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**Constitution**  
**Capitol Hill Baptist Church**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

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**Article I – Name**

This body of believers is known as the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, of Oklahoma City, organized August, 1902, as “The Missionary Baptist Church of Capitol Hill,” and incorporated on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1922, as the “Missionary Baptist Church of Capitol Hill, of Oklahoma City.” All legal documents and properties are identified with the “incorporated name,” and the added designation, “Also Known As the Capitol Hill Baptist Church,” hereinafter referred to as the Church.

**Article II – Statement of Faith**

Section 2.01 Authority. The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for this statement of faith. This statement is an interpretation of those scriptures by the consensus of our fellowship and cannot be complete, final, or infallible.

Section 2.02 Doctrinal Statement. We, therefore, endorse and subscribe to the doctrinal statement, The Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000, as a general guide to our faith and practice.

Section 2.03 The Church Covenant. Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

1. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine.
2. We engage to contribute cheerfully and regularly through tithes and offerings to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.
3. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to educate our children religiously, and to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.
4. We engage to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing; faithful in our engagements; and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to seek God’s help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which harm the

body or jeopardize our own or another's faith; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

5. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and, mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.
6. We moreover engage that when we move from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's work.

### **Article III – Mission**

Section 3.01 The All Encompassing Mission. The mission (called "purpose" in the Articles of Incorporation) shall be:

1. to establish and maintain a church for Christian worship and for Christian activities in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, the Capital Baptist Association and/or the Union Baptist Association, hold to the established doctrine and practice of Southern Baptist churches for Christian work and spiritual activity;
2. to cooperate with the boards, institutions, and agencies of the conventions and associations named in the above paragraph, Section 3.01 (1);
3. to promote the general welfare of the community;
4. to promote, establish, and conduct missionary enterprises throughout the world;
5. to license and ordain Ministers of the Gospel;
6. to ordain Deacons;
7. to acquire such property, both real and personal, as may be necessary, expedient or convenient to carry out the general mission of this Church;
8. To borrow money and pledge the property of the Church;
9. To secure the payment thereof;
10. To accept money or property by gifts or otherwise, as approved by the Church;
11. To sell, lease, or rent the property of the Church and convey the same when and if desirable to promote or accomplish the mission of the Church.

Section 3.02 Incorporation. In order to have the powers and privileges granted by law to a corporation, the Capitol Hill Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is organized as a non-profit corporation. The corporation has no capital stock and is not for material gain, its purposes being the non-profit purposes stated in Section 3.01 and in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3.03 Perpetuity. The Capitol Hill Baptist Church's existence shall be perpetual as legally defined. The Church was begun with the knowledge and stated intent that it would serve the Lord Jesus Christ until He returns at His second coming to judge the rulers and people of this earth. The Church's mission will continue until then, through a body of baptized believers gathered together as the Church, until

those believers are gathered together to the Lord when there will no longer be any need for this corporate body, and where the state of the believing members shall be eternal in heaven.

Section 3.04 Reversionary Clause. If the Capitol Hill Baptist Church ever ceases to be a cooperating Southern Baptist Church, cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of the State of Oklahoma, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Capital Baptist Association and/or the Union Baptist Association, then all property and assets, both real and tangible, shall revert to the Capital Baptist Association located in Oklahoma City, for that body to fulfill the intent of perpetuity held forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Missionary Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, known as the Capitol Hill Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### **Article IV - Change of Constitution**

Section 4.01 Amendment. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at any authorized Members' Meeting, provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing during a Member's Meeting (30) days before action is taken on the proposed amendment. Every member of the Church shall be given thirty (30) days notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Notice of the intent to amend the Constitution, along with copies of the proposed amendment, must be made available to each church member in print and electronic forms the week following the submission of the proposed amendment. Announcements from the pulpit shall be made each Sunday during the thirty (30) day period informing members of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

**UPON AUTHORIZATION OF THE MEMBERS** properly meeting and voting to affirm the acceptance of the same, the above and foregoing Constitution, Amended and Restated, of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, is hereby officially executed and enacted to be the official and current Constitution of Capitol Hill Baptist Church on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

#### **CAPITOL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**By: MARK DeMOSS, Senior Pastor / Moderator**

Verified & Witnessed:

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Cindy Vaughan, Church Clerk