

Articles of Incorporation
Of Deep Creek Baptist Church
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, entitled "Nonprofit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation of this church body shall be Deep Creek Baptist Church.

ARTICLE II – DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The purpose of this corporation shall be to provide regular opportunities for public worship of God and to sustain the ordinances, doctrines, and ethics set forth in the New Testament for the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. This body shall be committed to Christian discipleship, the maturing aspect of one's faith which comes through Bible study, prayer, the study of Christian doctrine, and through the practice of ministry and witness. We are also committed to the establishment of Christian community and to ministry to one another through fellowship, sharing, caring, and loving. We shall be dedicated to evangelism in our own community, sharing the good news of Christ, and issuing the invitation to God's saving grace. The commitment of this body shall also be to missions, through our own ministries and through the mission agencies of our denomination. In accordance with the Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20.

Also, this body may organize and maintain such ministries and divisions, including but not limited to, schools, day care centers, relief programs, social services, and other programs authorized by law which will promote and advance the religious purposes set forth herein.

Additionally, the corporation shall have all the powers given to and possessed by a North Carolina Corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act. It may engage in any lawful activity within the purposes for which the corporation may be organized which are incidental to and in furtherance of the exempt purposes for the corporation.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in the Articles.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

The government of this church shall be congregational in nature, and the final authority for the operation and management of the affairs of this corporation, spiritual and temporal, shall be vested in the membership of the corporation, which authority shall be exercised in the manner set forth in the by-laws. Members alone shall have the authority to adopt and amend bylaws, approve budgets, receive members, and govern and conduct the affairs of this corporation. Members shall seek the will of God in all matters with the Bible as the supreme authority.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERS

The corporation shall have one class of members and shall be elected by the congregation in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. All present members of the Church shall automatically become members of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI – REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in North Carolina is Rt. 4, Box 405A, Yadkinville, N. C. 27055, and the initial registered agent of the corporation is Frances Legans, Church Clerk. (Yadkin County)

The current church address is 2401 Old Stage Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The current Church Clerk is Sherry Leftwich. The Church Clerk will serve as the registered agent for the church and the name will be updated on the website when a new church clerk begins in this position.

ARTICLE VII – INITIAL DIRECTORS

The current deacons, twelve in number, shall be the initial directors of Deep Creek Baptist Church. Their names and addresses and remaining terms are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM END
Joey Bullock	Rt.7, Box 833, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1992
Tom Chewing	Rt.3, Box 620, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1992
Tommy Collins	Rt.3, Box 613, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1992
Broadus Dinkins	Rt.7, Box 640, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1991
Melva Gough	Rt.4, Box 449, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1991
Woodie Gough	P.O. Box 1051, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1992
Delma Hoots	Rt.3, Box 614, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1991
Bud Kiger	Rt.4, Box 239, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1990
Bill McMurray	Rt.2, Box 211G4, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1990
Harrell Todd	Rt.2, Box 459, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1991
Lois Todd	Rt.2, Box 458, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1990
Gary Whitaker	Rt.4, Box 413, Yadkinville,N.C.27055	Oct.1990

The initial directors of this corporation were the Deacon Board of the church. Currently, the directors will be the church elders. The elders are selected based on the bylaws of the church. There are two Boards serving the church. The Board of Deacons will be responsible for congregational care and the Board of Elders will be responsible for administration and spiritual direction of the church.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be dispersed by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX – INCORPORATORS

The names and address of the incorporators, the trustees, acting as representatives of all the members of Deep Creek Baptist Church are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Edsel Allgood	Rt. 4, Box 213, Yadkinville, N.C. 27055
Bill McMurray	Rt. 2, Box 211G4, Yadkinville, N.C. 27055
Luther Todd	P. O. Box 547, Yadkinville, N. C. 27055

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 27th day of March, 1990.

The current non-vocational Board of Elders will serve in the role of trustees. The current president, vice president and secretary of the Board of Elders will act as the legal representatives of the church.

BY-LAWS
February 2017

PREAMBLE

This document is for the purpose of preserving and making secure the principles of our faith and to the end that this body be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the teachings of the New Testament, and as a functioning cooperating member of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Furthermore, this document shall be for the preservation of the liberties inherent in each individual member of Deep Creek Baptist Church, and for the preservation of the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith; therefore, we do declare and establish these Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I – AFFILIATION

Deep Creek Baptist Church is affiliated with the Yadkin Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: and insofar as is practical will cooperate with and support each organization as may be affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. – Qualifications: Any person may offer himself or herself as a candidate for membership. For the purpose of maximum recognition and reception by the church family, all such candidates shall be presented to the church to be received by a vote of the church during the designated time of any Sunday morning worship or revival service.

Presentation of candidates for membership shall be any of the following ways:

- a. By profession of faith for baptism by immersion.
- b. By promise of letter from any church whose ordinance of baptism is by immersion.
- c. By statement of former conversion and/or baptism by immersion.
- d. All candidates voted into provisional membership shall come under the watch-care of the fellowship until the time of their baptism or receipt of their previous church letter, at which time they will be accepted into full membership of the church.

Should there be any difficulty or dissent on the part of the candidate or the church, the matter shall be referred to the elders for further study and recommendation.

Section 2. – Duties: Members are expected to endeavor to live faithfully to all duties of the Christian life set forth in our church doctrine as stated in the Article III of Incorporation and By-Laws, to give according to their ability regularly and systematically to the support of the work of the church and the missionary and benevolent work which the church supports, to attend regularly and faithfully (unless providentially hindered) the services of the church, and according to ability to give time, talent, and service to the work of the church.

Section 3. – Termination: Membership in the church shall be terminated in one of the following ways:

- a. Death
- b. Member having joined another church of like faith and order and such church requests letter of membership.
- c. Member having joined a church of different faith or denomination.
- d. Member requesting termination of membership.
- e. Should the conduct of any member be so disruptive that it jeopardizes the functioning and ministry of this church, it shall then be the responsibility of the Board of Elders to investigate and assess the said conduct of such member. This board shall make every effort to resolve the problem. If reconciliation and restoration are impossible, then the board shall recommend to the church that said member be dismissed from the church membership. The vote by the church on the issue of forced dismissal shall be obtained by secret ballot. Matthew 18:15-17 will serve as the basis for church discipline.

Section 4. – Rights: All members in good and regular standing may act and vote in the transaction of the church.

ARTICLE III – CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1. – Pastor/Vocational Elder

- a. Call – Whenever a vacancy occurs, a pastor/vocational elder shall be called by the church. Such election or call shall take place at a called business meeting of the church for that purpose. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the membership of the church at least two weeks prior to the time of such meeting.
- b. Procedure -- The church shall elect a Pastor/Vocational Elder Selection Committee consisting of two elders and three to five members of the church membership in good standing to seek out and recommend to the church a suitable pastor/vocational elder. After prayerfully and diligently seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and upon the unanimous consent of the members of the committee, the committee shall make such recommendation to the church; such recommendation shall constitute a nomination. The committee shall bring to the church only one nomination at a time. When there is a forty per cent (40%) quorum, a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote shall be required to constitute a call. Any member of the church shall have the right to recommend to the committee a pastor/vocational elder in accord with the policies established by the church.
- c. Relationship – The pastor/vocational elder shall have charge of the pulpit ministry and all the welfare and oversight of the church. The pastor/vocational elder shall preside at all meetings of the church except as herein provided. The pastor/vocational elder shall serve until such relationship shall be terminated by the church upon a recommendation by the Board of Elders. The vote on this recommendation shall be taken at a called or a regular business meeting following a one week notification to the membership. Adoption of said recommendation shall require a forty per cent (40%) quorum and a three fourths (3/4) affirmative vote. The pastor/vocational elder may resign by submitting a written letter to the Board of Elders. In either case, after prayerful consideration, such termination shall be on a basis of eight weeks notice unless otherwise agreed.

- d. Vacation – The pastor/vocational elder shall be entitled to vacation time each year with pay, at such a time **as elected**. The following graph applies to the pastor/ vocational elder’s total vested time and pastoral work at any Southern Baptist Church/Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Vacation may be negotiated using the chart below as a guide.

Years of Service	Weeks Vacation	Weekends off with Church paid supply
0-5	2	2
6-9	2	3
10-15	3	3
15 and after	4	3

- e. Revivals – The pastor/ vocational elder shall be granted the privilege of conducting revivals or conferences, etc. away from Deep Creek Baptist Church. The maximum number of revivals shall be two annually, but the pastor/ vocational elder may be absent from this pulpit only one Sunday morning to conduct said revivals.
- f. Sick Pay – In case of illness the pastor/ vocational elder shall be entitled to sick pay. After two weeks of illness the pastor shall furnish the Board of Elders a statement from a medical doctor, verifying the illness. The pastor/ vocational elder’s sick benefits shall be as follows:

Two (2) week’s full pay for each year of service to Deep Creek Baptist Church, or additional pay based on diagnosis and negotiation.

The sick pay is not to exceed a total of twenty-six (26) week’s full pay.

If the pastor/ vocational elder uses the full allowable sick benefit in any one year span, the elders shall review the situation and decide whether to recommend to the church continuation or termination of the pastor/ vocational elder’s employment. This church shall pay for the pastor/ vocational elder’s supply during his illness.

- g. Items D and F are guidelines for the Pastor/ Vocational Elder Search Committee and are negotiable for new pastors/ vocational elders.
- h. Pastor/ Vocational Elder’s Supply Ministers – It shall be the responsibility of the pastor/ vocational elder to secure pulpit supply when absent. Deep Creek Baptist Church shall pay for such supply when the pastor vocational elder is away on any of the aforementioned circumstances or business for the church. The pastor/ vocational elder shall pay for pulpit supply, if away for any other reason.

Section 2. – Elders

- a. Number – The number of active elders shall not exceed five (5) consisting of four (4) non-vocational and one (1) vocational elder (pastor).
- b. Election – The current elder council/board will nominate prospective elders from within the congregation. Members of the congregation may submit nominations from within the congregation for those meeting the Biblical qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus1:5-9. We believe the office of elder is open to both men and women. The elders will ensure all nominees meet the Biblical qualifications. The names of prospective elders will be presented to the congregation on/before the first Sunday in August. The

congregation will vote on the election of new elders on the third Sunday morning of August. The current elders will oversee the election process and the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as an elder. If either nominee chooses not to serve, the next nominee with the highest number of votes shall be elected. The pastor/vocational elder will inform the congregation and nominees of the election results. The elders will keep in confidence the result of all election results.

- c. Ordination – All newly elected elders who have not been previously ordained shall be ordained during the first month of their first active year.
- d. Term of Office – The term of office for an active elder will be five (5) years. In every five (5) year cycle, two (2) elders will rotate off the Elder Board/council in year four (4), and two (2) in year five (5). The initial five year cycle will be the exception wherein the initial elders will decide which two elders rotate off in year four of the first cycle. If for some reason such as illness, personal, or disciplinary, an elder is unable to complete their term, then the current elders will nominate a replacement and the congregation shall approve such nomination at a special called meeting.
- e. Retirement and Re-election – After serving a five (5) year term, no elder shall be eligible for re-election to the Elder Board/council for one full year. The exception shall be if there are no nominees for the office of elder during an election cycle. In such a case, the elders may appoint a current elder to an additional one (1) year term. Such appointment will be voted on by the congregation.
- f. Duties – The primary ministry of elders will be the spiritual oversight and welfare of the Church body. This ministry presupposes that the spiritual is greater than the physical. Hence, the elders will oversee the administrative, financial, and facility operations of the Church. The duties of the elders include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Protecting the Mission and Vision: Elders protect the mission and vision of the Church through:
 - Regularly praying for God to direct the Church towards objectives for carrying out His mission and vision for the Church and establishing long-range strategies to meet that mission and vision.
 - Evaluating the Church's programs/ministries to insure they are effective in meeting the mission and vision of the Church.
 - Overseeing Financial and Administrative Matters: Elders oversee the financial and administrative matters of the Church through:
 - Assuming the role of Trustees for the Church and thereby empowered to sign all legal documents for, and in the interest of, the Church. Elders shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, or transfer any property without a specific vote of authorization by Deep Creek Baptist church.
 - In partnership with the Finance Ministry Team, develop an annual Church budget that meets the financial requirements needed to perform the mission and ministries of the Church.
 - In partnership with the Facilities/Grounds Maintenance Team develop a long-range amortization plan to maintain the good working order of all Church facilities and grounds.

- Oversee administrative procedures that support the mission/vision of the Church.
- Handling duties related to the personnel of the Church.
- Teaching and Preserving Sound Doctrine: Elders oversee the teaching and doctrine of the Church through:
 - Ensuring the Church's teaching and practices reflect accurate Biblical theology.
 - Overseeing Sunday Bible Study and the discipleship ministries within the Church.
 - Providing accountability to the pastor/vocational elder to insure all preaching/teaching adheres to sound Biblical doctrine.
 - Confronting and correcting teaching that does not conform to the doctrines of the Bible.
- The Pastor/Vocational Elder will oversee the Deacon Ministry to Insure the Ministry Needs of Members Are Being Met. This oversight of the Deacon Ministry will be done through:
 - Regularly attending monthly deacon meetings.
 - Monitoring the welfare of deacon families and coordinating pastoral care operations.
- Ministering Through Prayer: Elders oversee the ministry of prayer through:
 - Regularly praying together for the spiritual and physical needs of the Church body.
 - Praying over those who are sick and request prayer.
 - Praying over all worship services and church-wide events, programs, and ministries.

Section 3. – Deacons

- a. Number – There shall be seven (7) to twelve (12) active deacons on the board.
- b. Election – The pastor/vocational elder and the active Board of Deacons, acting as a deacon nominating committee, shall compose a list of church members whom they consider qualified to serve as deacons. These names shall be presented to the church on or before the first Sunday in August. On the third Sunday morning in August the church shall vote by secret ballot to elect the necessary number of new active deacons. Only the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons and one active deacon shall open and count the ballots; they then shall contact those with the greatest number of votes. If any of those contacted choose not to serve, the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes shall be contacted and offered the position. This order shall be followed until at least the minimum required number of deacons is met. The pastor/ vocational elder, the chairman of the Board of Deacons, and the electees who have been contacted shall keep in complete secrecy the results of this election so as not to embarrass those involved in this election. If only the number of people needed to be deacons agree to serve, then they will be elected by affirmation.

- c. Ordination of deacons – All newly elected deacons who have not previously been ordained shall be ordained during the first month of their first active year.
- d. Term of office of active deacons – The term of office of the newly active deacons who have served the three (3) previous years shall expire on the first Sunday of October each year. At this time, the newly elected deacons shall become active.
- e. Retirement and re-election – After serving a term of three (3) years, no deacon shall be eligible for re-election to the active Deacon Board for one full year unless the church cannot get enough new deacons to agree to serve for the next three (3) years. In that case, a deacon may serve an additional year, pending approval by the Church.
- f. Duties – The primary duties of deacons shall be the administration and supervision of the Deacon Family Ministry, assisting in the administration of the benevolence ministries of the Church, and assisting the pastor/vocational elder in the ordinances of Baptism and Communion. These duties include but are not limited to:
 - Visiting and caring for the sick and shut-ins
 - Visiting prospective new members/visitors assigned to them as part of their deacon family
 - Informing the pastor/elders of all matters directly/indirectly impacting the welfare of their Deacon Family Ministry or the Church body at large.
 - Helping to identify, monitor, and administer requests for benevolence.
 - Assisting the pastor/ vocational elder in the ordinances of Baptism and Communion.
 - Assisting with the design, implementation, and execution of ministries that help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Church body.

Section 4. – Moderator

The moderator of Deep Creek Baptist Church shall be a member of the Board of Elders. In most instances, the chairperson or president of the Board of Elders will serve as the church moderator. In the absence of the chairman or president, one of the other non-vocational elders will serve as moderator for the business meeting. The Vocational Elder will not serve as President/Chairperson of the Board of Elders.

Section 5. – Clerk

The clerk of Deep Creek Baptist Church shall keep in a suitable book a record of all the actions of the church. He/she shall keep a register of names of the members with dates of admission, dismissal, and death, together with a record of baptisms. He/she shall issue letters of dismissal voted by the church.

Section 6. – Treasurer/Recording Secretary

Deep Creek Baptist Church shall annually elect a church treasurer. It shall be his/her duty to receive, preserve in a safe place, and pay out all money, while at all times keeping an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Payment of all bills shall be made by check as promptly as possible. All funds received for denominational and other causes, such as missions, etc., shall be paid by check to those organizations designated by the church. It shall be the duty

of the treasurer to render to the church in printed form an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements on a quarterly basis. All church books, records, and accounts kept by the treasurer shall be considered the property of Deep Creek Baptist Church. Upon the election of his/her successor, the previous acting treasurer shall deliver to a professional accountant (agreed upon by the treasurer and the **elders**) for audit, all books, records, and accounts in his/her possession pertaining or relating to in any manner the duties of the office of church treasurer. Upon a complete audit the accountant shall deliver said records to the chairman of the Board of Deacons. Currently, the church treasurer also serves as the Recording Secretary and keeps the appropriate records for church members for tax purposes. It shall be the responsibility of the recording secretary to prepare tax statements for all contributing members.

Section 7. – Officers of Church Organizations

All organizations of Deep Creek Baptist Church shall be under church control; all officers shall be elected by the church. The pastor/elders are ex-officio head of all organizations, classes, teams/committees, etc., and their leadership is to be recognized. The Sunday School, Baptist Women and Baptist Men shall have officers and teachers as approved by the church.

Section 8. – Requirements for Officers, Teachers, and Team Members

All regular officers, teachers, and committee members of Deep Creek Baptist Church shall be loyal members of Deep Creek Baptist Church. The following church workers are considered to be employees and are exempt from the requirement of church membership; business secretary, janitor, musicians, music director and grounds keeper.

ARTICLE IV – MINISTRY TEAMS

Section 1. – Designation of Ministry Teams

Participation on Church ministry teams is voluntary. Yet, there is an expectation that church members/participants will participate on the various ministry teams within the life of the Church body. Ministry teams are formed based upon the mission/vision God has given the Church and on the basis of meeting the ministry needs within the Church.

Section 2. – Selection

Beginning the first week of August through the second Sunday of September, the Church will make a public announcement regarding the sign-up for and assignment of Ministry Teams within the Church. Members/participants will voluntarily select the ministry(ies) they feel called to participate in within the life of the Church. Members should select the Ministry Team(s) that align with their spiritual gifts. In the event designated Ministry Teams within the Church remain unfilled, the Church shall appoint a Nominating Team to fill such shortfalls.

Section 3. – Nominating Team

This team shall consist of the pastor/ vocational elder, the elder responsible for Bible Study/Discipleship, the current Bible Study director, and three (3) members approved by the church body upon recommendation from the elders. The Nominating Team will identify the

Ministry Teams with a shortfall and attempt to fill such shortfalls by discerning who within the body may fill such shortfall. This team will contact said individuals and encourage them to participate on the designated Ministry Team.

Section 4. – Finance Team

This Ministry Team shall consist of the pastor/vocational elder, six (6) individuals, plus the church treasurer. These individuals shall be approved by the church body. The responsibility of this committee shall be budgeting, accounting, and mission support.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. – Worship

- a. Public worship services shall be held at stated times on each Lord's Day (Sunday).
- b. The Lord's Supper shall be observed on a quarterly basis and at such other times as the church may determine.
- c. Revival meetings, other special religious meetings, and special activities may be scheduled by the elders upon approval of the church.

Section 2. – Business

- a. At any regular meeting of Deep Creek Baptist Church, the Board of Elders may call for a business conference to act upon matters of business such as appointment of messengers to meetings or granting of letters of membership.
- b. Special business meetings may be called by the pastor/ vocational elder or Board of Elders or when requested by a majority of the active deacons, or any standing committee of the church. Such special meetings shall be called by announcing from the pulpit the object of the meeting, date, time and place at least one week in advance of the meeting.
- c. The regular quarterly business meeting of Deep Creek Baptist Church shall be held at the regularly scheduled time. However, if needed a called business meeting with a 1-week notice shall occur anytime deemed necessary. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the resident membership except where otherwise stated in this document.
- d. If imminent need arises, an emergency meeting may be called by the elders.

Section 3. – Church-wide Events

- a. Church-wide events shall be scheduled through the Church Council
- b. Non-routine Church events will be approved by the functional Elder responsible for that Ministry Team and then scheduled through the Church Council

ARTICLE VI – LICENSE TO PREACH – ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY

Procedure – In the event a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church requests a license to preach or expresses a desire to become a candidate for ordination to the ministry in Missionary Baptist Churches, he/she shall first submit to an examination by the pastor/ vocational elder and the Board of Elders. This examination is to determine the applicant's qualifications and fitness to preach and minister under such license or ordination. Recommendation will then be submitted to the Associational Ordination Council for review and their recommendation. Upon recommendation of the association, the pastor/ vocational

elder, and the Board of Elders, and upon approval of eighty percent (80%) of the members present at any regular business meeting of Deep Creek Baptist Church, the said member's request may be granted.

ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Parliamentary procedure and law according to "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be followed in all business meetings and transactions of Deep Creek Baptist Church. In the event a controversy over procedure shall arise, the final interpretation of rules shall be decided by a vote of Deep Creek Baptist Church.-9-

ARTICLE VIII – GENERAL BY-LAWS

Section 1. – Purchases

The church declares itself responsible for payment of purchases made only by those persons so designated by the church to make purchases. Membership approval is required for non-budgeted items above \$1,000.00. All those under \$1,000.00 will come under the guidance of the elders and church treasurer.

Section 2. – Fund Raising

Any organization desiring to hold a fundraising function shall first get approval from the Board of Elders. A calendar for fund raising activities will be developed to avoid overlapping of activities.

Section 3. – Gifts to the church

When any gift is offered to the church, the Board of Elders shall study the conditions, use, and need of the gift. This board shall have full authority to accept or reject any gift. This panel may also elect to present the issue to the church for a decision by vote. If the issue is brought before the church and voted upon, that decision is final.

Section 4. – Participation in Political Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the church shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The church shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Procedure – These Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a vote when there is a quorum of forty per cent (40%) of the resident membership and there is a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote at any regular or called business meeting. Any amendments or repeals must be given to the church clerk in writing, and this proposed change must be presented to the church body at least thirty (30) days prior to the time the vote is taken. The by-laws are to be re-examined by the Board of Elders and pastor/ vocational elder every five (5) years to assure that the guidelines of this document are being carried out.

This revision was submitted to Deep Creek Baptist Church on March 12, 2017, by the Provisional Board of Elders acting as the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

These Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were approved by Deep Creek Baptist Church in a regular conference on March 12, 2017.

The original Constitution was submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Weymoth Allgood, Chairman; Delma Hoots; Frances Legans; Cindy McMurray; Bill Yates, Pastor