

CONSTITUTION
OF
BELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this Constitution to govern the Association in an orderly manner while pursuing its ministry. This constitution will guide this Association in conducting the Lord Jesus Christ's ministry locally and globally as He leads.

ARTICLE I
Name

This association of churches shall be known as the **BELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** of Belton, Bell County, Texas. (the "Association of Churches")

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The Association of Churches is committed to empowering, enabling, and assisting member churches to accomplish their Great Commission ministry.

ARTICLE III
Association Covenant

As members of Bell Baptist Association, we covenant together:

- A. To be true and faithful to the Bible.
- B. To cultivate relationships between member churches.
- C. To grow disciples through evangelism, spiritual development, ministry, worship, and fellowship.
- D. To affirm and apply historic Baptist principles.
- E. To recognize the historic role of Bell Baptist Association and contribute to its work.

ARTICLE IV
Polity and Relationships

The Association of Churches is subject to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ and all other statements of relationship will be conditioned upon that primary relationship.

The Association of Churches is autonomous and thus maintains the right and privilege to govern itself in all matters, independent of any other church, association, or ecclesiastical body. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other associations, churches, and ecclesiastical bodies in missions efforts, the Association of Churches may, from time to time, voluntarily affiliate with other entities and organizations, as the Association of Churches deems appropriate.

The Association of Churches shall have no authority over any member church, recognizing the autonomy of each church as an independent body.

The Association of Churches membership shall be composed of participating churches, duly received, as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association of Churches.

All internal groups created and empowered by the Association of Churches shall report to and be accountable only to the Association of Churches unless otherwise specified by action of the Association of Churches.

ARTICLE V
Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers at two (2) successive annual meetings.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Association, hereby certifies that the foregoing Constitution of the Association was duly adopted by the Association on the 22 day of October, 2001.

Signature Clerk

Frances Bender
Typed/Printed Name