

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Preamble**

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

### **ARTICLE 1. Name**

This body shall be known as First Baptist Church of Danville, located at 229 Utzman rd., Kilgore, Texas 75662

### **ARTICLE II. Objectives**

- I. To be a dynamic spiritual organization empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people possible in our church, community, and throughout the world.
- II. To be a worshipping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing his person, and responding in obedience to his leadership.
- III. To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.
- IV. To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.
- V. To be a church which ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and the world in Jesus' name.
- VI. To be a church whose purpose is to be Christ like in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the lordship of Christ.

### **ARTICLE III. Statements of Basic Beliefs**

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. We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper (see Article VI of the bylaws).

### **ARTICLE IV. Church Covenant**

Having been led as we believe the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and 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.

We engage, therefore, 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 sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and disciplines, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to support of the ministry, the expenses

