

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution for the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our Christian faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner. This constitution is to ensure that our manner will be consistent with the Bible and the tenets of the Southern Baptist faith to preserve the liberties of each individual member of this church. Further it is to provide for the freedom of action of this body in its interaction with other churches of the same faith.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

This body shall be known as the Cornerstone Church, SBC (Herein after referred to as “Church”). The principle address is:

9941 Lone Tree Parkway
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for any Statement of Faith and is the basis of our doctrine and practice. We further subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind.

ARTICLE III. ORDINANCES

The ordinances of the church are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. We believe it is the right of any believer to participate in the observance of the Lord’s Supper and as a body, practice open communion.

ARTICLE IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this Church is to connect people with Christ and His Church. We will accomplish this by leading people to Jesus and membership in His Church, training them to be more like Christ, equipping them to fulfill their ministry both in the Church and in the world, all for the purpose of glorifying God.

ARTICLE V. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 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.

Individually and as a church, we will seek, with the Bible as our guide and 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 oppose sin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute our time and resources 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 throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful to our engagements, and exemplary in our behavior; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

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

We moreover engage that when we leave 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.

ARTICLE VI. GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Government

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the authority of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. All active members (as detailed in the Bylaws Article I.) have rights and are entitled to all privileges and consideration. This church is entirely autonomous, and as such is not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual cooperation, which are common among Southern Baptist churches.

Section 2. Affiliation

We choose to affiliate with and to support the Mile High Association of Southern Baptist Churches, the Colorado Baptist General Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VII. NONPROFIT STATUS, AND OWNERSHIP OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Section 1. Nonprofit Status

This church is not organized for profit.

Section 2. Ownership

The active members of the Church benefit by using the property of the Church. Legal title to all real and personal property shall be held by the Church and, when authorized as provided in the Church Bylaws, may be transferred, pledged or encumbered by the Trustees.

Section 3. Purchase or Sale of the Property

None of the property of the Church may be sold, disposed of, or mortgaged without the approval of the Church. The purchase, sale or mortgage or other alienation of any property not in the ordinary course of the Church's business requires the approval of the Church following notice as though the action were to be taken at a special called business meeting.

The purchase or sale of any land or property shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of at least 25% of the active members (18 years old or older) of the church. Voting shall be by written signed ballot. The individual votes shall be kept strictly confidential. **Absentee** Ballots must be received by the Moderator or Church Clerk before the vote is taken at the business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

This Constitution may be amended by the following procedure:

1. An Active Member (18 years old or older) must present the proposed amendment(s) to the Church office in written form at least fourteen (14) days prior to the distribution of the agenda for the business meeting in which the matter is to be considered. A published agenda shall be made available to the members of the Church seven (7) days prior to the business meeting. Motions proposed for inclusion on the agenda must be submitted to the Church office in the full text to be voted on. The Church Moderator shall review proposed motions for proper form as required by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.
2. At the business meeting, the proposed amendment(s) shall be tabled and referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study the implications, ramifications, and the wording of the proposed amendment(s). The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have a maximum of three (3) months to study the proposed amendments(s). If the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is unable to complete its study in three months, it may request additional time from the Church. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee must also review the proposed amendments with the Leadership Council.
3. When both the Leadership Council and Constitution and Bylaws Committee consider the proposed amendment(s) ready for Church consideration (or at the end of the approved study period), a copy of the proposed amendment(s), along with a ballot for each active member(s) (18 years old or older) in a household, will be distributed to such member(s) at least 2 (two) weeks prior to the business meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) will be considered. The proposed amendment(s) will be placed on the business meeting agenda 7 days prior to the meeting.
4. The proposed amendment(s) shall require a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of at least 25% of the active members (18 years old or older) of the church. Voting shall be by written signed ballot. The individual votes shall be kept strictly confidential. **Absentee** Ballots must be received by the Moderator or Church Clerk before the vote is taken at the business meeting.