

*History of the Platte City
Baptist Church*



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A meeting was held in Platte City on December 20, 1850, by members of the United Baptist Denomination for the purpose of considering the formation of a Baptist Church. Joshua Boyd was chairman of the meeting and A. P. Williams was the secretary. The people at the meeting were favorable to establishing a Baptist Church in Platte City and called another meeting on January 18, 1851.

At this meeting the sermon was delivered by W. H. Thomas. After the sermon the meeting was called to order and the church covenant and the articles of faith were adopted. The right hand of fellowship was given to nineteen charter members who formed the nucleus of the church. Following are the names of the charter members:

Joshua Boyd	Nancy Prewett	Minerva Stewart
James Stone	John Boyd	Elizabeth Pollard
William Boyd	James Pollard	Sarah Harris
Braston Pollard	Nancy Beanton	Cynthia Perkins
Edward Perkins	Nancy Boyd	Sarah Stone
Smith Ainutt	Mary Boyd	Mary Ann Stone
	Elizabeth Callahan	

During the year of 1854 the present building was erected. There was a door on the east where the slaves entered and a balcony where they sat while they listened to the services.

The Civil War brought troublesome times to Platte City. The war was raging to such an extent that regular services were nearly impossible. During this time Rev. Henson, an ex-president of William Jewell College, preached at the church at irregular intervals.

On July 15, 1864 a band of Union raiders rode in to Platte City intent on taking vengeance on the many southern sympathizers who lived here. Rebel flags flew from many of the business houses. The raiders burned nearly all of the business houses, many private dwellings, and all of the churches except the Baptist. We are not sure why this was spared but rumor has it that one of the raiders had a relative who was a member of this church and for this reason it was not burned.

After their churches were burned the Methodists and Presbyterians joined with the Baptists in a union Sunday School for several years. The average attendance was 40.

Col. Morgan's raiders burned the court house in 1861 and until the present court house was completed in 1867 court was held in the Baptist Church.

The centennial was celebrated on June 24, 1951. Dr. W. C. Link, pastor of the Second Baptist Church at Liberty was the guest speaker.

During the years the church has been remodeled and improved several times. The balcony was removed, the side door closed and one door was made in the front of the church instead of the two doors that it had originally. A basement with kitchen and dining room facilities was constructed some time in the 1930's. Later, new furniture was purchased making our auditorium a beautiful place of worship. In 1959 a modern educational building was erected back of the church at a cost of \$48,000.

At the present time (1963) the church has a membership of 280.

Today the Platte City Baptist Church stands as a memorial to the sturdy pioneers who built it and to the dedicated men and women who have labored in its fold.

Mrs. Kinney Franks

PASTORS

Rev. W. H. Thomas — — — January 1851, to November, 1855
 Elder Josiah Leak — — — January, 1856 to December, 1856
 Dr. Edw. I. Owen — — — — January, 1857 to May, 1858
 Dr. Edw. I. Owen — — — — October, 1858 to October, 1859
 Dr. Wm. H. Thomas — — — — October, 1859 to May, 1860
 No regular services until September, 1860.
 Elder S. H. Olmstead — — — September, 1860 to August, 1861
 Dr. E. I. Owen — — — — September, 1861 to July, 1862
 No regular services until February, 1863
 Elder W. T. Hernson, LL.D., Ex-president Wm. Jewell College met at irregular periods a few times as the Civil War was raging to such extent that regular meetings were almost impossible.
 Elder Jeremiah Clay — — — May, 1866 to November, 1868
 Elder J. J. Felts — — — November, 1868 to December, 1869
 From December, 1869 to May, 1871, no regular pastor
 Elder J. W. Brown — — — — May, 1871 to November, 1875
 No Pastor from November, 1875 to August, 1876

Elder Wm. A. Crouch — — — — August, 1876 to July, 1878
 No Pastor from July, 1878 to April, 1879
 Elder Geo. W. Everett — — — April, 1879 to February, 1881
 No Pastor from February, 1881 to November, 1884
 Elder Robert H. Jones — — — November, 1884 to March, 1885
 J. J. Felts — — — — — May, 1885 to May, 1886
 Rev. C. A. Buchanan — — — — — May 1886 to January, 1889
 Rev. A. Hunt — — — — — January, 1889 to September, 1891
 Rev. R. S. Cook — — — — — September, 1891 to February, 1893
 Rev. Geo. W. Everett — — — February, 1893 to February, 1894
 Rev. Lee Harrell — — — — — February, 1894 to December, 1908
 Rev. E. H. Foster — — — — — January, 1909 to November, 1910
 Bro. Thomas H. Wiles — — — — — June, 1911 to November, 1914
 Rev. N. R. Regon — — — — — November, 1914 to January, 1916
 Rev. W. P. Hunt — — — — — April, 1916 to April, 1919
 Bro. E. H. Manwarring — — — — — December, 1919 to April, 1924
 Bro. Prather — — — — — — — — — September, 1924
 Bro. J. S. Henry — — — — — — — — — June, 1927 to April, 1929
 Rev. J. C. House — — — — — — — — — 1929 to 1937
 Rev. Geo. J. McCellan — — — — — December, 1938 to November, 1940
 Rev. Jack Wilks — — — — — — — — — April, 1941 to May, 1942
 Rev. J. H. McAfee — — — — — November, 1942 to October, 1946
 Rev. John Robert Steers — — — — — October, 1946 to December, 1950
 Rev. Marion Willard Freeman — — — — — December, 1950 to August 2, 1953
 Rev. John Muncey — — — — — October 8, 1953 to July 22, 1956
 Rev. Stencil Casey — — — — — November 25, 1956 to November 24, 1957
 Rev. Eugene Werline — — — — — January, 1958 — — — — —
Rev Dwight A. Honeycutt

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been as we trust brought by saving grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give up ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love, to His glory as our Common Lord.

We do therefore in His strength engage that we will exercise a mutual care as members one of another, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort to the end that we may stand perfect and complete in all the ways of God.

That to promote and secure this object we will uphold the public worship and the ordinances of His house and hold a constant communion with each other therein; that we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the support of the poor and for the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the Gospel among us.

That we will not omit closet and family religion at home nor allow ourselves the too common neglect of religiously training up our children and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven.

That we will walk circumspectly in the world that we may win their souls; remembering that God hath not given us the spirit of fear but power and of love and of a sound mind; that the light of the world and the salt of the earth; and that a city set on a hill cannot be hid.

That we will frequently exhort and if occasion require and admonish one another according to Matt. 18, in the spirit of meekness; considering ourselves lest we also be tempted and that as in baptism we have believed with Christ and raised again; so there is on us a special obligation thenceforth to walk in newness of life.

And may he God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make us perfect in every good word and work to do His will working in that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Adopted January 18, 1951

Article 1. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Scripture was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions are to be tried.

Article 2. Of the True God

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God whose name is Jehovah the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love: revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and exciting distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Article 3. Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under

the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that high and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the service of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and that under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defence or excuse.

Article 4. Of the Way of Salvation

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin, honored the law by His personal obedience and made atonement by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in the heavens; and investing in His own wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections; He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and an all sufficient Savior.

Article 5. Of Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessings which Christ of His fullness bestowed on such as believe in Him, is justification: that justification consists in pardon of sins and the promise of eternal life on principals of righteousness: that it is bestowed not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His redemption and righteousness: that it brings us unto a blessed state of peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Article 6. Of the Fullness of Salvation

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to embrace them by a cordial and obedient faith: and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner upon earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

Article 7. Of Grace in Salvation

We believe that in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again: that regeneration consists in giving a wholly disposition to mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the agency of the Holy Spirit to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

Article 8. Of Election

We believe that Election in the gracious purpose of God ac-

cording to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners: that it is being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end: that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness: being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable: that utterly excludes boasting and promotes prayer, praise, trust in God and active invitation of His free mercy: that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree: that it is ascertained in its effects in all who believe the gospel in the foundation of Christian assurance: and that to ascertain it in regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

Article 9. Of the Perseverance of the Saints

We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end: that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professions: that special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the Power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 10. Of the Harmony of the Law and Gospel

We believe that the law of God is the external and unchangeable rule of his moral government: that it is holy, just, and good: and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribes to fallen man to fulfil His precepts, arise entirely out of their love of sin: to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediation to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with establishment of the Christian Church.

Article 11. Of A Gospel Or Christian Church

We believe that a visible church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel: observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His law and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word, that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Article 12. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to show forth by a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior with its purifying power: that it is a prerequisite to a church relation and its privileges, and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine commemorate the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Article 13

Of the Christian Sabbath

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor or recreation, by the devout observance of all the means of grace both private and public, and by making preparations for that rest which remains for the people of God.

Article 14.

Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society: and magistrates be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed except in things manifestly opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

Article 15.

Of the World to Come

We believe that the end of the world is approaching, that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead to final retribution, that solemn separation will then take place: that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy: and this judgement will fix forever the final states of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

PROPOSED RULES OF CHURCH ORDER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Platte City, Missouri

As adopted September 7, 1950.

ARTICLE ONE

Reception of Members

Sec. 1. Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of a change of heart, and adopting the views of faith and practice of this church, may, upon baptism be received into its membership.

Sec. 2. Members from other churches holding the same declaration of faith, may be received by letters of recommendation and dismissed from their respective churches.

Sec. 3. In receiving members into this church the vote shall be unanimous. In granting letters of recommendation and dismissal to members of this church to unite with other churches or in dismissing members from the fellowship of this church, such may be

done by a two-third vote of the members present and voting.

Sec. 4. Those who have once been members of Baptist churches, and in consequence of any peculiar circumstances have no regular letters of dismission, may be received into this church as members by giving satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, Christian conduct, and scriptural faith.

Sec. 5. Excluded members may be restored to membership on confession of their errors and giving evidence of repentance.

Article Two

General Duties of Members

Sec. 1. The duties of members to themselves are: the acquisition of scriptural knowledge, constant progress in spirituality, consistency of external conduct, and the control of every unholy temper.

Sec. 2. It is the duty of members of this church to honor, esteem, and love their pastor, to pray for him, to submit to him, in the scriptural exercise of his official authority, to attend constantly upon his ministrations, to manifest a tender regard for his reputation, and to contribute toward his support in proportion to their ability.

Sec. 3. It is the duty of each member of this church to cultivate and cherish brotherly love for all other members of the church, and to show this love by using all proper means to promote their spiritual benefit and prosperity.

Sec. 4. Toward those who are not connected with this church, it is the duty of members of this church to be exact and proper in fulfilling obligations and in performing promises; to walk circumspectly in the world, and, as opportunity and ability may enable, to commend the Gospel of Christ to them; to spread the Gospel to the whole world, if not in person then potentially, by gift and by prayer.

ARTICLE THREE

Officers of the Church

Sec. 1. The officers of the New Testament church are pastors and deacons. There are two departments of church life, the Spiritual and the Temporal, and the two officers are placed respectively at the heads of these departments. The pastor is to oversee, the leader, and the teacher, of the whole church. His main business is to preach the Word of God and to oversee all the work of the Church. In addition, he is to administer the ordinances of the

church, to act as moderator, when present, in all meetings for the transaction of business, and to perform the various duties incumbent on his office.

Sec. 2. As often as it may be deemed necessary, by the resignation, death, or removal of a pastor, the church shall without unnecessary delay, call to its pastorship some minister of good report, provided at least three-fourths of the members present at any meeting of the church, of which one week's public notice shall have been given, consent to the call. A motion to make the call unanimous must be made by one member who voted against the previous motion, if there be such a member. Thirty days notice must be given by the church to the pastor or by the pastor to the church, as the case may be, in terminating official connection one with the other, unless such notice is prevented by an Act of God.

Sec. 3. The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of eight (8) members, elected by the church in proper business session. At the regular business meeting of the church in the month of September, 1950, the present Board of Deacons shall be dismissed. The church shall then elect by secret ballot a new Board of Deacons consisting of eight (8) members for the following terms: Two to be elected for terms of one year each, two to be elected for terms of two years each, two to be elected for terms of three years each, and two to be elected for terms of four years each, and the deacon or deacons so elected shall be ineligible for re-election to a position on the Board of Deacons for a period of one year; and thereafter, two deacons shall be elected by secret ballot by the church at the regular election of officers, meeting during the month of September of each year to replace those deacons whose terms of office shall expire at the time of such election, and the term or terms of office of the deacons so elected shall be for a term or terms of four (4) years, and the deacon or deacons so elected shall be ineligible to re-election to a position on the Board of Deacons for a period of one year; and the deacon or deacons so retired from office, shall become and be recognized as Inactive Deacons. As soon as possible after the election of the Board of Deacons in the year 1950, the deacons shall meet and elect from among its own members a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary, which officers shall hold office during their terms of office as members of the Board of Deacons. As soon as possible after the vacating of an office as chairman, vice-chairman, or secretary of the Board of Deacons, the Board of Deacons shall elect one of their members to fill the office which has become vacant.

Sec. 4. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of a deacon or any other officer of the church, during his term of office, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy at the first reg-

ular business meeting of the church following that at which such vacancy shall have been announced as having occurred.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the deacons to seek out such members of the church as need pecuniary assistance and to use the alms of the church for their relief; to visit the sick and distressed, to distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper; to take a general supervision of the temporal interests of the church; and to cooperate with, and assist the pastor in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three male members of the church, elected by the church in proper business session, at the regular business meeting of the church in the month of September, 1950, the present Board of Trustees shall be dismissed. The church shall then elect by secret ballot a new Board of Trustees consisting of three (3) members for the following terms: one trustee for a term of one year, one trustee for a term of two years, and one trustee for a term of three years, and the trustee or trustees so elected shall be ineligible for re-election to the Board of Trustees for a period of one year; and thereafter, one trustee shall be elected by secret ballot, by the church, at the regular election of officers meeting in the month of September of each year, to replace the trustees whose term of office shall expire at the time of such election, and the term of office of the trustee so elected shall be for a term of three years, and the trustee or trustees so elected shall be ineligible for re-election to a position on the Board of Trustees for a period of one year.

Sec. 7. At the regular business meeting in the month of July of each year, the moderator of the church shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members to make nominations from among the membership of the church for the offices of Church Treasurer, Church Clerk, Sunday School General Officers, and Teachers for the Sunday School classes below adult, which committee shall report their nominations in writing to the church at the time of the annual election of officers in the month of September of each year. Any member of the church is privileged to make other nominations from the floor, following the report of the Committee.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to have the management of all church property, to see that it is properly maintained in good condition, to have such repairs and improvements made as may be necessary from time to time, provided, however, that such repairs, or improvements shall not cost an excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and their order on the Church Treasurer for such

repairs, improvements, and incidentals shall be honored by the Church treasurer.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the church to receive all monies intended for the church giving receipt for same, and to disburse same in accordance with the wishes of the church. The Treasurer shall send one-tenth of the total receipts of the church, except those that are specially designated by the donors, to the Cooperative Program of the Missouri Baptist General Association of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate book of accounts, and make a written, quarterly report to the church showing all receipts and expenditures made during the preceding quarter and the balance that is in the treasury on the first day of the month in which such report is made. Annually, at the time of the annual election of officers, the Treasurer shall lay before the church a statement of the monies so received and so paid during the preceding year, with all necessary vouchers, which the Finance Committee shall examine.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Church to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the church in all of its meetings for business, sign all orders on the Treasurer passed by the church, keep an alphabetical register of the names of all the members of the church, and to keep such records in a safe condition and place.

Sec. 11. A Janitor shall be employed by the trustees of the church, who shall abide by the rules and orders of the trustees, and shall receive for his compensation such sum or sums of money as may be fixed by said trustees and approved by the church.

ARTICLE FOUR

Meetings of the Church

Sec. 1. The church shall regularly meet every Lord's Day for the worship of Almighty God.

Sec. 2. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed by the church upon the first Lord's Day of the month of January, April, July, and October of each year. * Amended (No. 2)

Sec. 3. The regular meetings for business of the church shall be held in the evening on the first Thursday of the months of January, April, July, and October of each year. * Amended (No. 3)

Sec. 4. In addition to the regular quarterly business meetings, an annual election of officers shall be held on the first Thursday evening in the month of September of each year.

Sec. 5. Special meetings of the church may be called by the pastor, or, in his absence, a majority of the members of the board of Deacons may call such a meeting, provided that a written notice signed by them, shall be read from the pulpit at the regular worship hour on the Lord's Day preceding the meeting.

Sec. 6. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE FIVE

Order of Business

Sec. 1. The pastor of the church or in his absence, any member of the church whom the pastor may appoint, shall act as moderator in all meetings for the transaction of business, and shall cause all meetings to be opened and closed by prayer.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the moderator to keep order, to state and explain propositions that may be presented, and to call for the business of the church in the following order:

First: Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and adoption of the same by the church.

Second: Report of officers

Third: Report of committees

Fourth: Other unfinished business

Fifth: New Business

ARTICLE SIX

Rules of Order

Sec. 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in the business sessions of the church.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Committee on Committees

Sec. 1. At the regular business meeting of the church in the month of July of each year, the church shall elect a committee on committees, composed of five members, three male, and two females to make all nominations from among the membership to serve on the various standing committees, and to report their nominations in writing at the time of the annual election of officers in the month of September. Any member is privileged to make other nominations.

Sec. 2. The following standing committees to serve for a term of one year shall be nominated by the committee on committees, at the time of the annual election of officers in the month of September of each year:

Committee on Finance, Committee on Baptism,

Committee on Decorations, Committee on Social Affairs,

Committee on Communion

and said committees to be elected by the church, each to be voted separately.

Sec. 3. The reports of the above standing Committees shall be made to the church when called for, advance notice being given, and shall be in writing.

Sec. 4. The committee on Finance shall be composed of five (5) members, four male, and one female, and the duties of said committee are defined as follows: This committee shall meet at least once per quarter, and shall have charge of the financial matters of the church, as this applies to the plans and efforts for the raising, soliciting, and collection of money. It shall audit the books of the Treasurer at least once per year, such audit to be held prior to and near to the first Thursday in September of each year, and report such to the Church.

Sec. 5. The committee on Baptism shall be composed of five members, two male and three female, and the duties of such committee are defined as follows: To keep the Baptistry in a clean and sanitary condition, to see that the Baptistry is prepared when baptisms are to be held, to assist the candidates for baptism in preparing themselves for baptism and in changing clothing, and to see that the dressing rooms are in proper condition when a baptism is to be held and after a baptism is held.

Sec. 6. The committee on Decorations shall be composed of three members, and the duties of such committee are: to provide for the decoration of the church upon all special occasions, and upon the regular worship service held in the church.

Sec. 7. The committee on Social Affairs shall be composed of five members, two male and three female members, and the duties of such committee are defined as follows: To promote and seek to develop the social and hospitable life of the church to invite the members of the church and their guests to assemble from time to time at the church house, and make such preparations as may be deemed for such entertainments.

Sec. 8. The committee on Communion shall be composed of four

members, two male and two female, and the duties of such committee are defined as follows: To see to the purchasing of such supplies as may be deemed necessary for the preparation of the Lord's table, to prepare the Lord's table for the Lord's Supper, and to keep the supplies and dishes in a safe and private place.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Amendments

Sec. 1. These rules of church order may be amended by the church in any business session noted in sections 3, 4, or 5, of Article Four of these Rules of Church Order.

Sec. 2. Amendments or amendment shall be proposed by the following only: The pastor, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, any ten members of the church.

Sec. 3. Notice of proposed amending of the Rules of Church Order must be made from the pulpit of the church for four successive Lord's Days immediately prior to the meeting at which the vote on the amendment or amendments shall take place.

Sec. 4. No amendments can be voted upon unless it be in writing; after adoption of the amendment or amendments, written copies shall be placed in the hands of the church clerk and in the hands of the pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,

S—Edgar S. Miller S—R. B. Miller, J. S—Mrs. Walter Fox
S—Victor Carothers S—Wm. Anderson

Adopted by the church this 7th day of September, 1950.

John Robert Steers, Moderator
Gordon L. Miller, Clerk

AMENDMENT No. 1

Article Three, Section 7

July 2, 1953

At the regular business meeting in the month of July each year, the church shall elect a Sunday School Superintendent for the year immediately following. The superintendent elected shall serve as a fourth member of a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall be composed of the superintendent and three other members who shall be appointed by the moderator of the church and their duty shall be to make nominations from among the membership of the church for the office of Church

Treasurer, Church Clerk, Sunday School General offices with the exception of superintendent, and teachers for the Sunday School classes below adult, which committee shall report their nominations in writing to the church at the time of the annual election of officers in the month of September of each year. Any member of the church is privileged to make other nominations from the floor following the report of the committee.

AMENDMENT No. 2

Article Four, Section 2

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed by the church at least once each quarter.

AMENDMENT No. 3

Article Four, Section 3

The regular meetings for business of the church shall be held once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

