

# CONSTITUTION OF GREENWOOD SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH

## PREAMBLE

We, the members of Greenwood Shores Baptist Church of Ninety Six, S.C., do hereby declare and establish this Constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner, to maintain the autonomy of this church in freedom of action in relation to other churches and organizations. It is understood that Greenwood Shores Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist Church.

### Article 1 Name

This body shall be known as Greenwood Shores Baptist Church located at 318 Island Ford Road, Ninety Six, SC 29666.

### Article 2 Objectives

To be a dynamic spiritual organization empowered by the Holy Spirit to communicate the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in our church, community, and throughout the world, which is the mission of Greenwood Shores Baptist Church. To be a worshiping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His person, and responding in obedience to His leadership. To be a church whose purpose is to be Christlike in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the lordship of Christ.

### **Article 3**

#### **Principles of Faith**

We affirm that the Holy Bible is God's revelation to mankind, and that it is inspired by God, it is without error, it is an accurate record of history, and future of mankind, and that it depicts the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Savior of all mankind, our Lord Jesus Christ, and is therefore the sole basis for our faith. We regard the scriptures of the Holy Bible as authoritative in all matters of faith, practice, and principle. This church has affirms as our doctrinal statement, the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000. The ordinances of this church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### **Article 4**

#### **Purpose of the Church**

We confirm that our primary purpose is the communication of the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to all persons as stated in Romans 1:16-17. We endeavor to equip and enable each individual for this purpose through the opportunities of worship, education, service, and fellowship as described in Ephesians 4:11-16.

### **Article 5**

#### **Government of the Church**

The government of Greenwood Shores Baptist Church is vested in the body of believers who comprise it, owing allegiance only to its head and founder, Lord Jesus Christ. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute the membership. These members shall be individuals who have in common with the members, their spiritual union with the Lord Jesus Christ and their agreement on the principles of faith contained in this document including the rules as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. These members regard one another as having equal rank and privilege, equal responsibility and obligation, in fulfilling the purpose of this church as stated in Galatians 3:26-28. In addition to the above, this church recognizes the rightful place of the

state and pledges itself to the support of federal, state and local governments in accordance with Romans 12:1-7 and I Peter 2:13-17.

All meetings held for Officers or for the church membership shall be conducted according to the Robert Rules of Order, or by other procedures which from time to time are adopted by the Board.

### **Article 6 Relationships**

Insofar, as practical, this body agrees to support and cooperate with the Lakelands Baptist Association, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Also whenever possible, this body agrees to support the 96 Ministerial Association.

### **Article 7 Committee and Advisors**

The Deacons/Trustees and/or the Board shall have the power to create any committees which it deems necessary to carry out the function of the Corporation and/or the Church.

### **Article 8 Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended, altered, or repealed under the following circumstances. The Deacons/Trustees, must agree and have written unanimous consent, and then present to the members of the church. By oral vote, have the majority vote of the members of the church.

**Article 9**  
**Ratification**

This constitution is hereby ordained and established for Greenwood Shores Baptist Church of Ninety Six, SC

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Pastor

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Deacon/Trustees Chairman