# Trinity Baptist Church Constitution

## Preamble

We declare and establish this constitution for the following reasons: to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, to govern this body in an orderly manner, and to preserve this body's freedom of action in its relation to other churches, to its own members and to its purpose of reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### Article I- Name

This body shall be known as the Trinity Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

## Article II- Purpose

To celebrate and glorify God, to reach people for Jesus Christ, to cultivate spiritual growth and personal ministry in believers, and to care for all people in practical ways.

#### Article III- Statement of Faith

We accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the only sufficient, certain, and authoritative basis for all our beliefs. Additionally, this Church affirms the Baptist Faith and Message, revised 2000, and Statement on Marriage and Sexuality (see addendum).

## Article IV- Church Governance and Relationships

Under the Lordship of Christ, the government of Trinity Baptist Church is vested in the members who compose her. (see Bylaws, Membership). She is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body; but she recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation, which are common among Southern Baptist Churches. While maintaining her local autonomy, Trinity Baptist Church will cooperate with the Harmony Pittsburg Association of Texas; support the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Southern Baptist Convention, and other groups as desired. As a local Church, the style of government will be Elderled and congregational, submissive to the Word and Will of God as best understood and congregationally affirmed. The offices of the church will be Elders, Ministerial Staff, Deacon, Clerk and Trustees.) see Bylaw, Offices).