

REVISION OF ARTICLE II, SECTION I DEACONS
HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH CONSTITUTION

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(2) Secret ballots shall be cast for qualified brethren to fill all vacancies at a regular or called business conference. On the first ballot, if the adequate number of names to fill the vacancies receives a minimum of 25% of the votes cast, they shall be considered elected. If not, the names receiving the highest number of votes for twice the number of vacancies to be filled will be placed on a second ballot; and on the second vote the names receiving the highest number of votes will fill the vacancies. In case of death or removal or incapacity to serve, the church may elect to fill the unexpired term. There is no obligation to constitute as deacon a brother who comes to the church from another church where he has served as deacon. All new deacons who have never been ordained will be questioned the same as a minister being ordained. The questioning will be conducted by the pastor and board of deacons. The pastor shall be chairman. After the questioning, if the pastor, the deacon board, and the deacon elect are satisfied, the deacon elect will be ordained. If the pastor, deacon board, and deacon elect are not satisfied, the deacon elect will not be ordained, and another election shall be held.

(3) After serving a term of three years, no deacon shall be eligible for re-election until the lapse of at least one year.

RULES OF ORDER

- I. The Pastor, or in his absence any member appointed, shall act as Moderator of all business meetings of the Church.
- II. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order; and in case the Church is equally divided on any question, he shall give the casting vote.
- III. The meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- IV. The order of business shall be:
 1. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
 2. The reception of members by experience or letter.
 3. Granting letters of dismissal.
 4. Reports of committees.
 5. Unfinished business.
 6. New or miscellaneous business.
- V. A motion before the Church must be disposed of before another motion can be entertained, unless the motion be to amend, postpone, or adjourn, or call for the previous Question.
- VI. The Moderator may speak on any question by calling on any brother to preside in his place.
- VII. Every member who speaks shall rise and first address the moderator.
- VIII. The Church in conference shall entertain no proposition for discussion which has not been presented on motion of one member and seconded by another.
- IX. On any point of order, a member may appeal from the Moderator to the Church, whose decision shall be final.
- X. All questions, except that on reception of members, shall be decided by the vote of a majority.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Preamble

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner consistent with preserving the accept tenets of the missionary Baptist denomination, and for the purpose of Preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this constitution.

I. NAME

This body shall be known as the HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
of Barnwell, S.C.

II. ARTICLES OF FAITH

See "Baptist Faith And Message" of 1963.

III. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour 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.

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

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 doctrines.

AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

To contribute cheerfully and regularly 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.

ALONE AND AT HOME

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to educate our children religiously; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

BEFORE THE WORLD

To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

TOWARD ONE ANOTHER

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 Saviour, to recure it without delay.

WHEN WE MOVE

We moreover engage that when we remove 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 word.

SOME BELIEFS WE CHERISH

1. We believe that the Bible is God's Word to man and that it is the only sufficient authority as the rule of doctrine and practice.
2. We believe in a regenerated church membership and that the conversion experience is a prerequisite to church membership.
3. In the New Testament the candidate was taken to the water, not the water brought to the candidate; the candidate was placed in the water, not the water put on the candidate; so we believe in immersion only as answering Christ's command of baptism and symbolizing the heart of the gospel message--death, burial, resurrection.
4. We believe in the New Testament order of baptism and the Lord's Supper. New Testament Christians were baptized before taking the Lord's Supper.
5. We believe in the right of each member of the church to a voice in its government, plans, and discipline. A Baptist church is a true democracy at work.
6. We believe in the freedom of the individual conscience, in the voluntary principle, not the coercive principle, in religion.
7. We believe in the total independence and separation of church and state.

IV. CHARACTER

SECTION 1. Polity. The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and co-operation which are common among Baptist churches.

SECTION 2. Doctrine. This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in matters of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the belief of the Baptist churches as indicated in the Articles of Faith herewith.

By-Laws

Article I. Membership

SECTION 1. Qualifications. The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Lord, and who, (1) after satisfactory examination by the church as to their Christian experience, and if coming from other churches, as to their letters of dismissal and recommendations or satisfactory substitutes therefore, (2) have been accepted by vote of the church, and, having, been baptized, (3) enter into its covenant.

SECTION 2. Duties. Members are expected, first of all, to be faithful in all the duties essential to the Christian life; and also to attend habitually the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its causes and to share in its organized work.

SECTION 3. Rights. Such members as are in full and regular standing and do not hold letters of dismissal, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church.

SECTION 4 • Quorum. Five per cent of the active roll of the membership shall constitute a quorum, except that for the election of officers, 10 per cent, and for the call of a pastor, 25 per cent shall be necessary.

SECTION 5. Termination. The continuance of membership shall be subject to the principles and usages of the Baptist churches, and especially as follows:

(1) Any member in good and regular standing who desires a letter of dismissal and recommendation to any other Baptist church is entitled to receive it upon request. In case of removal to another community, he should promptly make such request. This letter shall be valid as a recommendation for only six months from its date, unless renewed, and this restriction shall be stated in the letter.

(2) If a member in good standing requests to be released from his covenant obligations to this church for reasons which the church may finally deem satisfactory, after it shall have patiently and kindly endeavored to secure his continuance in its fellowship, such requests may be granted, and his membership terminated.

(3) The church may also, after due notice and hearing and kindly effort to make such action unnecessary, terminate the membership of persons for the space of one year nonresident, or for the same space of time not habitually worshiping with the church, or for the same space of time not contributing to its support according to the system prescribed by the church or in some way satisfactory thereto.

(4) Should a member become an offense to the church and to its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, or nonsupport of the church, the church may terminate his membership, but only after due notice and hearing, and after faithful efforts have been made to bring such member to repentance and amendment.

(5) The membership of no person shall be terminated (except by letter) at the meeting when the recommendation for such action is made.

(6) All requests for termination of membership or action looking thereto may first be considered by the deacons, who shall make recommendations to the church.

SECTION 6. Restoration. Any person whose membership has been terminated for any offense may be restored by vote of the church, upon evidence of his repentance and reformation; or, if on account of continued absence, upon satisfactory explanation.

Article II. Church Officers

The officers of this church shall be as follows:

Pastor

A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose. A pulpit committee shall be appointed by the church to seek out a suitable pastor, and their recommendation will constitute a nomination. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one man at a time. Election shall be by ballot, an affirmative vote of three-fourths of those present being necessary to a choice. The pastor, thus elected, shall serve until the relationship is terminated by mutual consent. The pastor shall have in charge the welfare and oversight of the Church. He shall preside at all meetings of the church, except as hereinafter provided.

Deacons

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(3) After serving a term of three (3) years, no deacon shall be eligible for re-election until the lapse of at least one year.

(4) A man is not eligible for the office of deacon until he has been a member of this church for at least one year.

SECTION 2 Duties

In accordance with the meaning of the word and practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church.

(1) They are to be zealous to guard the unity of the spirit within the church in the bonds of peace.

(2) They shall serve as a council of advice and conference with the pastor in all matters pertaining to the welfare and work of the church. With the pastor they are to consider and formulate plans for the constant effort and progress of the church in all things pertaining to the saving of souls, the development of Christians, and the extension and growth of the kingdom of God.

(3) By proper organization and method among themselves, they are to establish and maintain personal fraternal relations with, and inspiring oversight of, all the membership of the church. Especially are they to seek to know the physical needs and the moral and spiritual struggles of the brethren and sisters; and to serve the whole church in relieving, encouraging and developing all *who* are in need.

(4) In counsel with the pastor, and by such methods as the Holy Spirit may direct in accordance with the New Testament teachings, they are to have oversight of the discipline of the church, in administering which they are to be guided always by the principles set forth in Matthew 18:15-17; I Corinthians 5:9-13; I Thessalonians 5:12-14. The deacons shall be free to call upon any member of the church to aid in disciplinary action.

(5) The deacons shall serve as a general pulpit committee. In case of absence or inability of the pastor, subject to advice from and conference with him, they will provide for pulpit supplies. In any period when the church is without a pastor, unless the church shall otherwise provide, the deacons will arrange the temporary ministry and take counsel with reference to securing a pastor. It is not intended in any wise to prejudice herein the method by which the church shall proceed in securing a pastor.

(6) The deacons shall service as a general finance committee. They shall organize themselves as they deem best for this part of their work, calling to their assistance other member of the church as they see fit. The duties of this finance committee shall be:

a. To supervise the raising of all money in the church and have supervision over the expenditure of same, which includes the preparation of the annual budget.

b. No contract for supplies, materials or services, pledging the credit of the church shall be made except upon approval of the finance committee, unless authorized by direct vote of the church.

c. All expenditures shall be make only upon authorization of the finance committee upon the authority of the church, save that the church may give general authorization to the committee for normal supplies and also for general items.

d. All money collected by and through the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, or any other church organization shall be duly recorded by said organization and turned in to the church treasured, or in case of special expenditures report to the finance committee.

e. The finance committee shall provide for an annual audit of all books and accounts of the church.

SECTION 3 Method of Procedure

(1) The whole body of deacons shall be organized as a unit for the consideration of all larger problems and general policies. They may organize themselves into such committees as their wisdom may direct for efficiency in service.

(2) They may apportion the membership of the church among themselves, or make plans whereby the entire membership may have the benefit of the oversight in Christ

of their brethren.

(3) Each deacon shall freely confer with the pastor about all matters and cases of discipline which in his judgment would be most wisely and spiritually handled in private.

Moderator

The moderator shall be the pastor. In the absence of the pastor the chairman of the deacons shall preside; or in the absence of both, the clerk shall call the church to order and a moderator (pro-tem) shall be elected.

Clerk

The clerk of the church shall keep in a suitable book a record of all the actions of the church, except as otherwise herein provided. He shall keep a register of the names of members, with dates of admission, dismissal, or death, together with a record of baptisms. He shall also notify all officers, members of committees, and delegates of their election or appointment. He shall issue letters of dismissal voted by the church, preserve on file all communications and written official reports and give legal notice of all meetings where such notice is necessary, as indicated by these by-laws. The clerk shall consider it a part of his responsibility to promote loyalty and efficiency in church life.

Treasurer

The church shall elect annually a church treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out, upon receipt of vouchers approved and signed by the proper authorities (see Section 2, Paragraph 6, item d., under "Deacons"), all money or things of value paid or given to the church, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Payment of bills for local work and expenses shall be made promptly by check, and all funds received for denominational or of the caused shall be remitted at least monthly by check. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to render to the deacons at each regular monthly meeting an itemized statement of all disbursements and receipts for the preceding month, and this report shall be read to the church in its regular monthly business meeting. Within thirty days after the end of each fiscal year, the treasurer shall render to the deacons and to the church an annual report showing the total amount of receipts, and an itemized statement of all disbursements. Prior to the rendition of this annual report, upon its completion by the treasurer, the report shall be audited by the trustees, and their signatures placed at the end of the report before it shall be accepted by the church. All books, records, and accounts kept by the treasurer shall be considered the property of the church. The books shall be open to inspection at all time by any member of the church.

Upon rendering the annual account at the end of each fiscal year, and its approval by the auditing committee, and its acceptance and approval by the church, the same shall be delivered by the treasurer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve it as a part of the permanent records of the church. The treasurer shall deliver to the active chairman of the deacons all books, records, and accounts in his hands pertaining or relating to in any manner the duties of the office he is relinquishing. He

shall consider it a part of his responsibility to promote in every proper way scriptural giving on the part of the entire membership of the church.

Financial Secretary

The financial secretary shall be elected annually. He or she shall receive the empty collection envelopes after the money has been removed and counted by the proper person (or persons as may be selected by the deacons to serve in turn) and from these he shall give each donor individual credit as provided in the Improved Record System offer by the Baptist Sunday School Board. He may keep the envelopes for reference if he so wishes. He will also fill out the sheet for the monthly balance and report found in the record book, which will indicate receipts from envelopes, plate or loose, and miscellaneous or special offerings. He shall also be responsible for preparing and mailing semiannual statements to all contributing members.

Officers of Church Organizations

All organizations of the church shall be under church control, all officers being elected by the church and reporting regularly to the church. It is understood that the pastor is ex-officio head of all organizations named, and his leadership is to be recognized in them all.

1. Sunday School Officers
2. Church Training Officers
3. WMU Officers
4. Officers of the Brotherhood

Details of election and duties to be worked out as necessary.

Article III. Committees

The following standing committees shall be elected:

1. Committee of Trustees, one-third of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve for three years, and until their successors shall be appointed, will hold in trust the property of the church. They shall have the actual care of the place of worship, but shall not have the power

to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing such action.

2. Committees on administration of the ordinances: (1) The baptismal committee shall consist of two men and three women. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all necessary arrangements for the ordinance of baptism and to render deacons shall name from their number a committee responsible for preparation and conduct of observance of the Lord's Supper.

Article IV. Church Finance

Section 1. The finance committee, in consultation with the pastor, deacons, and responsible leaders of various organizations, shall prepare and submit to the church for approval at its annual business meeting (or at such other time as may be deemed best by the church) an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all local expenses and purposes, and in like manner for all denominational or other approved nonlocal causes.

Section 2. All funds, for any and all purposes, shall pass through the hands of the treasurer and be properly recorded on the books of the church.

Section 3. Special offerings may be sought by the church or by any of its organizations only upon approval of the church after recommendation of the finance committee and the deacons. This does not preclude individuals making special offerings at any time as the Spirit of God may move them.

Section 4. It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Worship

1. Public services shall be held statedly on the Lord's Day and on an evening or evenings of the week.
2. The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the second Sunday of each quarter, or at such time (other) as the church may determine.
3. Special religious meetings may be appointed by the pastor at his discretion, or by vote of the church.

Section 2. Business

1. At any of the regular meetings for worship, the church may, without special notice act upon the reception of members or upon the dismissal of members to other churches, and upon the dismissal of members to other churches, and upon the appointment of delegates to councils, but not upon other business.
2. The pastor may, and shall, when requested by the deacons, trustees, or a standing committee, call from the pulpit, special business meetings, the particular object of the meeting being clearly stated in the notice. Special meetings of the church may also be called by the clerk upon the written application of any five adult members specifying the object thereof, which notice shall be read at the public service on the Lord's Day next preceding the day fixed for such meeting.
3. The annual meeting of the church shall be held during regular church conference before the new church year at which time the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected, and such other business transacted as may be specified in the call or authorized in the by-laws.
4. At the annual and all special meetings, 10% of active members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI. Amendments

This Constitution and accompanying By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting of the church, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose, the

proposed amendment being inserted in the call, but no change shall be made in the “Articles of Faith” and “Covenant” except by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the church present entitled to vote, said proposed change having been laid before the church in writing at a business meeting not less than one month before the time of the proposed action, and read from the pulpit on the Lord’s Day next succeeding such proposal.

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**The Hagood Avenue Baptist Church
Barnwell, SC**

Committee of Trustees:

Chairman

Nature of Responsibility:

1. They shall hold in trust the property of the church.
2. They shall have the actual care of the place of worship, but shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing such action.
3. they shall be called into conference with the Deacons and Finance Committee when deemed advisable to consider some advance of the church, especially with regard to finance.
4. They shall serve in any and every way possible to promote and publicize the work of the Lord and of this church for the glory of God.
5. They shall make any suggestions or recommendations regarding the church property or program which they deem advisable. These shall be written and handed to the Chairman of the Deacon Board or to the Chairman of the building and grounds Committee, in order to expedite action on matter.
6. Any other such responsibility as may logically fall into the hands of the legal representative of our church.
 - (1) Church may look to this committee for suggestions about upkeep and repair of buildings and equipment, insurance, and other forms of protection, rules and regulations regarding the use of church properties, and the like.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Chairman

General Duties:

1. Supervise maintenance and upkeep of present property.
2. Suggest and direct needed repairs and improvements.

3. Review special organizations requests for supplies, equipment, and such.
4. Recommend and carry out purchase of fuel for Church Heating Systems.
5. See that property insurance is kept in force.
6. As church recognizes need of building or repair, serve in consultation with other such committees as may seem necessary or advise to:
 - (1) Determine what sort of building or equipment we want in order to meet our needs through adequate survey and research.
 - (2) Secure such estimates as may be secured based roughly on type of structure, total number of cubic feet, and quality and amount of furnishings, etc.
 - (3) Present plans and figures etc. to deacons and Church for approval.
 - (4) Work with the Finance Committee and Deacons to plan and carry out a program to finance such a building.
 - (5) Carry out building program through business like procedures securing bids from contractors, etc.
 - (6) Take great care to avoid conflicts of authority in dealing with other members of committee, other committees, Deacons, Church Contractor and Dealers.
 - (7) Assume responsibility through any organization within the committee which is necessary, of the following:
 1. The Church Janitor ... to see that he does his work and knows what to do.
 2. That he (janitor) has necessary equipment.
 3. That grounds are kept, especially cutting of grass, etc. and protection of shrubbery.
 - (8) Keep alert to needs of church and always feel free to make any suggestions as to how to make our church a better and more beautiful church.

4. Keep a record of those baptized and have this ready for reference if needed by church clerk. It might be good to give a list of those baptized to the clerk after each baptismal service.

B. Lord's Supper: Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Aiken Still
Mrs. G. W. Brown

Suggested Duties:

1. See that necessary preparation is made for the Lord's Supper to be observed regularly on the second Sunday of each new quarter, i.e., January, April, July, October.
2. Keep Communion Equipment in good condition and make suggestions about new equipment or supplies, etc., needed.

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IV. Finance Committee:

Chairman (Treasurer)

General Duties:

1. Supervise Budget Preparation and Distribution.
2. Encourage total membership participation in financial program of church through tithes and offerings.
3. Assume responsibility for preparation and distribution of the church envelopes, both at beginning of new fiscal year and as new members are received into church family.
4. Plan and carry out various aspects of financial program of the church as related to certain special projects undertaken, such as building, purchase of equipment, etc. in cooperation with the Deacons and by action of church in business session.
5. Review special financial matters which might arise outside regular budget appropriations.
6. Quarterly report of financial status and membership participation in financial program of church (number of tithers, regular givers, but not tithers, occasional givers, etc.)
7. Promote through any and all Scriptural and expedient means, the work of our church especially as related to finance—tithes and offerings, etc.

V. Pulpit and Promotion Committee:

Chairman

1. General Duties:

1. Arrange for pulpit supply during pastor's vacation, and any illness of pastor, or other occasion of his having to be away.

2. Provide or arrange for entertainment of visiting ministers by consulting the ladies of the church, both for pastoral supply and revivals.
3. Prepare bulletins (or arrange for preparation) during pastors absence.
4. Counsel with the pastor concerning details and preacher of Revivals and other special meetings, etc.
5. Promote the work of the church in every and all expedient ways.
 - (1.) See that proper coverage is given any significant event in the life of our church through the Newspaper, etc.
 - (2.) Make any possible use of Radio during any special event in life of church—spot announcements, free time, etc.
 - (3.) Arrange for printing and distribution of signs, pamphlets, or cards, etc. in connection with church program.
 - (4.) Make any suggestions possible for better publicizing and promoting the work of our church in the interest of God's Kingdom.

2. Sub-Committee on Ushers:

Suggested Duties:

1. Try to be among the first to arrive and see the building is open and ready to welcome people.
2. Be responsible for:
 - (1) Seeing that people are comfortably and satisfactorily seated—both for Sunday School and Worship Services.
 - (2) Giving out the church bulletins. Greet the folks with folks with a smile and hand-shake. Tell them who you are if they don't know you and let them know we are happy to have them. Then give them the bulletins.

- (3) Keeping the building from being too warm or too cold during services, especially at the beginning of each service.
 - (4) Receiving the tithes and offerings.
 1. Use as many different men as possible and expedient from time to time.
 2. See that this is done orderly and as an act of worship. Instruct those who need to be instructed in procedure for receiving offering.
3. This committee is very important and has a lot to do with whether or not visitors will return. Be as cordial and friendly as possible and try to introduce our own folks to the visitors or new folks who might be present.

3. Sub-Committee on Flowers

Suggested Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Through cooperative effort with circles, individuals or in any other expedient way, see that church has sufficient flowers to beautify worship every Lord's Day.
2. Make any suggestions which might help in expediting this responsibility.
3. Take care to see that flowers are provided from week to week without any conflict, willful or otherwise.
4. Send bills for purchase of flowers to church treasurer, Mr. M. W. Benson, Rt. 2, Blackville, S.C.
5. Request in writing, any needed equipment for improving this aspect of worship, to Chairman of Building & Grounds Committee, Mr. R. M. Smith or Chairman of Deacons, Mr. J. W. Brown.
6. Remember that this is just as important and just as much a part of the Lord's work as anything we do if done for Him.

COMMITTEES

These committees are to be permanent committees (or standing committees) but the personnel of the committees shall be elected (or appointed) for a year, at the conclusion of which time, the same personnel may be re-elected or re-appointed by the church. These committees shall make reports at least quarterly or as called upon for some special consideration. These committees have no authority to act in behalf of the church in any official capacity but are to investigate, get the facts, and bring to the church with or without recommendation, any matters needing consideration. Special power to act in any given situation may be delegates to the committee by the church at any time it seems advisable.