

**CONSTITUTION BYLAWS
OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SOUTH BREVARD**

We the people of the First Baptist Church of South Brevard under the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God, in order to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and depending upon the blessing of our Heavenly Father do hereby set forth the following Constitution Bylaws including our Church Covenant, Doctrinal Statement of Faith, and Articles of Incorporation, by which we willingly and cheerfully agree to be governed.

CHURCH COVENANT (1)

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God (2), to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior (3) and, on the profession of our faith (4), having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (5), we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ (6).

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit (7) to walk together in Christian love (8), to strive for the advancement of this church (9) in knowledge (10), holiness (11), and comfort (12); to promote its prosperity and spirituality (13); to sustain its worship (14), ordinances (15), discipline (16), and doctrines (17); to contribute cheerfully and regularly (18) to the support of the ministry (19), the expenses of the church (20), the relief of the poor (21), and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (22).

We also engage to maintain family (23) and secret (24) devotions; to religiously educate our children (25); to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances (26); to walk circumspectly in the world (27); to be just in our dealings (28), faithful in our engagements (29), and exemplary in our deportment (30); to avoid all tattling (31), backbiting (32), and excessive anger (33); to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage (34); and to be zealous in our efforts to live by the commandments, principles, and patterns set forth in the Word of God (35), and to advance the kingdom of our Savior (36).

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love (37); to remember one another in prayer (38); to aid one another in sickness and distress (39); to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling (40) and Christian courtesy in speech (41); to be slow to take offense (42), but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay (43).

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and order, where we can carry out the spirit this covenant and the principles of God's Word (44).