

Fellowship Baptist Church Bylaws Review Committee

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The bylaws amendments proposed below will be presented for consideration and adoption at the church business meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2022.

1. Amend Article III (Statement of Basic Beliefs), Section 1

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired work of God and the basis for our beliefs. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in ~~1963~~ 2000.

RATIONALE: to move officially move our statement of basic beliefs into alignment with the BFM 2000 adopted following the SBC's "Conservative Resurgence"

2. Amend Article VIII, Section 2, Item 10 (Outreach Committee)

This committee shall consist of a chairperson and four members. This Committee is responsible for ~~maintaining an active visitation program~~ developing strategies and recommending opportunities for our church to share God's love and the Gospel message within our community.

RATIONALE: to broaden our church's view and practice of outreach beyond a program of visitation

3. Remove Article VIII, Section 2, Item 15 (Planning Committee) in its entirety

~~This committee shall consist of a chairperson and three members. The Church Planning Committee is responsible for preparing the church calendar for the next church year to include church events such as VBS, revivals, Christmas play, etc.~~

RATIONALE: The Bylaws Review Committee sees the Planning Committee as unnecessarily restrictive and out-of-date with current practice. The responsibility of planning, scheduling, and coordinating ministry events and initiatives that fall within the scope of the church's mission and vision should be led by those directly involved rather than a select committee.

4. Remove Article VIII, Section 2, Item 18 (Cemetery Committee) in its entirety

~~This committee shall consist of a chairperson and four members. A deacon shall serve as chairman of this Committee. The Cemetery Committee is responsible for maintaining the cemetery in an appropriate and well cared for manner. This includes grass cutting, trimming and any landscaping that may be needed. The donations given are utilized for the perpetual care of the cemetery and shall be kept separate from the church revenue. Request for burial plots shall be made through the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall maintain a map outlining the layout of all plots.~~

RATIONALE: The former responsibilities of the church cemetery committee will be assumed by the Board of Trustees of the newly incorporated Fellowship Cemetery.