



New Haven

MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

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Constitution of the New Haven Baptist Church

Article I

The Name of the Church.

This church shall be called the NEW HAVEN CHURCH of MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

Article II

The Membership of the Church.

This Church shall be composed of members who have given satisfactory evidence of Bible repentance and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, have expressed a desire to unite with the Church and have submitted to the ordinance of Baptism under the authority of a New Testament Church.

The transfer of membership shall be transacted in one of the following ways:

1. By a Letter of Recommendation from or to any Church of the same Faith. Letters shall be void after three months.
2. By a Statement from the applicant for membership that he or she has had the New Birth and New Testament Baptism. Then only where it is impossible or impractical to secure a letter from the Church of which the applicant is a member.

The reception of members and the granting of letters shall be done by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Church for us purposes.

Article III

The Officers of the Church.

This Church shall have the following officers:

1. Pastor
 2. Clerk
 3. Treasurer
 4. Deacons
 5. Trustees
1. Pastor – The Pastor shall be a generally recognized, Ordained Baptist Minister of good standing and who shall be in sympathy and in fellowship with other Church of like precious FAITH. His call shall be in accord with the practice of Baptist by a majority of the Church for indefinite length of time under the leadership of the HOLY SPIRIT and may be terminated at any time by either the Church or the Pastor giving at least 30 days notice of such action; but must be announced at three consecutive Sunday Morning services before a vote can be taken.
 2. Clerk – The Clerk of this Church shall be a member of the Church in good standing and in full fellowship. He shall be elected annually by a majority of the members present at the regular annual business meeting of the Church. A vacancy may be filled at any regular business meeting of the Church by a majority of the members present. It shall be the duties of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of all business transacted by the Church at all times. He shall also keep an accurate and up-to-date roll of the membership of this Church.

3. Treasurer – The Treasurer of this Church shall be a member of this Church in good standing and in full fellowship. He shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the Clerk. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money belonging to the Church and committed to his trust according to the order of the Church in regular business session. He shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures make regular reports of such and may be required to fill bond at any time the Church so directs.
4. Deacons – The Church shall elect and ordain Deacons from time to time as it may deem wise and expedient. Deacons shall be at all time men who are in good standing and full fellowship as members of this Church. Deacons shall remain Deacons for as long as they are in good standing and full fellowship. These men shall meet the qualifications set forth in the New Testament. The chairman of the Deacons shall serve for one year only.
5. Trustees – There shall be five Trustees who shall serve as agents for the Church in all matters relating to the civil laws of the land. These shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the other Officers of the Church. Trustees will always work from the order of the Church.

Article IV

The Autonomy of the Church

This Church shall forever remain an autonomous Body with Christ as its head and no other person or persons shall ever have any authority over its actions. The will of Christ for the Church shall be determined from the Old and the New Testaments which will be the only law of the Church. THIS ARTICLE can never be amended or changed in any way so as to change the meaning herein conveyed.

Article V

Business Meeting

This Church shall have regular business meetings at a time set by the vote of the Church. Regular business shall be held on regular dates each month.

The Pastor shall act as moderator of all business meetings. Officer's pro-tem may be elected by the Church to fill absentees at a regular or special business meeting.

Special Business meetings shall only be called for the transaction of urgent matters of business and must be announced at a regular service of the Church previous to the calling of such meetings.

Our fiscal year shall end on August 31st each year.

Article VI

Amending the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular business meeting provided a notice announced publicly in regular services at least three times of such intentions to amend.

ARTICLE IV can never be amended or changed in a way so as to change the meaning therein conveyed.

Article VII

This Church adopts the use of the Pendleton Church Manual.

+ + **Church Covenant** + +

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

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

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