

The Constitution and By-Laws Of



- I. THE NAME OF THIS (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) CHURCH, SHALL BE CALLED HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH. It is located in the city of Allen, TX.
- II. THIS DOCUMENT shall supersede any other existing documents of similar nature regarding the operation and administration of Harvest Baptist Church.
- III. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT is to aid in the practical exercise of the SUPREME authority (The King James Bible) and the Harvest Baptist Church's recorded STATEMENT OF FAITH.
- IV. THE PURPOSE for the existence of Harvest Baptist Church shall be that of WORLD EVANGELIZATION, and the discipling of all nations in accordance with (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8) This church shall aggressively pursue this mandate, regardless of any other STATE or FEDERAL mandate preventing the free exercise thereof.
- V. THE DOCTRINE of Harvest Baptist Church, shall be according to the Scriptures as described in the "ARTICLES OF FAITH" researched and compiled by Pastor J.D. Leake.
- VI. THE POSITION of Harvest Baptist Church is that of Independent Fundamental Baptist Church. It is its own sole director in matters of fellowship and mission endeavors. To be free and continue to be free in its pursuit of doing God's will, it will endeavor to abide by the laws of the land, provided that such laws do not infringe upon its right to assemble, preach, worship, sing, fellowship, and carry out and fulfill the "Great Commission" as stated in God's Word.
- VII. MEMBERSHIP in Harvest Baptist Church shall be by public profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Scriptural baptism, by transfer of membership from a church of like faith, or by statement of salvation and Scriptural baptism.
- VIII. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS shall be at the pastor's discretion and always and only according to the Scriptures, and its sole purpose is to purify the church and ultimately restore the fellowship of the offender if ever at all possible. (Matt. 18:15-18, I Cor. 4:1, II Cor. 8:24; 13:5, Gal.6:1, Phil. 2:22, I Tim. 2:1-2, II Tim. 2:1-2, II Tim. 3:5; 4:1-5)

- IX. CHURCH OFFICERS There are only two Biblical offices in the church, and they are PASTORS and DEACONS. Both of these offices are clearly laid out in the Scriptures and any MAN desiring to serve in either office at Harvest Baptist Church, MUST meet ALL Scriptural and practical qualifications.
- X. BUSINESS MEETINGS, although not required in the Scriptures; may prove at any given time to be both profitable and beneficial to the health and well being of Harvest Baptist Church. Any such business meetings will be at the discretion and under the direction of the pastor and may take place at any given time during a service or specially designated time as deemed necessary by the pastor. The primary purpose of business meetings is for the purchasing or selling of property or for the borrowing of money to make such purchases.
- XI. FINANCES: Funds for the operation, functioning, administration, and missionary works of the church shall be the tithes and offerings of the congregation. FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS giving shall be taught, promoted, and fervently encouraged and exercised at Harvest Baptist Church. NO MONEY shall be raised through any type of fundraisers except by the tithes and free-will offerings of the congregation.
- XII. MATTERS OF HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH POLICY are at the discretion of the pastor and may be presented to the church at any time the pastor deems it necessary to do so.
- XIII. CONTRARY TEACHING AND PRACTICES, in the unlikely event that there should be a pastor, church officer, teacher, or church member that should promote or teach within Harvest Baptist Church's membership, doctrine, or policy CONTRARY to the "ARTICLES of FAITH" and this "CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS" such person or persons shall be asked to refrain by the officers or Scripturally QUALIFIED MEN of Harvest Baptist Church adherent to said "ARTICLES of FAITH" and "CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS." Failure of the offenders to do so shall be cause to dismiss such person or persons from the church membership.
- XIV. AMENDMENTS, upon the recommendation of the PASTOR and DEACONS this document may be altered or amended in an effort to REMAIN TRUE and OBEDIENT to the Scriptures, if it is deemed necessary to do so in order to EARNESTLY CONTEND for the FAITH against the COMPROMISE of the day, and its everchanging verbiage and behavior that is contrary to the Scriptures.