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ever, the Bible's teachings should be over-ridden in this matter, letters must be sent to the membership at least three (3) weeks in advance to said meetings, informing them both of such meeting and its purpose.

**ITEM 5.**

If then action is taken in the Negative, Pastor will be paid his Salary as usual and all expenses for 90 days.

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
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NEW TESTAMENT  
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**Greater Friendship  
Missionary  
Baptist Church**

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**ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION**

**ITEM 1.**

As a Body of Missionary Baptist Believers in Christ; Adherent only to Christ as our Head; His Representative as our Leader and Overseer; The Holy Spirit as our Keeper and the Holy Bible as our Guide, we lay claim to the right to be the New Testament Church, and as such we shall be known and styled as a non-profit Organization.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

**ITEM 1.**

This Church will support, Sponsor and Promote The Gospel Ministry, Mission And Christian Education through the Local, State and National Program (Matt. 28:19-20)

**ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE PASTOR**

**ITEM 1.**

The Duties of the Pastor shall be to lead in all phases of the Church:

- a. Preaching
- b. Teaching

- c. Counseling
- d. Buek and rebuek
- e. Visiting the Sick
- f. Holding all Business Meetings
- g. Taking the General oversight of the Flock as taught in the Bible. Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:1-5. And to Interpret the Scriptures for THIS Church, as the Scripture is of no private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)

#### ITEM 2.

The Pastor shall have the power to APPOINT ALL OFFICERS according to the Scriptures as taught in Acts 6:1-8.

### ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### ITEM 1.

The Duties of the Deacons shall be:

- a. To assist the Pastor in the TEMPORAL Business of the Church.
- b. To do whatever the Pastor requests for the further advancement of this Church.

#### ITEM 2.

The Duties of the Trustee Board shall be:

- a. To look after the upkeep of the Properities of the Church.
- b. To Bring before the Pastor and Board of Deacons their recommendations.

### ARTICLE V – CHURCH MEETING

#### ITEM 1.

Since Church Meeting as we know them in Modern Society are not Scriptural, and since the meetings of the Church we find recorded in the Bible were held by the decree of the Apostles, we will have an Annual Meeting Night after the Second Sunday in each November. All other Meetings of this church will be called by the Pastor or board. (Acts 6:1-8; 1 Tim. 3:8-10).

#### ITEM 2.

The Deacons shall not attempt to hold any meetings without the consent of the Pastor.

#### ITEM 3.

No Auxiliary shall hold any meeting to discuss the Business of the Church, nor shall they attempt to finalize any plans of their own without the consent of the Pastor and the board.

#### ITEM 4.

No business meetings will be held in the Homes.

#### ITEM 5.

The Business of the Board of Deacons will be discussed and left in the Board Meeting.

ITEM 6.

No Member shall discuss the Business of the Church on the Telephone or in the Street.

ITEM 7.

No Meetings will be held without the consent and knowledge of the Pastor.

**ARTICLE VI – NEW MEMBERS**

ITEM 1.

All New Members uniting with this Body will be Given a copy of The Regulatory Procedure for the New Testament Church and the Church Covenant.

ITEM 2.

All New Members must attend the New Membership Class for six (6) weeks.

**ARTICLE VII – DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS**

ITEM 1.

Ways by which members shall be disciplined by the Pastor will be from the Bible, Church Covenant and the Regulatory Procedure for the New Testament Church.

ITEM 2.

No member shall be brought before the church without having followed the New Testament rule as taught in Matt, 18:15-17. After which Disciplinary measures will be taken by the Pastor as taught in Matt. 18:18.

ITEM 3.

Any member found guilty of Public or private Offense will be dealt with according to Matt. 18:18.

**ARTICLE VIII – ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

ITEM 1.

Any person desiring to become a member of this Body may do so by:

- a. Becoming a Candidate for Baptism.
- b. Restoration
- c. Letter
- d. Christian Experience.

Where upon he becomes a member in Good and regular standing as long as he supports the Church in Attendance, Finance and Service, and adheres strictly to the Teachings of the Bible and the Doctrine of THIS Church.

**ARTICLE IX — ELIGIBILITY  
FOR VOTING**

ITEM 1.

This Church shall have what is known as an Active Membership Roll. Persons who fail to comply with the Regulatory Procedure for the New Testament Church, the Constitution and By Laws for this Church, and who fail to support the church with their presence and finance will forfeit their voting rights. And after 90 days will be considered as non-members.

**ARTICLE X — REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE**

ITEM 1.

All Head's of Auxiliaries and Officers are expected to be regular in Worship, The Lord's Supper and the Educational Program of the Church. Person's failing to comply with these requirements must have a lawful excuse.

ITEM 2.

Any person who Heads any Auxiliary of any Officer missing three (3) Sunday's of more without illness of reasonable excuse, shall not return to his post of duty before counseling with the pastor.

**ARTICLE XI — FINANCE**

ITEM 1.

In order that we not be guilty of the deception practiced by the money Changers in the Temple, this church will be financed through the regular weekly giving of Tithe and Pledged Offerings. And through Annual Sacrificial Offering days as set fourth in the Bible.

ITEM 2.

Each Adult Member is asked to donate per week.

- a. Adults at least 2.00 a week
- Officers 2.50 per week
- b. College Students .75
- c. Juniors .50
- d. Teenagers \$1.00

ITEM 3.

Each Auxiliary President or Chairman is to report to the Chairman or Secretary of the Finance Committee at least every 90 days on the first Sunday of the 90 days. Also a total report of all money's of finance at the end of the calendar year.

ITEM 4.

The church will approve the Pastor and board approval of persons to serve as finance committees, three of whom will constitute the

banking committee of those who will sign checks.

ITEM 5.

The Church will have one treasure referred as the General treasure. Money coming from Auxiliary's over their monthly report will be earmarked such as building fund.

ITEM 6.

The Church shall have a checking and savings account at a desinated bank and no money shall be distributed without a voucher authorized by financial personal or Pastor.

ITEM 7.

No checks shall be honored by the treasure without proper signature.

ITEM 8.

The financial secretary shall make out all checks and no money shall be paid out without check or voucher.

ITEM 9.

All checks must be signed and counter-signed.

## ARTICLE XII – SECURING A PASTOR

ITEM 1.

In order not to limit the Power of God as the Disciples did in selecting a replacement for Judas. We agree to seek Divine Guidance in securing a Leader and to be content with the Appointment of the Holy Spirit.

ITEM 2.

The Church will pay the Pastor's Donation as per agreed, and his salary shall not be withheld from him as long as money is available or can be secured.

ITEM 3.

Any Member having a greviance against the Pastor will follow the rules for Christian Brotherhood in Matt. 18:15-17. If this method does not satisfy the member or members bearing said greviances will then present them in writing and have them duly signed. Upon receipt of same, an Ecclesiastical Council will be called, and after due consideration of the problem, will report their findings to the Body who will then take action upon the recommendation of the Council.

ITEM 4.

No attempt will be made to dismiss a Pastor (or to take him before an unjust Judge). If how-