

2021 Proposed Bylaw Changes

Listed below is a summary of the changes being proposed to the voting members of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Florida d/b/a Family Church (the “Church”). These changes are being submitted by unanimous approval from our Lead Pastor and the Legal Committee of the Church following an intentional and detailed review of the related articles.

The summaries below are intended to provide the nature of the proposed changes. For more specific information, a detailed comparison can be made by reviewing both the current and proposed bylaws, as posted on the Church website.

Article IV, Section 1

- Provide clarity that membership requires an agreement to abide by The Baptist Faith & Message 2000.

Article V, Section 1

- Add a provision to allow for participation in business meetings at a designated remote location through electronic means

Article V, Section 2

- Standardize the language between Annual/Quarterly and Special Meetings that includes the Sunday morning of the meeting

Article IX

- Reaffirm and restate our commitment to the sanctity of human life and the inherent value assigned to all human life.

Article X

- Reaffirm and restate our commitment to celebrate and follow God's design on matters of Gender, Marriage & Sexuality.

Article XIII

- Inclusion of a Mediation Policy. This is considered a best practice among churches and was advised to us by legal counsel. Churches incorporate this policy into their bylaws to ensure that any disputes with church members are mediated instead of being litigated.

Article XIV

- Inclusion of an article for Corporate Dissolution. This is considered a best practice among churches and was advised to us by legal counsel. Churches incorporate a dissolution statement to ensure that should a church be forced to dissolve the assets of that church will be directed to another ministry-based organization.

Article XV

- Change the article related to changes to the bylaws from XIII to XV

Article XVI

- Inclusion of an article for Emergency Bylaws. In 2020, during the pandemic, we enacted emergency bylaws in order for the Church to continue doing business in spite of our inability to gather together in person for the purpose of conducting Church business. This article gives our church a provision which can be activated should we ever again find ourselves unable to gather as a congregation for the purpose of conducting Church business.