

**HISTORY OF**  
**GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**JULY 22, 1951 - SEPT. 30, 1980**  
**WITH**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

Bea Duggan gave me this  
1993

Lucinda Samply

There is a beautiful red brick building on Grand Avenue in New Castle, Indiana known as Grand Avenue Baptist Church. This church, which began in 1951, was founded on God's love--love which has never failed regardless of hardships. It is God's love which has brought this church each step along the path of time, from the first meeting in the American Legion Building to the first tent revival to the first structure to the present brick building. It will be God's love which will lead us to any future buildings. It is this love along with hard work, determination, and dedication of the members which has brought the present day membership to 294.

The church was organized in July, 1951, under the direction of Brother V.B. Castleberry (deceased), from the White Water Association of Missionary Baptists of Ohio. Mrs. Castleberry kept a diary during their work here and tells the story of the history of this church in the following manner;

"February 17, 1951 V.B. and Bro R.E. Sasser went to New Castle to investigate the prospects of starting a mission. He spent quite a bit of time in New Castle through the rest of February and March. There were good prospects. V.B. found a nice place in the basement of the American Legion Hall. We were living in Hamilton, Ohio. We would have breakfast around 5:30 on Sunday mornings and drive to New Castle to prepare the hall for church. We would be famished by lunch time and would eat at a smorgasbord there in New Castle. In the afternoons, we'd visit prospects. Mr and Mrs W.M. Benge invited us home with them. Their home soon became our second home and we would go on Saturday evenings to do the cleaning for Sunday services.

"Sunday, April 8, 1951 was the opening of the work. Over 100 were present - 38 from New Castle and the others from Chapel, Blooming Grove, Connersville and Muncie.

"April 15 was cold and windy. It was the first service of the new mission. There were 48 present, with a \$14.00 offering. At night, 50

were present with \$27.21 offering. May 20, Charles Shelton was the first person saved. This was in the night service.

"Tent services began on Sunday night, July 8, with 50 present. Sunday, July 22 was so very hot. Crowds at the tent had increased. In the afternoon, there was a fine crowd for the organization of the church. Many from the various churches were present." According to church minutes, the church was named First Southern Missionary Baptist Church of New Castle.

A beloved member, Bro. W.M. Bengé, now deceased, wrote of the growth of the church from 1953 to 1975:

"Bro. Castleberry resigned in 1953 and went into full time missionary work with the Indiana Association of Missionary Baptists. (The Indiana Association was a new organization.) It was at this time that the church ordained Brother Glendon Ferguson to the gospel ministry and called him as our pastor.

Bro. Bengé's story continues: "Soon we paid for our church lots and raised money to purchase building materials for a church building. Brother Ferguson led this undertaking in a splendid way and he, together with the devoted members of the church, soon erected our building. For the next five years we went on growing. In 1958, Bro. Ferguson left us.

"During this same year we called Bro. Clay Caudill as pastor and our work went well for a few months. But he had a stroke from which he did not recover. Never shall we who knew Bro. Caudill forget his devotion, his unselfishness and his love for God's cause and the church.

"Again we turned to Bro. Castleberry who became our Pastor once more. Though progress was slow, we did progress with God's help until a heart attack put Bro. Castleberry out of his chosen work for God in New Castle.

"In 1962, we called Bro. J.O. Matlock who led in purchasing a pulpit with seats to match and an organ also. God's work in the church advanced. Bro. Matlock left us in 1964.

"We then went through a period of watchful waiting after which, with our Lord's help, we called Bro. Sherman Adams as pastor and we were happy that we

did, for we went forward very well. With Bro Adams leading the fight, we through God's grace put down a hardwood floor in our auditorium and first class pews. Through his leadership, a mission at Middletown was begun. He was with us for four years of fruitful work. When he went to another field of work, we called Bro. Arlon E Davis as our pastor. His stay with us was short. He left us for another pastorate.

Bro Bengé continued: "We then called Bro. S. Pete Powell as part time pastor. The church was impressed by his straight forward sermons. He preached the gospel as it is found in the Bible."

Bro. Powell led in purchasing a bus that brought several to church each Sunday. He began a radio ministry and also a television program on a PBS station. It was during this pastorate that the name of the First Southern Missionary Baptist church was changed to Grand Avenue Baptist Church. Also during his pastorate, Bro. Don Donica was ordained as minister.

Following Bro Powell's resignation in June, 1975, the associate pastor, Bro Don Donica supplied the pulpit until August, 1975. At that time, the church was fortunate to call Bro. Charles W Dugger as pastor. Since his coming, Grand Avenue Baptist has had 296 additions. The membership was listed at 89 on Dec 7, 1975.

Bro Dugger's youthfulness has contributed to his enthusiastic reception by the church. His vigorous preaching has touched many hearts and lives. Soon after becoming pastor, he led the church to build an addition of fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms and to enlarge the auditorium.

Both old and young can feel the spirit of God in Bro Dugger's everyday life. He is willing to let God lead in his every move, including calling evangelists for revivals. Thus, many successful revivals have been held in his years at Grand Avenue. One of the evangelists, Bro Don Hicks, was called to serve as associate pastor from October 1978 to July, 1980.

Our church continues to grow with a spirit of revival in its weekly services. God's love still surrounds us as we make plans to add to the building and are

praying about starting a mission. Two young ministers have been licensed during Bro. Dugger's pastorate. Grand Avenue Baptist has conducted monthly services at Heritage House Nursing Home since May, 1978.

The growth of the church in numbers, as well as finances, is recorded in the attached tables. Also included is the list of pastors, evangelists, associate pastors, ministers ordained, ministers licensed, a list of deacons, present membership, former membership, officers of the church and reports from all the departments from the beginning to the present time.

V.B. Castleberry, Missionary worker of the Whitewater Association of Ohio and Indiana called in council Connersville Southern Baptist Church of Connersville, Ind., Muncie Baptist Church, Southern Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond, Ind., and other churches of the Whitewater Association to come together with a number of Baptist folks in New Castle, Ind. on July 22, 1951, hour of service 2:00 P.M. for the purpose to organize a Southern Missionary Baptist Church in New Castle, Ind., and was duly organized.

V.B. Castleberry - Pastor

E.H. Jones - Clerk

W.M. Benge - Treasurer

CHARTER   MEMBERS

W.M. Benge	Charles Shelton	Joe Grubbs
Anna Benge	Alta Mae Shelton	Roath Roakhill
Walter Brewer	Mrs Sam Compton	Mrs Roath Rockhill
Mrs Walter Brewer	Walter Upchurch	William Maynard
E.H. Jones	Fairel Nicholas	Mrs William Maynard
Gilbert Tatum	Frances Nicholas	Elmer Dick
	Mattie Owens	



## IN MEMORIAM

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

### Pastors

Castleberry, Van Boone

Caudill, Clay

Matlock, Jesse O

Arthur, Lettie

Hardwick, Mae

Ball, Raymond,

Hitchcock, Isabell

Ballenger, Luther

Isaacs, Clayton

Baugh, Lawrence

Jones, E.H.

Benge, Anna

Layton, Wilbur

Benge, W.M.

Owens, Leta

Crabtree, Christa

Ramsey, Gertie

Crabtree, James

Smith, Marie

Davis, Edward

Tompkins, Josie

Dishman, Hurbert

Tucker, William

Fuhrman, David

Upchurch, Gary



# PASTORS

Pastor	Term of Service	Membership prior to call
Castleberry, V B	July 22, 1951 - Feb 28, 1953	Whitewater Ass'n of Ohio
Ferguson, Glendon	Mar 8, 1953 - July 12, 1958	Albany, Kentucky
Caudill, Clay	July 20, 1958-Oct 1, 1960	Cannonsburg Bapt, Ashland, Ky
Castleberry, V B	Oct 3, 1959 -Oct 1, 1960(interim)	Connersville Bapt, Connersville, Indiana
Castleberry, V B	Oct 1, 1960 -April 1, 1962	" "
Matlock, J O	May 27, 1962 -Jan 31, 1964	Irvine, Kentucky
Adams, Sherman	May 2, 1964-Oct 6, 1968	First Bap, East Bernstadt, Ky
Davis, Arlon	Oct 13, 1968 -Mar 10, 1970	Fairview Bapt Richmond, Ind.
Powell, S Pete	Aut 2, 1970 - Junel, 1975(interim)	Creekwood Bap, Muncie, Ind
Dugger, Charles W	Aug 3, 1975 -present	Calvary Bapt New Castle, Ind.

## Associate Pastors

Donica, Donald E	Apr 1, 1973 - Mar 5, 1978	Grand Avenue
Hicks, Donald	Oct 1, 1978 - Aug 3, 1980	Sandusky Chapel, Cooper, Ky.

## Ministers Ordained

Ferguson, Glendon	March 22, 1953
Donica, Donald E	Nov 24, 1974

## Ministers Licensed

Neal, Eddie	May 4, 1980
Dugger, Steve	May 4, 1980

## Deacons

E H Jones	(E)	May 27-1972
Lawrence Baugh	(E)	1961
Ed Davis	(O)	Apr 3, 1955 - Dec. 8, 1965
Oscar Bradley	(E)	Dec 6, 1958 - Dec. 3, 1972
Don Bittner	(O)	July 23, 1961 - Feb 3, 1962
Larry Shelton	(O)	Jan 6, 1963 - Aug 1, 1964
Don Donica	(O)	Jan 6, 1963 - Nov 24, 1974
Claude Farley	(E)	June 3, 1967 - Apr 22, 1968
Glenn Sims	(O)	Sept 29, 1968 - May 3, 1969
Everett Walden	(O)	Sept 29, 1968 - Apr 4, 1970
Robert Dodson	(O)	Oct 23, 1977
Ralph Johnson	(O)	Oct 23, 1977
E L Neal	(O)	Oct 23, 1977
Jess Neal	(O)	Oct 23, 1977
O'Neal Witt	(O)	Oct 23, 1977
Steve White	(O)	May 4, 1980
Dale Cole	(O)	May 4, 1980

(O) indicates members ordained by church on date shown.

(E) indicates members ordained by a church where the individual held membership and was elected by the church to serve.

# REVIVAL EVANGELISTS

July 1951  
 Aug 1953  
 May 1 - 14, 1955  
 Sept 4-16, 1955  
 April 23-May 4, 1956  
 Oct 1-20, 1956  
 May 4-12, 1957  
 Oct 7-17, 1957  
 Sept 1958  
 April 1959  
 June 1960  
 November 1960  
 April 1961  
 October 1961  
 October 1962  
 June 1963  
 November 1963  
 July 1964  
 October 1964  
 April 1965  
 October 1965  
 April 1966  
 October 1966  
 April 1967  
 Sept 1967  
 April 12-21, 1968  
 Nov 17-24, 1968  
 Apr 21-May 2 1969  
 Oct 27-Nov 7, 1969  
 May 17-23 1971  
 Nov 29 - Dec 5, 1971  
 April 2-9, 1972  
 April 15-22, 1973  
 Oct 1-7, 1973  
 April 23-29, 1974  
 July 27-29, 1974  
 Oct 27-Nov 2, 1975  
 Apr 8-11 1976  
 Mar 27-Apr 2, 1977  
 July 18-21, 1977  
 Oct 24-30, 1977  
 April 3-9, 1978  
 Sept 17-24, 1978  
 April 1-8, 1979  
 Sept 2-9, 1979  
 Apr 7-13, 1980  
 July 16-20, 1980

V B Castleberry  
 Isaac Huxby  
 H O Cook  
 Tinsley Ball Jr  
 C E Wiley  
 Sam Sloan  
 Clarence Brock  
 Earl G Neal  
 Charles Jenkins  
 W K Woods  
 W K Woods  
 Earl Neal  
 Lyndon Collins  
 H O Nicely  
 Arlon Davis  
 P A Wolfenbarger  
 Kenneth Bates  
 Sherman Adams  
 H O Nicely  
 Owen Edwards  
 Thomas Sykes  
 Jack Redford  
 Arlon Davis  
 Ernest R Prather  
 Paul Atkinson  
 John Wilson  
 John H Adams  
 Lewis Searcy  
 Parcell Flannery  
 Jim Blankenship  
 C L Lindsey  
 Ron Chastain  
 Carlton Young  
 Pete Powell-Don Donica  
 Richard Lunsford  
 Sherman Adams  
 Jimmy York  
 Kenneth Ellis  
 Charles Dugger  
 Bobby Slagle  
 Kenneth Ellis  
 Donnie Hicks  
 Donnie Hicks  
 Seymour Wattenbarger  
 Kenneth Ellis  
 Bobby Slagle  
 Jimmy Williams

Hamilton, Ohio (Missionary)  
 Albany, Kentucky  
 Alpine, Kentucky  
 Lincoln Co, Kentucky  
 Richmond, Indiana  
 Flatwoods, Kentucky  
 Portland, Indiana  
 Flatwoods, Kentucky

Ashland, Kentucky  
 Ashland, Kentucky  
 Flatwoods, Kentucky  
 Muncie, Indiana  
 Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor  
 Columbia, South Carolina  
 Stanford, Kentucky  
 Muncie, Indiana  
 Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Richmond, Indiana  
 Somerset, Kentucky  
 Harriman, Tennessee  
 New Paris, Ohio  
 Union City, Tennessee  
 Campbellsville, Kentucky  
 Lancaster, Kentucky  
 Richmond, Indiana  
 Connersville, Indiana  
 Butler, Kentucky  
 Fort Worth, Texas  
 (Pastor & Assoc)  
 Amarillo, Texas  
 Lancaster, Kentucky  
 Albany, Kentucky  
 Pennington Gap, Virginia  
 Pastor  
 Harrodsburg, Kentucky  
 Pennington Gap, Virginia  
 Monticello, Kentucky  
 Monticello, Kentucky  
 London, Kentucky  
 Pennington Gap, Virginia  
 Harrodsburg, Kentucky  
 London, Kentucky

Year Ending Sept 30	Sunday School Director	Trustees	Executive Board Members
1951			
1952	Walter Brewer	Gilbert Tatum - - Walter Brewer - - Charles Shelton	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1953	Ed Davis	Walter Brewer - - Gilbert Tatum - -Charles Shelton	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1954	Ed Davis	Gilbert Tatum - - Charles Shelton - Joe Crabtree	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1955	Ed Davis	Gilbert Tatum - - Charles Shelton - Joe Crabtree	W.M. Bengé - -Raymond Cook
1956	Ed Davis	Joe Crabtree - - Charles Shelton - Oscar Bradley	W.M. Bengé - -Raymond Cook
1957	Ed Davis	Joe Crabtree - - Charles Shelton - Oscar Bradley	W.M. Bengé - -Eugene Ferguson
1958	Ed Goodin	Charles Shelton - Joe Crabtree - - Oscar Bradley	W.M. Bengé - -Ed Davis
1959	Ed Davis	Charles Shelton - Joe Crabtree - - Oscar Bradley	W.M. Bengé - -Ed Davis
1960	Ed Davis	Joe Crabtree - - Charles Shelton- Roy Dick	W.M. Bengé - -Roy Dick
1961	Ed Davis	Joe Crabtree - - Charles Shelton - Roy Dick	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1962	Ed Davis	Joe Crabtree - - Roy Dick - - - John Winchester	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1963	Ed Crabtree	Roy Dick - - - Joe Crabtree - - Oscar Bradley	W.M. Bengé - -Ed Crabtree
1964	Jim Atkinson	Roy Dick - - - Oscar Bradley - Willie Lester	W.M. Bengé - -E.H. Jones
1965	Jim Atkinson	Joe Crabtree - - Roy Dick - - - Earl Barber	W.M. Bengé - -Oscar Bradley
1966	Jim Atkinson	Joe Crabtree - - Roy Dick - - - Earl Barber	Don Bittner - -Ed Davis
1967	Jim Atkinson	Roy Dick - - - Earl Barber - - Elbern Denney	Oscar Bradley - Don Bittner
1968	Glen Sims	James Atkinson - Earl Barber - - Elbern Denney	Oscar Bradley - Jim Atkinson
1969	Glen Sims	Elbern Denney - - Willard Frost - Glen Sims	Oscar Bradley - Everett Walden
1970	Everett Walden	Willard Frost - - Jack Tompkins - Tony Kinnett	Oscar Bradley - Everett Walden
1971	Don Donica	Roy Dick - - - Tony Kinnett - - Glen Davis	Oscar Bradley - O'Neal Witt
1972	Glen Davis	Tony Kinnett - - Glen Davis - - Roy Dick	O'Neal Witt - Don Frost
1973	Glen Davis	Glen Davis - - Roy Dick - - - Bill Boore	O'Neal Witt - Don Frost
1974	Glen Davis	Roy Dick - - - Bill Moore - - Glen Davis	Don Donica - Bob Dodson
1975	Glen Davis	Bob Dodson - - - Glen Davis - - - Roy Dick	Bob Dodson - Jack Tompkins
1976	Don Donica	Glen Davis - - - Roy Dick - - - Jack Tompkins	Jack Tompkins - Don Frost
1977	Don Donica	Roy Dick - - - Jack Kirkpatrick - Jess Neal	Roy Dick - Charles G Dugger
1978	Don Donica	Jack Kirkpatrick - Jess Neal - - - Bob Guthrie	Roy Dick - Charles G Dugger
1979	Ralph Johnson	Jess Neal - - - Bob Guthrie - - - Roy Dick	Ralph Johnson - Troy Smith
1980	Ralph Johnson	Bob Guthrie - - - Roy Dick - - - Danny Lee	Troy Smith - Don Hicks

Year ending Sept. 30

Music  
Director

Pianist

Clerk

Treasurer

Brotherhood  
Director

W M U  
Director

1951		Evelyn Brewer	E H Jones	W.M Benge		
1952	Bill Swift	Evelyn Brewer	E H Jones	W.M. Benge		
1953		Mrs Castleberry	E H Jones	W M Benge		
1954	Glendon Ferguson		E H Jones	W M Benge		
1955	Glendon Ferguson		Chas. Shelton	Roy Dick		
1956	" "		" "	John Ferguson		
1957	" "		" "	Eugene Ferguson	Charles Shelton	Edna Davis
1958	" "		" "	Bill Swift	" "	" "
1959	Earl Roberts	Mrs Castleberry	Lawrence Baugh	Gary Upchurch	Arthur Davis	Frances Caudill
1960	" "	" "	" "	Ed Goodin	Albert Davis	Edna Davis
1961	" "	" "	Roy Dick	" "	Ed Goodin	Beulah Bittner
1962	" "	Carol Bradley	" "	" "	W M Benge	" "
1963	" "	" "	Ed Davis	" "	" "	Geneva Matlock
1964	Ed Davis	Stella Donica	" "	" "	---	---
1965	Marvin Edwards	" "	James Crabtree	" "	---	Edna Davis
1966	" "	" "	" "	Jack Tompkins	---	" "
1967	Albert Davis	" "	Don Bittner	Don Donica	Albert Davis	" "
1968	Glenn Sims	" "	O'Neal Witt	Don Donica	Albert Davis	Natiale Sims
1969	" "	" "	" "	" "	---	" "
1970	O'Neal Witt	" "	" "	" "	Don Donica	Lois Davis
1971	" "	" "	" "	" "	---	Edna Davis
1972	" "	" "	" "	" "	---	" "
1973	" "	" "	" "	" "	Bob Dodson	" "
1974	" "	" "	" "	O'Neal Witt	" "	" "
1975	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1976	" "	" "	" "	" "	---	---
1977	" "	" "	" "	" "	E L Neal	---
1978	" "	" "	" "	" "	---	Martha Smith
1979	" "	Doris Crawford	" "	" "	Phil Martin	" "
1980	Marvin Edwards	" "	" "	" "	Steve White	" "

Year Ending Sept. 30	1 Total Baptisms	2 Other Additions	3 Members Lost	4 Present Membership	5 Sunday School Enrollment	6 S School Avg Attend.	7 VBS Enroll	8 Brotherhood Enrollment	9 WMU Enroll	10 Number of Tithers	11 New Constr- uction	12 Money Borrowed	13 Value of Church Property
1951	3	5	0	8				0	0	-			0
1952	2	28	0	38				0	0	-			0
1953	0	12	14	36				0	0	-			\$ 4,000.00
1954	10	11	10	47	90		30	0	0	-			10,000.00
1955	14	12	0	73	122	77	51	0	0	12	\$ 1,342.		15,000.00
1956	7	21	7	94	146	93	62	0	0	-	3,490.	--	---
1957	12	13	5	114	182	112	44	22	17	19	1,574.	--	25,000.00
1958	6	14	30	104	127	101	-	15	17	15	511.	--	---
1959	15	10	6	123	150	104	60	15	41	-	120.	--	25,000.00
1960	9	6	4	134	209	109	-	17	41	11	4,724.	\$7,500.	25,000.00
1961	11	13	15	143	194	114	109	15	37	12	0	0	35,000.00
1962	11	6	20	140	-	-	-	14	30	-	-	0	35,000.00
1963	17	3	8	152	146	78	-	12	6	-	1,948.	0	35,000.00
1964	7	6	21	144	122	62	105	0	0	11	0	0	35,000.00
1965	9	7	8	152	191	80	87	0	39	-	3,200.	00	35,000.00
1966	12	11	3	172	209	100	100	0	42	-	--	0	35,000.00
1967	8	4	10	174	153	91	-	8	17	9	--	1,700.	35,000.00
1968	8	3	10	175	153	75	72	3	44	12	0	0	35,000.00
1969	3	5	14	169	107	60	87	0	36	21	0	0	40,000.00
1970	3	2	22	152	95	49	61	12	-	15	212.	0	28,500.00
1971	4	8	6	158	126	59	67	0	11	19	4,308.	0	28,500.00
1972	2	3	20	143	161	80	164	0	35	19	400.	0	31,000.00
1973	3	4	3	147	143	62	150	15	22	19	0	0	31,000.00
1974	1	2	13	137	88	49	37	14	9	14	0	0	31,000.00
1975	4	12	4	149	92	48	50	10	5	14	0	0	34,000.00
1976	32	19	81	119	139	81	68	0	0	33	15,000.	0	60,000.00
1977	14	11	3	141	153	96	88	10	0	31	42,100.	\$25,000.	75,000.00
1978	42	15	22	176	175	105	108	0	10	37	850.	0	160,000.00
1979	47	20	17	226	209	136	166	20	15	45	0	0	195,000.00
1980	66	18	16	294	172	152	211	27	10	42	0	0	210,000.00



Year Ending Sept. 30	1 Total Receipts	2 Staff Salaries	3 Co-op Program	4 Ass'n.	5 Foreign Missions	6 Home Missions	7 State Missions	8 Other Missions	9 Total Missions	10 Local Expendi- tures	11 Total Expenses	12 Church Debt	13 Debt Retirement
1951													
1952	3,812.	1,300.	00	290.	00	0	0	0	290.	3,340.	3,630.	---	----
1953	4,535.	1,665.	00	148.	00	0	0	0	148.	4,387.	4,535.	---	----
1954	3,874.	1,820.	00	103.	00	0	0	0	103.	3,437.	3,540.		
1955	5,674.	1,820.	00	387.	00	0	0	25.	412.	5,063.	5,475.	1,916.	1,130.
1956	6,742.	1,910.	107.	215.	00	0	0	156.	478.	6,328.	6,806.	--	360.
1957	9,381.	2,970.	571.	332.	00	0	0	0	903.	8,059.	8,962.	456.	1,260.
1958	7,246.	3,053.	355.	255.	00	0	0	122.	732.	5,442.	6,174.	--	486.
1959	6,051.	4,410.	51.	30.	37.	21.	37.	0	176.	5,691.	5,867.	--	--
1960	7,544.	3,890.	411.	271.	60.	80.	54.	0	876.	8,569.	9,445.	7,378.	225.
1961	7,644.	4,140.	432.	278.	68.	55.	28.	0	861.	6,989.	7,850.	6,908.	900.
1962	7,944.	3,740.	624.	97.	94.	26.	0	0	841.	6,676.	7,517.	6,409.	900.
1963	7,879.	4,215.	408.	165.	24.	22.	0	0	619.	7,749.	8,368.	6,196.	900.
1964	6,411.	3,148.	111.	84.	32.	0	0	0	227.	6,245.	6,472.	5,316.	900.
1965	7,831.	4,080.	144.	114.	60.	0	20.	0	338.	7,807.	8,145.	4,719.	900.
1966	10,171.	4,279.	255.	228.	72.	0	20.	0	575.	9,745.	10,320.	4,085.	900.
1967	10,063.	4,160.	416.	416.	10.	0	29.	0	871.	8,940.	9,811.	3,412.	900.
1968	9,974.	5,140.	447.	447.	77.	51.	31.	0	1,052.	9,298.	10,350.	4,153.	900.
1969	11,565.	5,620.	569.	547.	95.	37.	47.	22.	1,317.	10,349.	11,666.	3,504.	900.
1970	10,294.	3,658.	538.	377.	60.	10.	0	0	985.	11,641.	12,626.	0	3,668.
1971	12,711.	3,100.	657.	591.	46.	101.	36.	0	1,471.	11,645.	13,116.	0	0
1972	15,201.	3,860.	1,000.	606.	85.	109.	47.	1,315.	3,162.	10,056.	13,218.	0	0
1973	16,456.	3,860.	1,383.	450.	52.	26.	67.	4,443.	6,428.	13,092.	19,520.	0	00
1974	13,738.	3,910.	1,185.	388.	68.	63.	0	3,110.	4,814.	12,820.	17,634.	0	0
1975	11,660.	3,615.	1,012.	407.	67.	50.	81.	120.	1,737.	7,776.	9,513.	0	0
1976	26,185.	4,375.	2,498.	606.	102.	48.	40.	120.	3,415.	24,809.	31,224.	0	0
1977	33,453.	4,800.	3,460.	850.	134.	104.	74.	120.	4,742.	56,370.	61,112.	24,800.	2,030.
1978	37,521.	6,000.	4,157.	1,019.	165.	190.	167.	225.	5,923.	34,613.	40,536.	12,259.	14,334.
1979	49,442.	20,374.	5,587.	1,368.	411.	232.	165.	565.	8,328.	41,989.	50,317.	6,727.	6,500.
1980	60,090.	22,352.	6,698.	1,694.	1,006.	735.	5.	725.	10,863.	45,416.	56,279.	0	7,033.

## PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

Asberry, Dainne	Dalton, Jeff	Groce, Peggy
Baker, Bobby	Davis, Lisa	Guthrie, Bob
Ballenger, Jill	Davis, Sharon	Guthrie, Evelyn
Ballenger, Jon	Decker, Nan	Hacker, Tony
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Ballenger, Margaret	Dishman, Eva	Hamby, Thurman
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Criswell, Teresa	Gribbons, Kelly	Maple, Sheri
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Wise, David  
Wise, Donald  
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 Arthur, Lettie  
 Atkinson, James  
 Atkinson, Mary  
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 Ball, Raymond  
 Ballenger, Chester  
 Ballenger, Kay  
 Ballenger, Luther  
 Ballenger, Mark  
 Barber, Larry  
 Barnes, Betty  
 Barnett, Garnett R  
 Barnett, Lucy  
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 Baugh, Doretta  
 Baugh, Eugene  
 Baugh, Jerry  
 Baugh, Kirtley  
 Baugh, Lawrence  
 Baugh, Manual  
 Baugh, Stella  
 Benge, Anna  
 Benge, Howard  
 Benge, W.M.  
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 Bittner, Donald  
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 Bittner, Susan  
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 Carter, Janet  
 Casada, Bonnie J  
 Cash, Francis  
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 Caudill, Clay  
 Caudill, Frances  
 Claar, Peggy  
 Cline, Myrtle  
 Compton, Mrs Sam  
 Conrad, Betty Lou  
 Cook, Delphia  
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 Cox, Bob  
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 Davis, Bill  
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 Davis, Edward  
 Davis, Geneva  
 Davis, Gina  
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 Davis, Grace Jones  
 Davis, James  
 Davis, Jewell  
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 Davis, Joyce Smith  
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 Davis, Lois  
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 Davis, Pat  
 Davis, Robert Bob  
 Davis, Ronnie  
 Davis, Sharon  
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 Denney, Elbern  
 Denney, Lyle  
 Denney, Mary  
 Denney, Pat  
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 Ferguson, Glendon  
 Ferguson, Lorene  
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 Fleming, Joyce  
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 Frost, Tamara  
 Frost, Willard  
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 Hughes, Ralph  
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 Jacobs, Daisy  
 Jacobs, Danny  
 Jacobs, Darrell  
 Jacobs, Jackie  
 Jacobs, Oscar  
 Jacobs, Ricky  
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 Lundy, Janet  
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 Maynard, William  
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 Nicholas, Fairel  
 Nicholas, Frances  
 Nunn, Alice  
 Nunn, Genalee  
 Nunn, Vickie  
 Oldham, Sandy  
 Oliver, Jackie  
 Oliver, James  
 Orr, Ruth  
 Owens, Leta  
 Owens, Mattie  
 Owens, Rosemary  
 Owens, Theodore

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 Pence, Michael  
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 Sims, Natialene  
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 Thomas, Donnie  
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 Tompkins, Jack  
 Tompkins, Jesie  
 Tompkins, Stella  
 Tucker, William  
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 Walden, Everett  
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 Walker, Charlie  
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 Watson, Connie  
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 White, Joe  
 Williams, Gary  
 Wilson, Dolores  
 Wilson, Dorothy  
 Wilson, Lloyd  
 Winchester, John  
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 Young, Mary

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
Of The Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana

Introduction

That all things may be done decently and in order, and that we may more readily help one another in our Christian service as members of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, we adopt the following constitution and by-laws as methods of our work;

Article I

Name and Object

Section 1. Name:

This organization shall be known as the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana.

Section 2. Object:

This church, believing in the Bible as the inspired Word of God and as the sole authority for faith and practice, and acknowledging its adherence to all the teachings of Jesus Christ, declares its purpose:

(1) To maintain regular services, both devotional and for public worship.

(2) To proclaim earnestly the gospel message and to urge its personal acceptance.

(3) To co-operate heartily, by prayer, gifts, and service, in carrying out the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8, and to develop Christian fellowship among the Saints and their growth and knowledge of Christ, for the glorification of His precious name.

Article II

Doctrines And Affiliations

Section 1. Doctrines:

This church shall be governed by these by-laws and the doctrinal statements of the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, and hereby attached.

Section 2. Covenant:

The covenant that binds the church together shall be the same as that published by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and hereby attached.

Section 3. Affiliations:

The Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, shall co-operate with the District Association, the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana, the Southern Baptist Convention, and such other bodies the church shall hereafter become affiliated, so long as such co-operation does not violate the autonomy of the church, or its doctrines.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Admission of Members:

This church shall be composed of individuals, who have given satisfactory evidence of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and have expressed a desire to unite with this body by one of the following ways: (1) By baptism as set forth in the Articles of Faith of this church. (2) By letter of recommendation from another church of like faith and practice. No letter shall be honored, neither the person accepted into this fellowship if the person has not been baptized by the authority of a Baptist Church of like faith and practice. In such cases the person must be accepted as a candidate for baptism. (3) By statement of one who has been baptized upon profession of faith in Christ by the authority of a Baptist Church of like faith and practice, and because of circumstances beyond their control, are not able to get a letter, but can give satisfactory statement of an experience of grace and a desire for fellowship with this church.



(4) By Restoration: Excluded members from this church may be restored to full fellowship on confession of their errors and by giving evidence of repentance. (5) This church shall not receive excluded members from other Baptist churches, unless the church believes, after investigation of the case, the exclusion to have been unjustified.

#### Section 2. Dismission of Members:

This church shall dismiss from its membership those who are removed by death, those who by choice unite with churches of other faiths to which this church does not grant letters of dismissal. This church shall grant letters of dismissal to other Baptist churches of like faith and practice, for members in fellowship and good standing in the church. (A letter of dismission shall not be granted to the individual). Members may be dismissed from the fellowship of this church when found guilty of conduct unbecoming his or her Christian profession and failure to live up to the church covenant, but only after, he or she has been given a reasonable notice, by the deacons and authorized by the church, of such contemplated action (if he or she can be found).

After a member has voluntarily absented himself from all services of the church for a period of 6 months, he or she will be placed on an inactive list, losing all voting rights and privileges. After 1 year on inactive roll with no evidence of repentance the member will be dropped from Church roll and may be restored by Article 3, Section 1, No. 4.

The reception of members and the granting of letters shall be done by a majority vote of the members voting at any meeting of the church when and where worship is carried on, except the restoration of those who have been excluded from the fellowship of the church. (These may be restored to fellowship in the church by a majority vote of the members voting in a regular monthly business meeting).

### Article IV

#### Government of the Church

##### Section 1. Autonomy:

This church shall forever be a self-governing body with Christ as its head and no person or persons shall ever have any authority over its actions. The will of Christ shall be supreme and the New Testament shall be the only law of the church. Christ shall be its supreme ruler and His Word its sovereign law. All members in good standing shall have equal rights to express their desires by their vote without the fear of intimidation or coercion.

##### Section 2. Officers:

All officers of the church, except the pastor, deacons, and trustees with unexpired terms, shall be elected annually in time to take office October 1st, each year. Any vacancy may be filled at any regular business meeting of the church, for the unexpired term, or called business meeting for that purpose.

##### Section 3. Organizations:

All organizations of the church shall be under church control with all officers being elected by the church and subject to the church. Each organization shall make a report of their work to the church at each regular business meeting.

##### Section 4. Activities:

No officer or organization shall plan any meeting or activities which shall interfere with any of the regular or special meetings of the church, without the consent of the church;

Article V  
Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. Pastor:

(a) The pastor shall be a generally recognized, ordained Baptist minister of good standing, who believes in the teaching of the Bible as set forth in the Articles of Faith adopted by this church.

(b) The pastor shall conduct the public services of worship, and the general development of the church work shall be under his supervision. He shall be an ex-officio member of the deacons, the trustees, all committees, and organizations.

(c) The pastor shall act as moderator of all business meetings of the church when present, except when he is personally involved. In his absence the assistant moderator shall have charge of the business meeting. The pastor shall be chosen, and called infrequently, by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a regular business meeting, or at a business meeting called for that purpose, of which at least a three days' notice shall be given.

(d) The pastor shall have the responsibility of getting the evangelist for the revival meetings the church desires to have.

(e) The pastor shall have an annual two weeks vacation with pay (which shall include two Sundays).

(f) The pastor shall be responsible for supply honorarium except when on vacation, ill, or when on business for the church.

(g) The Minister's Retirement Plan dues shall be paid in full by the church.

(h) The pastor shall have the privilege of conducting two revivals of two weeks each, off of the church field each year, without a vote of the church.

(i) The church shall send the pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention each year (provided the church is financially able).

(j) The pastor shall give in writing to the church a thirty day notice before he leaves the church as pastor. Likewise the church shall give the pastor a thirty day notice in writing if his resignation is desired by the church.

Section 2. Associate Pastors

(a) The associate pastor shall assist the pastor in all ministerial duties.

(b) Bus Pastor - Bus Pastors shall be responsible for their assigned routes.

(c) Other Ministers:

The church may call "Minister of music, Minister of visitation, etc." for duties as specified.

Section 3. Deacons:

(a) The deacons shall be elected and ordained by the church, except when they have been previously ordained by another church of like faith and practice. They may be elected to serve as deacons by a vote of the church.

(b) The number of deacons and their tenure of office shall be determined by the church. It shall be the duty of the deacons to cooperate with the pastor in overseeing the work of the church. They shall be charged especially with; (1) The spiritual advancement and interest of the church and the watch-care of its members. (2) The preparation and distribution of the Lord's Supper, subject to the will of the church.

(c) The deacons shall meet when called together by the pastor or the chairman. They shall submit a report of their work, to the church in business meetings.

#### Section 4. Trustees:

(a) The number of trustees shall be three (3), and shall be elected in the following manner; one (1) for three years, one (1) for two years, and one (1) for one year, and one elected each year thereafter, by the church.

(b) The trustees shall act as legal representatives of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana. They shall hold in trust the property of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, and shall act as agents in the purchase or sale of real and/or tangible property. They shall have no power to purchase, sell, mortgage, lease, transfer or do any extensive repair on church properties, or obligate the church in any contract, unless and until they have been so empowered by a vote of the church for that specific transaction.

(c) The church shall designate which member shall serve as chairman, and which member shall serve as statutory agent of the trustees.

(d) The trustees are to be the house and grounds committee. They shall submit a report of all their doings at the regular business meetings of the church, and at any other time as the church may call for same.

#### Section 5. Clerk:

(a) The duties of the church clerk shall be to keep a correct record of all proceedings of all business meetings of the church in a book provided for this purpose by the church. The clerk shall sign letters of dismissal of members and write for the letters of those who join the church on promise of a letter from another church. The clerk shall keep a correct roll of the membership of the church and be responsible for all records of events in the life of the church which are of historical interest and value.

(b) The clerk shall present a written report to the church at its regular business meetings. This report shall consist of minutes of the last regular business meeting and all the called business meetings, which have not been read and approved by the church. Also a correct statement concerning the membership of the church, i.e. Those received, dismissed and the correct membership.

(c) The annual letter to the association shall be filled out by the clerk and read before the church for its approval.

#### Section 6. Treasurer:

(a) The church shall have a budget, and the treasurer, in co-operation with the financial secretary, or one of the ushers, shall receive and count all funds. The treasurer shall deposit all church funds in the name of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, in the bank designated by the church.

(b) The treasurer shall make a detailed statement in writing to the church of all obligations incurred, purchases made, and of all receipts and disbursements, at the regular monthly business meeting. He shall also present an annual report to the church clerk to be incorporated in the Associational Letter each year.

(c) The treasurer shall make all payments of all accounts of this church, and shall disburse by check all funds consistent with the budget of the church, and exceptions to be made upon the recommendation of the Church Council to the church in business session.

(d) The treasurer and the financial secretary shall present their records and accounts to a Certified Public Accountant, to be audited, at any time the church by a majority vote shall request an audit. (This audit shall be paid for by the church.)

(e) It shall be the duty of the treasurer to obtain an indemnity bond for such amount as shall be stipulated by the church. (This bond shall be paid for by the church.)



#### Section 7. Assistant Moderator:

(a) In the absence of the pastor the assistant moderator shall serve as moderator of the business meeting of the church. In the absence of the pastor and the assistant moderator, the church shall elect a moderator pro tem for that business meeting.

(b) The assistant moderator, (or in his absence a moderator Pro tem), shall preside over any question wherein the pastor is personally involved.

#### Section 8. Financial Secretary;

The financial secretary shall keep a duplicate record of each person who gives to the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, through the envelope system, and shall give the original personal copy to the person at the end of each quarter or at the end of the calendar year, for income tax purposes. The duplicate record of each person shall be retained as church records.

#### Section 9. Song Leader:

(a) The song leader shall assume the responsibility of leading the singing in the Sunday school, regular services, and all special services of the church, (unless planned otherwise or he is unable to sing because of circumstances beyond his control.

(b) The song leader shall meet with the choir or choirs for practice, and shall co-operate with the pastor, Sunday School Director, pianist, Organist and other leaders of the church in the entire ministry of music.

(c) He shall follow the program as set forth in the order of service, unless for some good reason it becomes necessary to make a change.

#### Section 10. Pianist and Organist;

(a) The pianist and organist shall assume the responsibility of playing the instruments in the Sunday school, regular services, and all special services of the church, (Unless planned otherwise, or they are unable to play because of circumstances beyond their control.)

(b) The pianist and organist shall meet with the choir or choirs for practice, and shall co-operate with the pastor, song leader, Sunday school Director, and other leaders of the church in the entire ministry of music.

#### Section II. Ushers;

(a) The number of ushers shall be six (6) or more male members of the church with one of this number serving as chairman or head usher. (The chairman or head usher shall be designated by the church.)

(b) The duties of the ushers are; (1) Meet and greet the members and guests of the church. (2) See that each one gets an order of service, and each visitor gets a visitor's card. (3) Escort people to their seat when necessary. (4) Serve the church and her guests in the worship of God with His tithes and our offerings. (5) Any other duties of the church may require.

### Article VI Organizations

#### Section 1. Sunday School:

(a) The church shall maintain a Sunday School on each Lord's Day for the purpose of teaching people of the Word of God.

(b) The Sunday school Director shall be the executive officer of the Sunday school and shall exercise general oversight over all of its departments and report to the church at the regular monthly business meeting.

(c) The associate Director shall be responsible for a visitation program to enlist new members and absentees. He shall perform the duties of the Director in the latter's absence.

(d) The Sunday school secretary shall keep an accurate record of the Sunday school, and shall be responsible for the ordering of the literature each quarter.

(e) The departmental directors shall direct the work of their respective departments in harmony with the total program of the Sunday school.

(f) The pastor, director, associate director, general secretary and departmental directors shall constitute an advisory committee of the Sunday school, of which the director shall be chairman.

#### Section 2. Woman's Missionary Union:

This church shall have a Woman's Missionary Union which shall be organized according to the Southern Baptist Convention W.M.U. Manual and the by-laws of this church.

#### Section 3. Other Organizations:

The Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, may set up other organizations as determined by the need of the church.

### Article VII Committees

#### Section 1. Pulpit Committee:

(a) In case of a vacancy in the pulpit, the church shall elect a Pulpit Committee of five (5), to seek out a suitable pastor, and their recommendation will constitute a nomination. After the church has heard a man preach, the pulpit committee shall present his name to the church to be accepted or rejected. If the latter eventuates, they shall seek another pastor in accordance with the foregoing procedure.

(b) The call of a pastor shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the members voting in such election. The pastor may be called or his resignation may be accepted at any regular business meeting of the church or at a business meeting called for that purpose provided that the called meeting is announced at three public or regular meetings previously. Prayer meeting and Sunday morning and Sunday night services shall be considered public or regular meetings.

(c) The pulpit committee shall be responsible for supplying the pulpit during the time the church is without a pastor. When the new pastor is called and has accepted the work as pastor, the work of the committee is finished and they are automatically discharged.

#### Section 2. Church Council:

(a) The Church Council shall consist of Chairman of Deacons, Chairman of Trustees, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Associate Pastor, Bus Pastor, Brotherhood Director, 2 members at large along with the Pastor.

(b) The church council shall meet for the purpose of previewing the affairs of the church and make recommendations at regular business meetings.

(c) The church council shall in counsel with the pastor, nominate one or more candidates for each office or place to be filled in the church and her organizations, and shall present to the church a list of these nominees in time for those who are elected to take office October 1, of each year. Additional nominations shall be permitted from the floor at the time the church council presents their list of numinees.

(d) The church council shall in counsel with the pastor, nominate persons to fill vacancies created throughout the year because of death, resignation, etc.

#### Section 3. Calendar of Activities Committee

(a) The calendar of activities committee shall consist of the chairman of deacons, Sunday school director, W.M.U. director, clerk, song leader and pastor.

(b) This committee may prepare and present to the church a calendar of activities for the coming year in time for the calendar to be printed before January 1, each year.

#### Section 4. Evangelism Committee:

The personnel of the committee shall be three (3) members to work with the pastor in planning the publicity for revivals, entertainment for the evangelist, and any other necessary arrangements.

#### Section 5. Flower Committee:

(a) The personnel of the flower committee shall be three (3) members of the church with one designated chairman by the church.

(b) The flower committee's principal function shall be the following:

(1) Provide flower arrangements for church services when so directed by a vote of the church. (2) Provide flowers for the bereaved members of this church and/or Sunday school and their immediate families. (The immediate family shall consist of Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Daughter, Son, Brother or Sister.) (3) Plant and care for flowers on church grounds.

(c) The church shall decide how much the flower arrangements should cost, and shall pay for same. (This set price is to be a guide-line for the committee.)

#### Section 6. Other Committees:

Other committees may be elected as determined by the need of the church.

### Article VIII

#### General

#### Section 1. Business Meetings:

(a) This church shall have regular business meetings. Such meetings shall be held monthly at a time set by a majority vote of the church. Any and all business matters may be attended to at these regular business meetings. All dates and times of business meetings shall be well announced in the regular services prior to the business meeting. At all regular business meetings the members present shall transact business provided it is well known by the members that such a date and time is the regular business meeting of the church. Special business meetings shall not be held until such meeting and its purpose or purposes have been announced in three regular services of the church. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in a regular or special business meeting. The church by a majority vote may require a 2/3 or 3/4 majority vote to repeal any motion or resolution or any part thereof.

(b) Any question or situation that may arise that is not provided for in this constitution and by-laws shall be settled by a majority vote of the members voting for or against such question or situation, however no motion or resolution shall be passed by the church which will conflict with the provisions of this constitution and by-laws.

(c) The rules for conducting business shall be according to the parliamentary proceedings as set forth in Kerfoot's Manual.

#### Section 2. Officers and Leaders:

(a) All officers of this church and her organizations must be members of this church before they are elected, except the pastor.

#### Section 3. Licensing and Ordaining:

(a) Any member who in the judgement of the church, gives evidence of his spiritual life, his zeal, and "aptness to teach" that he is called of God to the work of the ministry, after having preached in the hearing of the church, may be licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, provided that a majority of the members present at any regular business meeting shall agree thereto by vote.



(b) If the church decides that one of its men who has been licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ possesses the scriptural qualifications for ordination, it shall call a council of ministers and deacons from other Baptist Churches to examine the qualifications of the candidate, to which council the propriety of the ordained shall be referred.

## Article IX

### Section 1. Replace and Void:

This constitution and by-laws, our Church Covenant and Articles of Faith replace and void any other constitution and by-laws, Church Covenant and Articles of Faith which may have prevailed previously.

### Section 2. Amendment:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular business meeting of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of New Castle, Indiana, provided the amendments have been offered in writing at the previous regular business meeting, except Article 4, Section 1. This Section 1 of Article 4 shall never be amended so as to change the meaning of it as it is now written.

## CHURCH COVENANT

"Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and that of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 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.

"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; 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.

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

"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 Savior to secure it without delay.

"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."

# THE DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH

## I. THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible; that God is its author; that it has truth without any mixture of error for its matter, and the salvation of man for its end; that it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction to the saints unto all good work; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union; and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, doctrines, and opinions shall be tried.

## II. THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices.

## III. JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit; that He was born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever, or can ever be born of woman; that He took upon Himself our nature yet without sin; that He was God manifest in the flesh; that He fulfilled every jot and tittle of the divine, and the ceremonial laws of Moses; that God laid upon Him our sins; that He bore them in His own body on the cross; that He died for our sins, not for an example, but as the substitutionary Lamb of God; that in Him fulfilled, and ended, all the sacrifices and offerings for sin; that He was buried and rose again the third day; and after forty days ascended "to the right hand of the throne of God" in heaven itself; that he is there now "our faithful and merciful High Priest in things pertaining to God," our only Advocate and intercessor, the only Mediator between God and man; that this same Jesus Christ shall come again, suddenly, bodily, personally, and visibly; that He will judge both saved and unsaved; that He will sit upon the throne of David and rule and reign with His blood-washed redeemed people of every kindred and tongue and people and nation forever; that it is the duty of all believers to constantly look for Him and to live in readiness for His coming; making manifest to all men the reality and the power of his Hope in Christ.

## IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the son, and of the same nature; that He was active in the Creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgement, and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching, and testimony; and that He is the agent in the 'new birth' of man; that He seals, endures, guides, enlightens, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and in every way helps the believer.

## V. THE DEVIL

We believe in a personal Devil; that he is the malignant prince of power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the acurser of the saints, the author of all false religions; the chief power back of the present apostacy, the lord of the Anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness. Destined however, to final defeat at the hands of God's Sons, and to the judgement of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

## VI. THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that the first three chapters of Genesis are the historical facts of God's creation of all things; and that the creation was by the direct act of God; that man was created in innocence, in the image and likeness of God, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy estate; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

## VII. THE WAY OF SALVATION

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father became our substitute, being made a curse for us; and by His death, made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; that having united in His wonderful Person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections; He is in every way, the qualified, suitable compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

## VIII. JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is God's gracious and full acquittal, upon principles of righteousness, of all sinners who believe in Christ; upon Justification includes the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of eternal life; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith, His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and makes available every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

## IX. SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is a 'setting apart' or 'separation unto God' and not the eradication of one's carnality, or sinful nature in one specific instance; that all who believe on Christ Jesus as Savior, are sanctified unto God by the blood of Christ, and the Spirit of God; that it is the duty of all those who are saved to sanctify, or separate, themselves in like manner, unto the purpose for which they have been sanctified, this being enjoined upon them, and made possible by the Word and Spirit of God, in self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.



## X. FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel of Christ; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept Him by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; that nothing prevents the salvation of any sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity, and voluntary rejection of the Gospel of Christ, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

## XI. GRACE IN REGENERATION

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that the new birth is a creation of Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the sinner is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life thus made a new creature in Christ; that this new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, but by character, not by culture, not any works of righteousness upon our part, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel of Christ; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life.

## XII. REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

## XIII. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, He being indefinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting on man's part and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel of Christ; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourself demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

## XIV. THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

We believe that such as are truly born again will not utterly fall away and perish, but will endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.



## XV. THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver from which and to restore them through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to holy law, is one great end of the Gospel of Christ, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the church.

## XVI. A GOSPEL CHURCH

We believe that a church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a congregation of Scripturally baptized believers, associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel of Christ, taking the New Testament as the only rule of faith and practice, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His commandments, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His work; that its Scriptural officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons; that the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission of Matthew 28: 19-20; that the only Head of the Church is Christ Jesus; that the sole authority for faith and practice is the scriptures; that such a church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any.

## XVII. BAPTISTS

We believe that Baptists originated, not at the Reformation, not in the Dark Ages, nor in any century after the Apostles; that no personality this side of Christ Jesus is a satisfactory explanation of their origin; that the first Baptist Church was the church at Jerusalem which originated during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ; that Baptist principles are as old as Christianity; that the likeness of Baptist churches today to the churches in the days of the Apostles constitute them the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## XVIII. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Scriptural baptism is the immersion in water of a saved person in the name of the Father, and Son, and the Holy Ghost, by the authority of a scriptural Baptist Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and Risen Savior, and our death to sin, and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privilege of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the death of Christ until He comes again, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

## XIX. THE LORD'S DAY

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

## XX. THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked. Those only who are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in God's sight; those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgement when final and everlasting rewards are made to all men.

## XXI. THE RESURRECTION

We believe in the actual bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ; that the same body that was nailed to the cross and laid into the tomb was again the third day according to the Scriptures raised, glorified, and in it Christ ascended into Heaven, and there now at God's right hand is making intercession for us; that just as sure as Christ arose from the dead, there will be a resurrection of the just, and a resurrection of the unjust; that the bodies of the righteous will not only be spiritual, but incorruptible, immortal, "fashioned like unto His glorious body", prepared to ever be with the Lord; while the unjust shall be raised with bodies prepared to consciously suffer forever "their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

## XXII. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

We believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience, and that He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His word, or not contained therein. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to the churches, protection and full freedom in the pursuits of their spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the State more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obediences thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil powers to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil powers.