

PREAMBLE:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
We, the undersigned members of the First Baptist Church of Versailles, Missouri, sensible of our spiritual needs, and mindful of our Christian duties, in Jesus's name, and with the hope of His Blessing, adopt the following Articles of Agreement.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Article 1 Name and Incorporation

1. The name and title of this corporation shall be: First Baptist Church of Versailles, Missouri, and the same shall be a non profit corporation.

Article 2. Object

The object and purpose of this congregation shall be to glorify God and to help in the extension of his kingdom among men and for their salvation by promoting and disseminating the Christian religion as expressed in the doctrine and practice of the Baptist faith.

Article 3 Power of the Congregation

1. All government of the church shall be by a majority of members in good standing attending any stated or regularly called meeting.
2. All societies and other organizations within the church must be organized with the consent of the congregation and labor under its control.

Article 4 The Church Council

1. The pastor and the following officers of the congregation shall constitute its church council: Deacons, Treasurer, Trustees, Secretary.
2. By virtue of his office the pastor shall be the chairman of this congregation and of its council.
3. The duties of the church council shall be: To counsel and assist the pastor in the spiritual oversight of the congregation; to see that all the rules and regulations of the congregation are rightly executed, and that discipline is properly exercised in all cases in which offense is given to the congregation or its members.

Article 5 Meetings

1. A regular business meeting shall be held at Seven-thirty (7:30 P.M.) on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in each calendar month; which said meeting shall have power to transact any business which may properly come before the church organization.
2. The chairman of the congregation shall have power to call a special business meeting at any time by announcement from the pulpit not less than one week prior to the date of such meeting.
3. Any five or more members in good standing may call a meeting by announcement at a regular morning services or by publication of notice in a newspaper printed in Versailles; such meeting to be held not less than one week subsequent to such announcement or publication. A call meeting shall have power to transact only such business as shall be mentioned in the call.

Article 6 Election of Officers

1. Officers of the church shall be elected at the first regular business meeting in each calendar year.
2. All officers shall be elected by a majority of those voting at the said meeting.
3. Nomination may be made by committee, but such nomination shall not preclude the proposal of other names from the floor.
4. The officers of the church shall be a pastor, deacons, board of trustees, a treasurer and a secretary.

Article 7 Duties of the Officers

1. The duties of the officers shall be such as are prescribed by the discipline of churches of the Baptist faith and in particular the trustees shall hold title to all church property in trust for the congregation and shall be responsible for giving oversight to and care of such property; such trustees shall be three (3) in number.

Those elected in 1948 shall be elected; one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. At the expiration of the incidental term each trustee shall be elected for a term of three years. The purpose of this being to so stagger the election; that at no time will it be necessary to elect a completely new board of trustees.

2. The deacons shall be one for each fifty (50) members in number and shall serve at the pleasure of the church.

3. The church treasurer shall hold office for a term of one year; shall have charge of all church funds under the supervision of the board of trustees and at the direction of the board of trustees. If required, shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties; such bond to be paid for by the board of trustees.

4. The secretary shall be clerk of the board of trustees and perform such other duties as is customary at stated and other meetings.

In case of vacancies of officers the same shall be filled for unexpired term at the first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy by election as hereinbefore provided. In addition to the officers provided above there shall be appointed or elected from time to time such committees and committee officers as may be necessary or useful.

We the undersigned chief officers of the organization above mentioned hereby adopt the above and foregoing articles of agreement for and on behalf of said congregation.

Done this 10th day of September, 1948.

Alexander Best
Pastor and Ex-officio Chairman

A F Moon
Trustee.

William Otten
Trustee.

Edgar F. Carpenter
Trustee.

Paul Bennis
Secretary.

Lucy Williams
Treasurer.