

# CHURCH CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IREDELL, TEXAS

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### CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE

*Voted July 24 2002*  
DATE OF CURRENT CONSTITUTION

EXHIBIT 2-C

#### I. NAME

This body shall be known as First Baptist Church of Iredell, Texas.

#### II. PURPOSE

We, the First Baptist Church, believe that Jesus set forth our purpose in Matthew 28:19,20; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We further declare as our purpose:

- 1) To be a worshipping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His person, and responding in obedience to His leadership.
- 2) To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.
- 3) To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.
- 4) To be a church which ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and the world in Jesus' name.
- 5) 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.

#### III. STATEMENT OF BASIC BELIEFS

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God, and it is the basis for any statement of faith or practice. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. 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.