

CONSTITUTION OF COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Preamble

“Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— [23] “that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.” Acts 26:22-23

The group of believers who testify to these truths regarding Jesus Christ, meeting in Marion, Iowa, desiring to form a unified body of believers known as Community Baptist Church of Marion do set forth the following Constitution and Bylaws.

Article I – Name

The name of this body of believers shall be Community Baptist Church of Marion.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of Community Baptist Church of Marion shall be:

- The proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.
Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:4-8
- To abide by and proclaim the truths set forth in Scripture with boldness and love.
Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28
- To teach people to understand God’s person, character, and ways, so that they might worship Him, glorify Him, and live in submission to Him.
John 4:19-26, Hebrews 10:1-25
- To support the work of missions throughout the world.
Acts 1:8, Philippians 4:10-20
- To live in peace with one another, seeking unity in all things that others may see the Lord. John 17:20-26
- To grow in fellowship and Christian love for one another.
Colossians 3:16, Acts 2:40-47
- To endeavor to start and assist new churches as the Lord directs.
Acts 14:21-28

Article III - Authority

Community Baptist Church of Marion is autonomous under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the authority of Scripture. Community Baptist Church of Marion will also be voluntarily affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Convention of Iowa and the Northeast Iowa Southern Baptist Association.

Article IV – Membership

Community Baptist Church of Marion shall consist of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have been baptized by immersion. Requests for membership will be heard by the congregation and upon completion of membership training, the candidates may be recommended for church membership. The candidates will become members upon a majority vote of the church as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article V – Meetings

In obedience to scripture the church shall meet regularly for purposes of worship, fellowship, Biblical instruction, prayer and matters of business. (Colossians 3:15-17, Acts 6:1-7, 15:22, 17:11, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Article VI – Leadership

The leadership of Community Baptist Church of Marion will consist of Pastoral staff, Elders and Deacons as defined in the Bylaws. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17)

Article VII - Amendment

A three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of members present is required to change or amend this Constitution. A Constitutional vote may only take place after: (A) notice has been posted in the church at least two Sundays prior to such business meeting and (B) each member has been notified by mail at least two weeks prior to the scheduled business meeting. Notices must include the proposed changes or amendments along with the date, time and location of the business meeting.