

Bylaws of the Lonoke Baptist Church

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“Connecting in unity with the Savior”

Preface

The church's first Bylaws were developed in 1999. The document was one of the tools needed to secure a loan to construct the building at this address, 1841 Lonoke Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas. The current Bylaws document met the needs. Now, it is time to update the document to serve the next generation.

The informal planning to update the church's first Bylaws started in August 2014. Rev. Arthur D. Hill, Sr., Pastor, asked for volunteers to update the current Bylaws. Ten (10) members volunteered for the tasks. They are Dr. Teretha F. Harper (Chair), Mrs. Barbara Williams (Secretary), Mr. Jason Stewart (Technology), Deacons Doug Arnold, Joe Burns and Wayne Thrower, Mrs. Rosie Johnson and Beverly Washington, Attorney Garland Yarber, Sr. (Deacon Chair) and Mr. John Turner. The Bylaw Committee's formal work started on September 23, 2014 and closed on January 20, 2015. The report was presented to the church members on January 26, 2015.

The committee members met every Tuesday from 6 - 8 PM; except, for the weeks of November 2 (county, state and national elections) and December 22 and 29 (Christmas holidays). The mathematics show thirty (30) hours multiplied by ten (10) people equal three hundred (300) hours of Face – to Face meeting time. That total does not include the hours for individual reviews, preparations for meetings, research, collecting resources, planning and attention to multiple homework packages. The meetings OPENED and closed on TIME!

The thirty four (34) words below have been guiding lights to update the 1999 Lonoke Baptist Church Bylaws. ***“Connecting in Unity with the Savior.” Acknowledge the Past. Review the Present. Plan for the Future. The guiding principles are Organizational Cooperation, Accountability, Transparency, Consensus, Collaboration and Effectiveness Organizational Procedures and Policies and the 1999 Bylaws of the Lonoke Baptist Church.***

The current Bylaws show eight (8) Articles. The Articles are (1) Name; (II) Purposes; (III) Membership; (IV) Officers; (V) Meetings; (VI) Voting; (VII) Church Finances; and (VIII) Amendment to Bylaws.

The updated and revised Church Bylaws show twelve (12) Articles. The Articles are (1) Name; (II) Purposes; (III) Core Values, Church Ordinances, Mission, Vision, Goals and Projects; (IV) Membership; (V) Officers; (VI) Meetings; (VII) Executive Board; (VIII) Ministries and Committees' (IX) Finances; (X) Parliamentary Authority ; (XI) Amendment to Bylaws; and (XII) Dissolution. The Appendix's documents are Reasons for Bylaws, History of the Black Church, History of Lonoke Baptist Church, Church Covenant, Long and Short Range Goals and Training Manuals.

Briefly, here are similarities and differences between the current and updated Bylaws. The updated document show additional information needed for organizational procedures to meet todays and future needs and wishes.

Since 1907, **Article I**, the *Name* of the church is Lonoke Baptist Church. The first spelling was Lone Oak Baptist Church. Overtime, the spelling changed to Lonoke Baptist Church. It is not known when and why the spelling was changed.

Article II – Purposes (Object)

Article III – Core Values and Church Ordinances are not changed. Mission, Vision, Goals and Projects are new sections.

Article IV- Membership was expanded to include sections for eligibility, admission, in good standing, leave of absence, duties, training, termination and legal actions.

Article V – Officers was revised to include sections for identification of key church officer's positions, qualifications, election and installation, training and duties, an organization flow chart and descriptions. A major addition is the organizational Flow Chart to show the line and staff relationships among and between the Jesus Christ, Pastor, members, church officers, executive board, ministries and committees' leadership levels.

Article VI – Meetings was reorganized to show notification, worship services, regular business meeting, special call meeting, voting and frequency of meetings.

Article VII – Executive Board is a new section to increase organizational procedures, procedures and policies. An organizational flow chart is included to show the relationships.

Article VIII– Ministries and Committees (formerly known as auxiliaries, ministries, and committees) describe standing and special units. The Ministries Plan of Work connections to the church's goals and projects are new elements. An organizational chart shows the relationship between and among the units.

Article IX – Finances is an update of the current Bylaws.

Article X – Parliamentary Authority is a new article.

Article XI- Amendment to the Bylaws is an update to the current Bylaws.

Article XII- Dissolution is a new article.

This report is the first phase of an exciting journey. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Lonoke Baptist Church Bylaws

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Leadership Brochures, New Members’ Brochure, Leadership Styles, Characteristics and Strategies, Parliamentary Procedures, Pocket Guide to Parliamentary Procedures, Group Dynamics, Planning, Project Management, Serve with Greater Partnerships, etc.

Acknowledge the Past.

Review the Present.

Plan for the Future.

Bylaws of the Lonoke Baptist Church

Article I - Name

The name of the organization will be the **Lonoke Baptist Church**.

Article II – Purposes

- A. To uplift the name of Jesus Christ and build up the kingdom of God.
- B. To teach the gospel of Christ throughout the community and the world.
- C. To introduce sinners to Christ, encourage them to believe and give their lives to Him so that their lost souls can be saved.
- D. To uplift the members of the church and spiritually.
- E. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, give shelter to the homeless, bind up the wound of the brokenhearted, set at liberty the captives and preach the good news to the poor. **(Reference: Matthews 25:35; Luke 4:18)**
- F. To support the Baptist Church Covenant.

Article III – Core Values, Church Ordinances, Mission, Vision, Goals, and Projects

Section 1. Core Values

We believe that:

- A. Our relationships with each member are reflections of our relationship with God.
- B. Reaching out to others is a primary part of doing the great work of Christ.
- C. People are the most valuable assets.
- D. Highly effective leaders must be informed about the conditions of the congregation.

- E. We should love one another as Christ loves us.
- F. Our church's viability is dependent on cooperation, accountability, transparency, consistency, collaboration, and effectiveness.

Section 2. Church Ordinances

Ordinances are divine commands given by Jesus Christ to the church. This church considers believers of baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances.

- A. *Baptism.* Any person will be received for baptism who makes a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and indicates a commitment to follow Him as Lord. An opportunity will be given in each worship service for public proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Baptism is the immersion in water. Since baptism is an act of worship, the ceremony will be administered by the pastor or designee and an ordained deacon during the Sunday morning worship services. The deacons will assist in the preparation and observance of the ordinances of baptism.

- B. *The Lord's Supper.* The church will observe the Lord's Supper, commonly referred to as Communion, at least once per month, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Such observances will be scheduled by the pastor and deacons. The pastor and deacons will administer the Lord's Supper.
- C. The deaconesses or appointed persons will be responsible for the physical preparations. The church will practice the policy of open communion. Open communion means that any Christian present, not limited to members of this church, are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Section 3. Mission, Vision, Goals, and Projects

- A. *Mission.* The Lonoke Baptist Church Mission is to be a transformed church that is transforming lives through the power of God's Word. **(Reference: Romans 12:2)**
- B. *Vision.* The Lonoke Baptist Church Vision is to move God's people from infancy to infantry. **(Reference: I Peter 2:2, II Peter 3:18)**

- C. *Goals.* The Lonoke Baptist Church Goals are to win the lost for Christ, build up the believers in Christ and equip the workers so as to make Disciples of Christ. **(Short and Long Range Goals.)**
- D. *Projects.* The Lonoke Baptist Church Projects will enable, enrich, and enhance the people to do God's work. **(Reference: Psalms 119:105)**

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

- A. *General.* Membership to Lonoke Baptist Church shall include people professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They have been scripturally baptized by immersion in water.
- B. *Dissent.* If there is dissent toward any candidate, the issues will be referred to the pastor and deacons for review and investigation. The pastor and deacons will make recommendations to the church within thirty (30) days. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the church members present and voting at regular monthly or special business meeting will be required to elect the candidate for membership.
- C. *Official Membership.* A candidate's request for membership is official after the following steps have been completed: 1) baptism; 2) submission of a letter from the previous church; 3) profession of Christian experience; 4) completion of the New Members' Class of Lonoke Baptist Church; and, 5) receive the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Lonoke Baptist Church pastor, deacons and members.
- D. *Responsibilities.* Members shall support the functions and missions of the Lonoke Baptist Church and shall pledge to support and follow the Bylaws of Lonoke Baptist Church and the principles in the Baptist Church Covenant.

Section 2. Admission

- A. Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for church membership during the public invitation extended at any worship services.
- B. Membership may be attained by a majority vote of the members. All candidates shall be presented to the Church for membership in the following ways.

1. *Baptism.* Scriptural baptism is the immersion in water after profession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. *Letter.* Transfer of church letter from another Baptist church or another church of like faith and practice.
3. *Experience.* Statement of their faith, their prior experience, and scriptural baptism by immersion in another evangelical church of like faith and practice.
4. *Restoration.* Members of the church from whom the Right Hand of Fellowship has been withdrawn shall meet with the pastor and deacons for examination to determine status of membership. Membership may be restored upon recommendations by the pastor and deacons. **(Reference: Matthew 18:15-17)**
5. *Rededication.* Any member of the church who voluntarily withdrew his/her membership shall give a satisfactory statement of faith in Christ to the church body.
6. *Watch Care.* A member of another church residing in this community for a brief period of time may be received into the membership of the church for three (3) to twelve (12) months.

Section 3. Membership in Good Standing.

- A. *Resident.* A resident member in good standing is making an honest effort to follow the Church Constitution and Covenant by regular attendance to services and business meetings and, contributing to the financial needs as God has prospered him and sharing in the organization's work.
- B. *Non-Resident.* When a member moves from this community, he/she shall as soon as possible unite with another church of like faith and order as stated in the Church Covenant. If there is no church or circumstances render it inadvisable to change membership, the member shall report in person or by letter to the church semi-annually and make financial support. This is to be done to maintain good standing.

Section 4. Leave of Absence

A member will submit a written request to the church officers for one (1) year. If necessary, a second written request will be considered.

Section 5. Duties of Members

- A. All members will read the Church Covenant at least one monthly and work to meet the standards. The church depends upon the members' participation, services, tithes, and offerings in order to remain a viable religious organization. Members shall pledge to be systematic contributors of income as God requires.

(Reference: Malachi 3:8-11; II Corinthians 9:6-8).

- B. Members shall review the Bylaws at least once yearly and work to meet the standards in the short and long range goals in *Article III, Section 3, Projects*. The church depends upon the members' participation, knowledge and services in order to remain a viable religious organization.

Section 6. Training

- A. All candidates for membership must attend the Lonoke Baptist Church *New Membership Classes* to learn and understand the privileges and responsibilities to God and to this church.
- B. The Lonoke Baptist Church *New Membership Classes* must be completed before the *Right Hand of Fellowship* is offered by the pastor, deacons and members of the church.
- C. After official rites of membership, candidates will have one (1) vote in all church transactions. Members will have the rights and privileges to full participation in the life and work of the church.
- D. The new members shall support and follow the Church's Covenant, Ordinances and Bylaws.

Section 7. Termination

Membership can be terminated when a member: 1) requests a letter of transfer to join another Baptist Church; 2) joins another church denomination; 3) dies; 4) is dismissed by a

vote of the Church Council due to reasons guided by the Church Discipline and due process activities; 5) request to be dismissed from the church membership; and 6) fails to regularly participate in the worship services and educational programs as well as give financial support for two (2) or more years, .

Section 8. Legal Actions

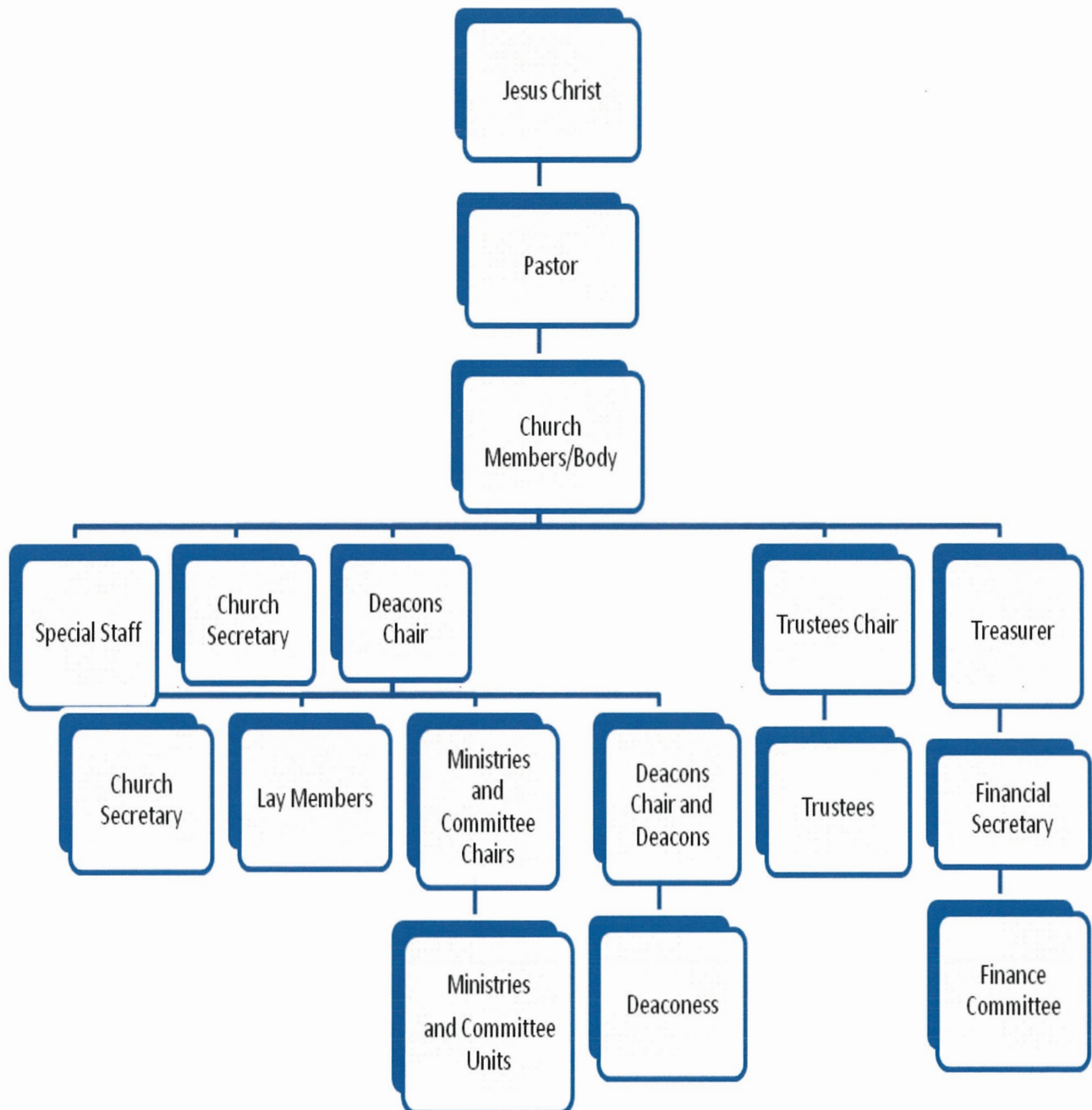
- A. If it becomes necessary for the church to take action and discipline and or/exclude a member, a two-thirds (2/3) vote among the Pastor and Deacons at a special call or business meeting is required.
- B. The complaint form must be written, signed and submitted to the Pastor and Deacons for review at the monthly meetings. The issue(s) will be reviewed by the Pastor and Deacons. The deacon chair will inform and counsel the person(s) cited in the complaint.
- C. After a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the member(s) cited in the alleged complaint will be given an opportunity to speak to the Pastor and Deacons at a special call meeting. Due process actions will take place before final resolution(s) to the issue(s).
- D. The pastor and the deacons may proceed to discipline or declare the person(s) no longer in membership. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a special business meeting is required. A formal and written notice will be sent by certified mail to the member(s).
- E. The final decisions, not descriptive details, are reported at the regular quarterly church meetings. The official Legal Action file is held in the Church Secretary's Office under lock and key. Signatures of authorized persons are required to review the files. A signature record is maintained by the Church Secretary.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. Lonoke Baptist Church Organizational Flow Chart 1

The Lonoke Baptist Church Organizational Flow Chart 1 below shows the working relationships of Church Officers at six (6) levels of leadership. They are Jesus Christ, pastor, church members/body, church officers, executive board, and ministries' and committees' chairs.

Lonoke Baptist Church Organizational Flow Chart 1



Section 2. Descriptions of Flow Chart #1

- A. Jesus Christ is the *first level*.
- B. The pastor, the chief executive officer or second overseer, is the *second level*. The pastor reports to the church body.
- C. The church members/body is the *third level*.
- D. The church officers are the *fourth level*. The officers (church secretary, deacons' and trustees' chairs, treasurer and special staff) will report to the pastor. The church officers are the major **shared decision making body** to work with and assist the pastor.
 - 1. The church officers' level is seven (7) or less members. The members are the pastor, deacons' and trustees' chairs, treasurer, church secretary and special staff. The pastor will appoint the associated pastor designee, parliamentarian, and other special staff persons.
 - 2. The pastor, church secretary and financial secretary are paid positions.
 - 3. The treasurer, deacons' and trustees' chairs are elected positions by their respective ministries. The church officers may fill vacancies.
 - 4. The special staff can be appointed or paid positions. Church officers will take appropriate steps if paid or special staff is needed. Written job descriptions and contracts will be prepared and signed. Thus, legal and binding document are filed for future references.
 - 5. The church officers will meet once monthly, via paper copy, face-to-face or digital tools, i.e., e-mail and teleconferencing to review and/or give approval on financial and membership matters.
- E. The executive board is the *fifth leadership level*. The deacons' chair and church secretary will hold the positions of executive board chair and secretary. These positions are the links between the church officers and executive board leadership levels.

- F. The ministries' chairs are the *sixth leadership level*. *The chairs* will work with the members to develop their annual plan of work and share reports at the executive board meetings. The deacons, liaisons to the ministries' chairs, if requested, will offer guidance and support for work cited Article III, Section 3, *Projects*.
- G. The executive board chair will share the ministries' program of work at the church officer's meetings.

Section 3. Qualifications

- A. All officers must be resident members in good standing of the church.
- B. The term of office will be two (2), two (2) years consecutive terms. The exception is the pastor who serves as long as the majority of the members vote for the tenure to continue.

Section 4. Election and Installation

- A. In September of the odd numbered years, the call for the election of Officers will begin. The ministries' and committees' chairs, deacons and trustees will submit a progress report to the executive board.
- B. In October, ministries' and committees' chairs, deacons and trustees will submit a slate of officers to the executive board. The church officers will fill vacancies.
- C. Officers can serve two (2) two (2) year consecutive terms. After four (4) years, the term-limited officer must vacate the position for a two (2) year term. However, a term-limited officer may serve in another officer's position.
- D. In November of odd numbered years, the New Officers Installation Ceremony is conducted at a regular Sunday morning worship services.
- E. These officers will perform the duties prescribed by the Bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the church body.

Section 5. Training and Duties

- A. Each year, new and veteran officers will attend mandatory leadership meetings in January and June. The topics will be related to *Article III, Section 3, Goals and Projects*. Each year, the workshops will include review of *Article III*, Roles and Responsibilities, Parliamentary Procedures, Leadership Strategies and Ways for An Effective Meeting.
- B. In January and September of each year, the ministries' chairs, deacons and trustees, will submit the following information to the executive board.
 - 1. Annual project plans and progress reports.
 - 2. Budget information and request for church funds.The project plans and budget requests must be connected to the short and long range goals cited in *Article III, Section 3, Goals and Projects*.
- C. At the quarterly church meetings, the ministries' chairs, deacons, trustees, treasurer and/or financial secretary, will make oral and submit written reports to the church secretary. If needed, the church officers and/or the executive board will seek additional information.

Section 6. Roles and Responsibilities

******Refer to the Jobs Description Pamphlet/Book******

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. Notification

Notice of meetings are announcements to the congregation at Sunday morning worship service, church web site or newsletter, face-to-face, telephone, personal contact, e-mail, radio, and newspaper, etc.

Section 2. Worship Services

The church will meet each Sunday morning for the worship of God, preaching, instruction, and evangelism and on Wednesday, or another night for prayer and bible study. The meetings will be open for the entire membership and members of the community. All services will be under the directions of the pastor or designated church officers in the absence of the pastor.

Section 3. Regular Business Meetings

Regular business meetings will be held on the last Monday of each quarter of the year starting in January and ending in December. The agenda will be announced two (2) weeks prior to the business meeting. A quorum of ten percent (10%) of the membership is required before any business is conducted.

Section 4. Special Call Business Meetings

- A. Two (2) or more members may request the pastor to schedule a special call business meeting of the entire church. The pastor will review the request with the deacons' chair and/or church officers. The agenda item(s) will be to consider special matters of significant nature.
- B. The agenda item(s) must be posted. A three (3) day written notice must be given for the special call business meeting. A quorum of ten percent (10%) of resident members in good standing is required before any business is conducted. The vote on agenda items must receive a majority of the quorum present at the meeting.

Section 4. Voting

- A. All members in good standing will have one (1) vote on any question presented at a regular, special call, emergency, ministries, and committee meetings.
- B. The vote can be oral, stand, show of hands or written ballot with a **yes** or **no** vote. Voting by proxy is prohibited.
- C. The majority of the votes by the members present will determine the approval or non-approval of the question. The final vote determines future actions.
- D. Resolutions are signed by the pastor, deacons' chair and church secretary.

Section 5. Frequency of Meetings

- A. The church officers will meet once monthly or as needed.

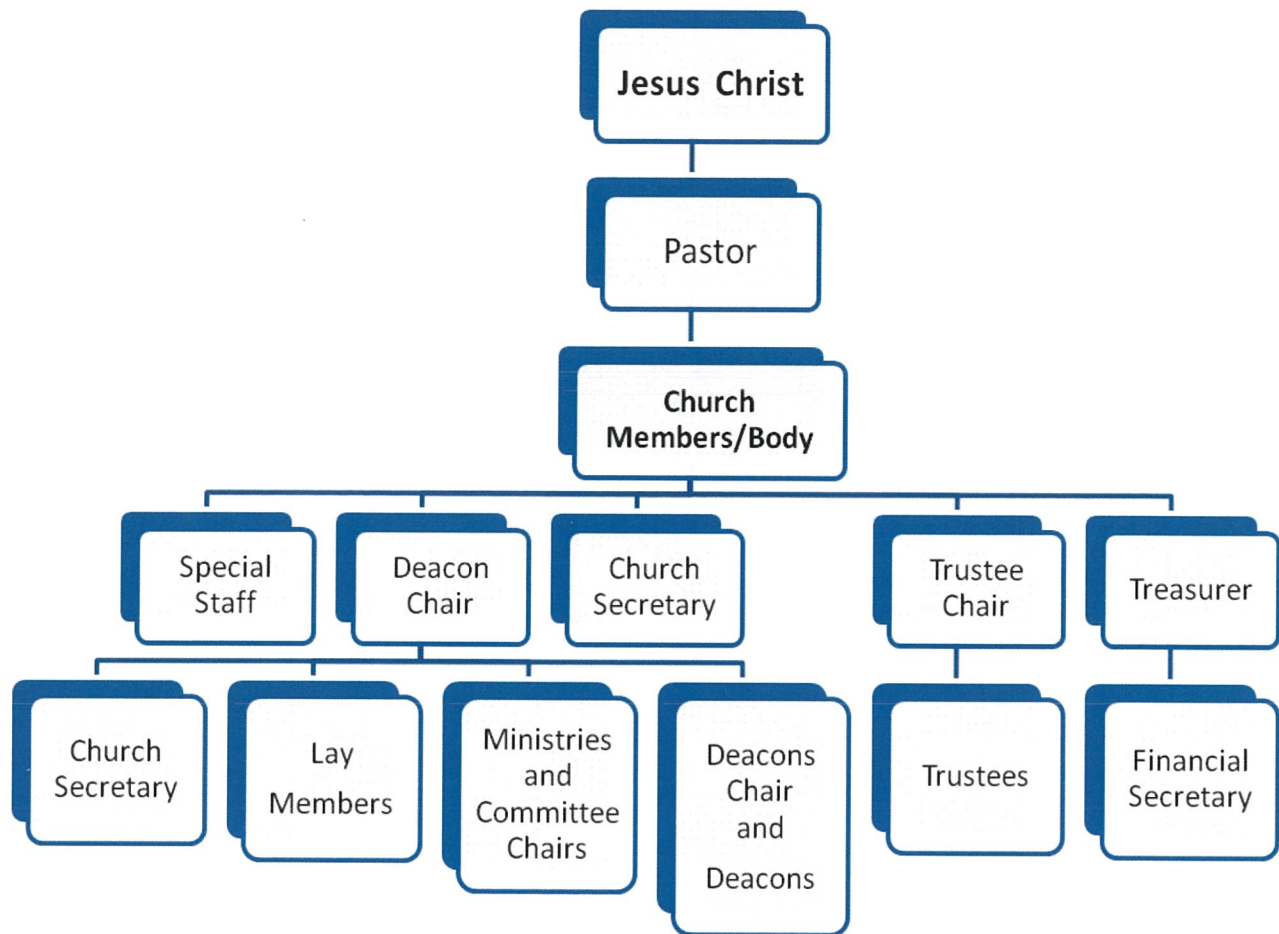
- B. The executive board members will meet once quarterly or as needed.
- C. The deacons, trustees, ministries and committees will meet once monthly or as needed. A quorum of fifty- one percent (51%) in the groups above must be present to conduct meetings.
- D. With advance notice, the chairs may cancel face-to-face meetings. The chairs may also choose to use current technology tools to hold a meeting, to collect information, or vote on agenda items. Records of responses must be submitted at the next Face-to-Face meeting.

Article VII – Executive Board

Section 1. Executive Board Organizational Flow Chart 2

The Lonoke Baptist Church Organizational Flow Chart #2 shows the leadership working relationships between the Executive Board and Church Officers. The Executive Board is the *fifth leadership level*. The Executive Board members will meet one (1) time each quarter.

Executive Board Organizational Flow Chart 2



Section 2. Descriptions

- A. The executive board members include the deacons' chair, deacons, church secretary, trustees, financial secretary, appointed lay members, and ministries' and committees' chairs.
- B. The deacons' chair and church secretary will be the chairperson and secretary for the executive board. The chairperson and secretary positions are the links between the officers, executive board, ministries' and committees' organizational levels.
- C. The work of the executive board is focused on Article III, *Section 3 and Projects*.

- D. The ministries' chairpersons are leaders for the units grouped under General Mission, Music, Ushers, Christian Education, Youth, Services, Programs, Recreation and Civic Education.

Article VIII – Ministries and Committees

Section 1. Membership.

The minimum membership is ten (10) or more active members, excluding the persons elected to the chair, secretary and treasurer positions. The ministries will meet once monthly or as needed to complete the plan of work. The deacons are liaisons in ex-officio roles to the ministries' chairs.

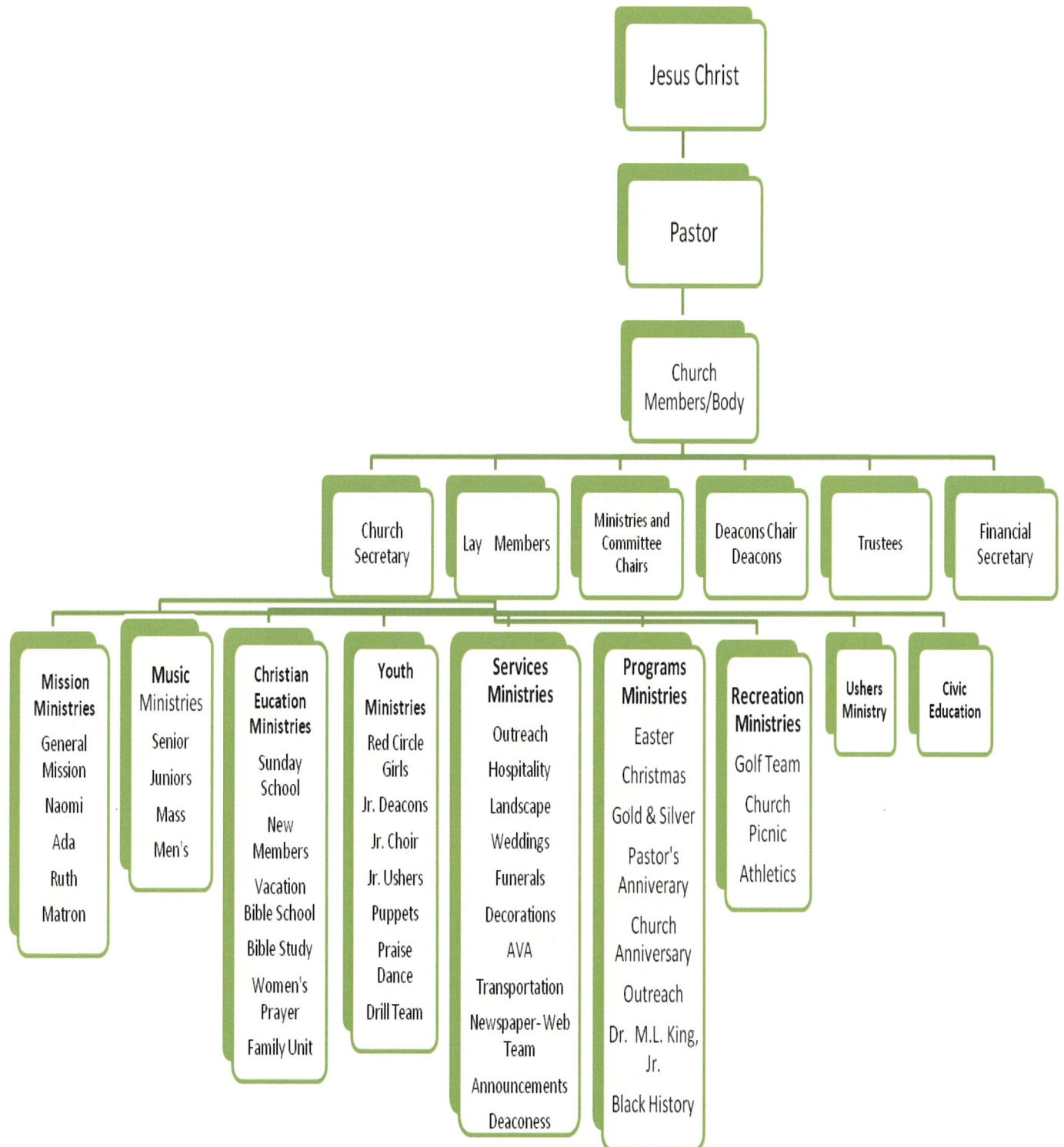
Section 2. Chairs' Duties.

The Ministries Chairs will submit a plan of work and budget in January at the executive board meeting(s). In addition, they will present oral and written reports to the church secretary at the quarterly meetings. Article III, Section 3, Goals and Projects (short and long range) will be used to guide their plans of work.

Section 3. Ministries' and Committees' Organizational Flow Chart 3

The Ministries' and Committees' Organizational Flow Chart 3 below shows the relationships between the executive board, ministries' chairs and units. The ministries' and committees' units have been grouped into the categories of Mission, Ushers, Christian Education, Civic Education, Youth, Services, Programs and Recreation. The deacons' chair will assign Deacon Liaisons to the Ministries.

Ministries' and Committees' Organizational Flow Chart 3



Section 4. Descriptions

- A. The *Mission Ministries* are General Mission, Naomi and Ada Circles, Ruth, and Matrons.
- B. The *Ushers Ministries* are the Senior and Junior Ushers.
- C. The *Music Ministries* are Senior, Junior, Mass and Men's Choirs.
- D. The *Christian Education Ministries* are Sunday School, New Members, Vacation Bible School, Bible Study, Women's Prayer and Family Unit.
- E. The *Youth Ministries* are Red Circle Girls, Puppeteers, Drill Team, Praise Dance, Junior Choir, Junior Deacons and Junior Ushers.
- F. The *Services Ministries* are Outreach, Hospitality, Landscape, Weddings, Funerals, Decorations, Audio Visual Aids (AVA), Transportation, Brotherhood, Announcements, Welcome, Newspaper, Web Team and Deaconess.
- G. The *Recreation Ministries* are the Golf Team, Church Picnic and Athletics.
- H. The *Civic Education Committee*, five (5) to seven (7) members, will develop programs and distribute information connected to civic affairs, social and community concerns, general education, culture and history. Some examples are new health care programs, Voter's Registration, leadership, community resources, technology workshops, social security, insurances, wills, financial matters, scholarships, city and neighborhood concerns, etc.
- I. The *Finance Committee* will include the treasurer, financial secretary, trustee chair and two additional members appointed by the pastor after each annual meeting. The duty of this committee is to help prepare and submit the annual budget to the church officers. The finance committee may recommend amendments to the annual budget adopted by a majority vote.
- J. The *Membership Committee/Ministry*, five (5) to seven (7) members, will do the following: (1) review the applications for new members, (2) update the Master Membership List in November and file a report with the church secretary; and (3) assist the pastor or designee to plan and implement the New Members' Class.

Section 5. Special Committees

- A. The *Audit Committee* will include three (3) to five (5) resident members in good standing appointed by the pastor and trustees. The audit of the treasurer's records will be completed at the end of the fiscal year and reported at the annual meeting.
- B. The *Nomination Committee*, appointed by each auxiliary/ministry, within one (1) month of vacancies, will make recommendations to the church officers and executive board. A vote is taken at regular or special meetings.

Article IX - Finances

- A. The fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.
- B. An annual audit will be conducted.
- C. The administration of finances will be the responsibility of the church officers. The church officers are the pastor, deacons' and trustees' chairs, treasurer and church secretary. The basic responsibilities are to create an approved budget and ensure financial effectiveness.
- D. The treasurer working with the financial secretary is responsible for all financial matters. The proposed budget will be reviewed with the ministries' and committees' chairs officers, and executive board.
- E. The proposed annual budget is presented to the church body at the regular January business meeting. A formal vote is recorded.
- F. The collection, records and disbursement of monies are the responsibilities of the treasurer and financial secretary. Three (3) signatures are on file at a local bank. Two (2) signatures are required for all approved disbursements.
- G. The financial committee will give assistance to the treasurer and financial secretary for the counting of monies.
- H. The trustees are responsible for all legal and contractual matters. The trustees will make all approved legal and financial arrangements. The treasurer and financial secretary will sign all legal and contractual documents.

- I. Prior authorization is required for any officers or members to solicit resources or financial arrangements for the church.
- J. The church officers, executive board, ministries and committees will not make financial agreements beyond the approved budgetary allocations.

Article X- Parliamentary Authority

The rules in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised Edition will govern the church's business matters in which they are applicable, not inconsistent with Lonoke Baptist Church's Bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Article XI - Amendments to Bylaws

- A. To amend the bylaws, a minimum of three (3) members will submit written recommendations to the Executive Board Chair and Secretary. The amendment process will be completed in a timely manner.
- B. The Lonoke Baptist Church Bylaws maybe amended by a two third (2/3) vote of members present at the quarterly business meeting in January. The amendments records will show official signatures, attendance, date and place.
- C. Following a two- third (2/3) vote of the members present, copies of the revised proposals will be mailed, distributed or made available to all members within ten (10) days of the meeting date.
- D. Revised bylaws will be copied and inserted into the official minutes' book adjacent to the original bylaws. The documents are stored in the church secretary's office.
- E. The amendments to the bylaws are incorporated in the year of adoption.

Article XII – Dissolution

- A. Lonoke Baptist Church is a non-profit organization. In the event of dissolution of the church, all of the assets and property of every nature and description will be supervised by the trustees. The trustees will file a petition to hold the assets in trust. A court appointed trustees may be assigned to supervise and/or complete the dissolution process.
- B. At least fifty one percent (51%) of the members must be present for the dissolution of the organization and sale of assets.
- C. Upon dissolution of the Lonoke Baptist Church, the trustees working with the church officers and executive board will ensure payment of all liabilities.
- D. The officers and executive board will direct disposal of all assets in such a manner exclusively for the purpose of religious activities, i.e., another church, state certified religious education programs at a church supported college, endowments to religious-based charity organizations.

Signatures and Position	Date	Place	Time



Lonoke Baptist Church

1841 Lonoke Avenue

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~~January 26, 2015~~

~~March 30, 2015~~