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Section 1. Requirements: The membership of this church shall be composed of persons who have given evidence of regeneration by the spirit of God, who have been baptized, and who have subscribed to the constitution and bylaws of this church, and who have been received into membership by vote of the church.

BAPTISM: Baptism for all new Christians will be by immersion, unless prohibited by health issues. Christians who have received a mode of baptism other than immersion will be given the choice of rebaptism by immersion, or affirmation of their previous baptism.

Section 2. Means of Reception:

- A. By profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- B. By statement of desire to transfer membership from another Baptist church who meets the conditions set forth in Section 1.
- C. By statement to the congregation that the conditions of section 1 have been met, and by a vote of the church.
- D. Applications for membership under circumstances other than those described in Sections A, B, C above will be considered by the church in conference and the decision of the church will be final in each case.

Section 3 Termination of Membership. Membership in the church shall be terminated upon one of the following:

- A. Death of the member
- B. Resignation of membership
- C. Dismission to another church
- D. Exclusion by action of the church. The church, after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and every possible kindly effort to make such action unnecessary, may upon majority vote, terminate the membership of a person in this body for reasons it considers sufficient to warrant such action.
- E. Erasure upon notice or evidence of membership in another church.

Section 4.

- A. This policy may not be amended, rescinded, or repealed without a notice of at least two weeks to the membership of the church.
- B. Additionally, the minimum vote necessary to amend, rescind, or repeal this policy is 60% of those church members present and voting.