

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



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ARTICLE I. NAME and PURPOSE

Section I.

This congregation shall be called THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER, hereafter referred to as Church

Section II.

This Church lives to go forth teaching, preaching, growing, praying, and serving in love and unity in the way of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE II. AFFIRMATION

This Church accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as the head of the Church and the promise that the Church, as a body, is a living organism based on the Bible as the Word of God. The ordinances of this body of believers shall be the Lord's Supper and Believer's Baptism.

ARTICLE III. CONSTITUENCY

Profession of a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptism by immersion shall be the requisites for membership in this Church.

ARTICLE IV. POLITY

The government of the Church is vested in its members under the guidance of the Lord. The Church shall meet the requirements of incorporation in the State of Delaware as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE V. AFFILIATIONS

This Church shall be affiliated with the American Baptist Churches/USA, the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware and the Delaware Association of American Baptist Churches. It may cooperate with other Christian groups having the same convictions of faith as this congregation.

ARTICLE VI. RULES OF GOVERNMENT

This Church shall be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures as herein stated for the implementation of a sound Biblically-based congregational life.

All Officers Boards, Standing Committees, and Employees shall be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures as herein stated

ARTICLE VII. METHOD OF CHANGE AND/OR AMENDMENT

Section I.

The Constitution may be amended and/or changed. For this purpose 51% of the active members of the Church shall constitute a quorum. 75% of the active members present, voting by written ballot,

