

Cool Spring Baptist Church Constitution

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Approved By Church_____

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body.

I. NAME

This body shall be known as Cool Spring Baptist Church located in Hanover County, at 9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

To reach and develop all people into fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

III. CHURCH COVENANT

We the members of Cool Spring Baptist Church,

1. Confess that sin separates us from God
2. Receive by faith Jesus Christ as Savior, and
3. Commit to serve Him as Lord.

As baptized believers in the presence of God, we intentionally commit to join our lives together in becoming one body in Christ. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, with God's Word as our guide, we seek to grow into fully devoted obedient followers of Christ by:

1. Living the great commandments to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves
2. Sharing our faith by following Christ's commission to go . . . making disciples . . . baptizing . . . and teaching them to obey everything He commanded in order to advance God's kingdom in our community, in our nation, and around the world.
3. Participating faithfully together in worship
4. Serving one another and the community by the discovery, development, and exercise of spiritual gifts and natural abilities
5. Contributing regularly to the ministry of this church with financial resources and time
6. Developing the personal spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, and Bible study

7. Engaging in regular fellowship and encouraging each other to live godly lives.

IV. STATEMENTS OF FAITH

We believe the Bible, God's inspired Word, is the only complete and perfect statement of our Christian Faith.

V. ORDINANCES

The ordinances of this church shall be Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. The ordinances shall be administered as an act of worship and shall be administered by the pastor, ordained minister or deacon.

VI. RELATIONSHIPS

The governing of this body resides exclusively in its membership with Jesus Christ as the Head. We recognize and sustain the Biblical obligation of mutual cooperation with other parts of the Body of Christ. We support the cooperative effort of the churches that comprise the Southern Baptist Convention and its affiliates as the best way to advance God's kingdom in the world.

VII. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing documents of this church consist of the following integrated set of documents: Constitution, By-Laws and Operations Manual.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of not less than 200 active members, as defined by the pastor and deacons, present at a scheduled church business meeting after such proposed changes have been submitted in writing and carried over from the previously scheduled church business meeting. Printed copies shall be made available at the church for all members who wish a copy, and an announcement of the proposed changes shall be published in church publication(s) within seven (7) days preceding the business meeting at which the vote will be taken.