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Membership

Section 1 – General

This is a sovereign and democratic Baptist church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the right of exclusive self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church.

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

Section 2 – Candidacy

Any person may offer himself as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the church at any regular worship service for membership. The church reserves the right to counsel with anyone before presenting them for approval. This counseling shall be under the direction of the pastor, assistant pastor, deacons and elected counselors or any of the fore mentioned. A person may present themselves:

- [1] By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of this church.
- [2] By promise of a letter from a Baptist church of like faith and order.
- [3] By statement of prior conversion experience and baptism in a church of like faith and order when no letter is obtainable.

Should there be dissent as to any candidate, such dissent shall be referred to the pastor, assistant pastor, and the deacons for investigation and the making of a recommendation to the church within thirty (30) days. A majority vote of those members present and voting shall be required to elect such candidates to membership.

Section 3 – Duties

Members are expected, first of all, to be faithful in all the duties, essential to the Christian life; and also to attend faithfully the services of this church, to give regularly to its support and its causes, and to share in its organized work.

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Section 4 – Rights

Each member of this church shall have equal rights and shall be recognized and given the privilege to exercise these rights and may act and vote in the transaction of business of this church.

Section 5 – Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) death, (2) dismissal to another Baptist church, (3) affiliation with a church of another faith or denomination (4) by request of the member.

Should a member become an offense to the church and to its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, or non-support of the church, we first follow the guidelines as set forth in Mathew 18:15-17. The church may terminate his membership by a three-fourths vote, but only after due notice and hearing, and after faithful efforts have been made to bring such member to repentance and amendment. However, no member shall be terminated at a single regular meeting. It shall be tabled for one-month and voted on at the next regular meeting for such action to be made.

Section 6 – Restoration

Any person whose membership has been terminated for any offense may be restored by the vote of the church upon the evidence of his repentance and reformation or upon satisfactory explanation.