

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF NORTHERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The corporate name of this church located in Norfolk Nebraska shall be Northern Heights Baptist Church.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this church to promote the cause of Jesus Christ, win to Him the unconverted, and to seek the development of all its members in Christian living by investing our lives in lives that all may know Christ.

ARTICLE III

Church Covenant

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to turn from our sin and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and upon our profession of faith in Him having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, a local body of believers in Jesus Christ.

We therefore pledge to seek the salvation of the lost to make our total lives a positive witness for Christ, and to share the Good News with persons near and far.

Acknowledging the presence of Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit in our lives we recognize our need, and God's purpose, of personal spiritual maturity and commit ourselves to personal and family prayer, to personal and group Bible study, and to so teach our children.

We moreover promise to walk together in a spirit of Christian love, to pray for one another, to watch over one another, and to cultivate a sweet spirit of trust, harmony and mutual concern. We thus will strive to avoid selfish interests, impure motives, and hurtful words.

It shall be our intention to promote the ongoing witness and genuine fellowship of this body of faithfulness in worship, meaningful observance of the ordinances, preservation of our Biblical doctrines, and cheerful support of the church and its mission outreach.

We further agree that we will live carefully in the present world and will avoid all that would cause our brother to stumble or that will bring reproach upon the name and cause of Christ, that we will humbly and earnestly seek to live to the honor and glory of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

We also pledge 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 and purpose of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

In order for this covenant to be effective in our lives, we solemnly recognize our complete dependence on God's strength. Amen.

ARTICLE IV

Articles of Faith

Believing that the Declaration of Faith commonly called the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 2000 is substantially what Baptists believe that the Scriptures teach, this church adopts it as a statement of Faith and Doctrine.

ARTICLE V

Cooperation and Affiliation

1. This church will voluntarily cooperate with the local Southern Baptist Association, the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. This church operates as an autonomous independent body governed only by the congregation in accordance with this constitution. The church may become a member or join in fraternal association and in such voluntary associations, conventions, and organizations of like-minded churches or church related organizations as the church may

from time to time determine, but subject to the right of the church to freely withdraw from such associations, conventions, and organizations and to be free from any compulsory restraints or direction of any nature whatsoever.

ARTICLE VI

Church Officers

In order to best carry out the principles and purposes of this body, we will, as there is need, exercise the privilege of calling a pastor, electing deacons, nominating committee, trustees and establish standing and temporary committees.

ARTICLE VII

Assets Upon Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the church all assets and property revert back to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds ballot vote of members present and voting at any regular business meeting of the church. The proposed change must be presented, in writing, at a business meeting not less than one month before the time of proposed action, and read to the congregation on the Lord's Day next preceding such proposal.