

# CONSTITUTION

First Baptist Church  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

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## PREAMBLE

Being guided by the New Testament teachings "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18) and "Do not quench the Spirit" (I Thessalonians 5:19) and following another teaching of the New Testament that "all things should be done decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14:40), we declare and establish this constitution with the goal of governing the body in a manner pleasing to God.

## I. NAME

This body shall be known as the First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, located at 1400 South Main Street.

## II. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this church shall be to provide for the worship of God, to proclaim the gospel of Christ through evangelistic activities and missions, to supply education concerning the Bible and the Christian life, and to minister to people in the name of Christ. The church may formulate additional goals that are consistent with these objectives.

## III. STATEMENT OF FAITH

This church considers the true basis for religious beliefs to be the will of God as revealed in the Bible and as understood through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. In addition, as a helpful guide to fundamental Baptist beliefs and to the place of statements of faith in Baptist life, this church acknowledges the full report of the Committee on Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on May 9, 1963.

## IV. CHURCH COVENANT

As a compassionate, discerning, and challenging statement of ideas for the Christian life although not as a strict code of conduct, this church acknowledges the traditional Baptist church covenant as originally adopted by the New Hampshire Baptist Convention in 1833.

## V. RELATIONSHIPS

While Baptist congregations are not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body, this church voluntarily wishes to maintain relationships with the Christian County Baptist Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Such relationships may include prayer, financial contributions, cooperation in work, and the sending of messengers (not delegates) to the annual meetings of the association and the conventions.

This constitution may be revised, amended or revoked at any regular business meeting of the church, provided that written notice and explanation of the proposed change have been given at the immediately preceding regular business meeting and provided also that the change is approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Approved by vote of the church October 5, 1977.