

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
(FBC Constitution)



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**Articles of Incorporation: Adopted on November 9, 2014. Updated and reaffirmed by the congregation on November 13, 2022.**

# **Constitution of First Baptist Church, legally known as ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

## **ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

The name of this church shall be “FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of New Castle, Indiana.” This church shall be affiliated with American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, and American Baptist Churches/USA.

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or to the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

## **ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE**

**Mission Statement:** We exist to transform stories through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Vision Statement:** We desire to see communities thriving to the glory of God

**Core Values:** Growing closer to Jesus in every season of life  
Loving others as God first loved us  
Developing people for a life of service  
Living and giving generously to meet the needs of our neighbors

## **ARTICLE 3 – STATEMENT OF FAITH**

This church receives the Bible and its teachings as the all-sufficient basis of doctrine and practice.

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally one God in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17 and John 14:15-17).

We believe that salvation and eternal life are available to all who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8).

We proclaim the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

We believe that God is sovereign over all, and this sovereignty is expressed and realized through Jesus Christ (Psalm 135:6 and Psalm 103:19).

## **ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this church shall consist of active and inactive members as described in the church by-laws.

## **ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS**

The officers of this church shall consist of a lead pastor, a board of elders, a board of deacons and a church moderator. This church gives authority to the officers to fill necessary positions as designated in the church by-laws.

## **ARTICLE 6 - TAX-EXEMPT PROVISIONS**

### **Handling of Finances**

No part of net earnings of the church shall give advantage to its members, officers, or other private persons. The church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2 of the Articles of Incorporation.

### **Dissolution or Final Liquidation of Church**

Upon the dissolution or final liquidation of the church, the officers shall make payment of final liabilities. All remaining assets will be disposed of only to tax-exempt organizations that agree with the church's Statement of Faith (Article 3).

### **Non-Discrimination**

The church shall have a nondiscriminatory policy and, therefore, shall not discriminate against employment applicants, members, students, and others on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, or gender.

## **ARTICLE 7 - AMENDMENTS**

The church officers shall review and evaluate the Articles of Incorporation every three years unless a need arises for earlier review.

The Congregation may consider a motion to amend, modify, or rescind the Articles of Incorporation, upon recommendation of the church officers. The vote shall be by ballot.