Deacons, Trustees, Church Clerk, Treasurer, and other lay officers as the church may deem appropriate.

Other lay leaders shall be elected as required to perform the work of the church in any of its organizations, councils, and committees in a non-officer capacity.

All of these shall be elected by the church and shall be members in good standing at the time of election.

ARTICLE VI. PASTORAL STAFF

As needed, the church may employ staff personnel to work under the leadership of the Lead Pastor to assist the Lead Pastor and the Church body in accomplishing its missions, purposes, and goals as detailed under Pastoral Staff in Article VIII of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled church conference provided, however, that such amendment, alteration, or repeal shall have been given to the clerk in writing and the proposed change shall have been presented to the church at least thirty days prior to the time the vote is taken.

ARTICLE VIII. RULES OF ORDER

In matters of parliamentary procedure, Roberts Rules of Order (Latest Revision) shall be followed.

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