

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
(Revisions & updates)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BANGS, TX

Section 2 – WORSHIP SERVICES: presented to the Church and approved, September 2011.

WOR - WORSHIP SERVICES

WOR – ST Service Times

Regularly scheduled services will be conducted each week as determined by the Church leadership.

WOR – GR Usher / Greeter Responsibilities

See *GS 7.1 Ushers* and *GS 7.2 Greeters* under the section *MIN-GS Hospitality Ministry*.

WOR – OP Offering Procedures

Sunday School offering and reports are delivered to a Sunday School Clerk in the Church foyer by a representative of each S. S. Class. The clerk will secure the offering in a designated bank night drop bag. The night drop bag is locked and placed in a designated location for pickup by an authorized individual(s) who does not have access to the key which unlocks the depository bag. The bag is delivered by the authorized individual(s) to the night depository vault of the church's chosen banking facility.

The church's secretary/treasurer (or other authorized individual) receives the night drop bag at the bank and on the bank premises prepares the deposit(s) for the appropriate General Budget and/or Activity Account.

The Worship Service offering is received by the designated ushers during the worship service(s). The proceeds of this offering are placed in a designated bank night drop bag, locked and placed in a designated location for pickup by an authorized individual(s) who does not have access to the key which unlocks the depository bag. The bag is delivered by the authorized individual(s) to the night depository vault of the church's chosen banking facility.

The church's secretary/treasurer (or other authorized individual) receives the night drop bag at the bank, and on the bank premises prepares the deposit(s) for the appropriate General Budget and/or Activity Account.

The Wednesday night meal funds are accepted by the church's secretary/treasurer (or other authorized individual) who secures the funds for deposit at the church's chosen banking facility.

Other miscellaneous offerings may be collected as needed, and when deemed appropriate these funds will be directed to the church's secretary/treasurer who will secure the funds for deposit at the church's chosen banking facility.

WOR – AN Announcements

Announcements of church activities and ministry opportunities will be made through the church bulletin, presentation software at the beginning of the morning worship service, the website, newsletter, electronic mid-week announcements, the OneCall Now telephone service and Wednesday night announcements.

In order to protect the spirit of worship and the flow of the Holy Spirit, it is the intention of church leadership to not make verbal announcements during the morning worship service. While verbal announcements on occasion may need to be made during the morning service, it will be the exception, not the rule.

Church members planning or involved with church activities and ministries should plan properly in order to anticipate a sufficient amount of time needed to promote the ministry/activity and publicize it through the above mentioned media.

WOR – CO Church Ordinances

CO 5.1 Baptism

This Church will receive for baptism any person who repents of their sin, believes in Jesus Christ as Savior, and commits to following Christ as Lord.

- Baptism shall be by immersion in water.
- Baptism occurs after a person is regenerated (born again). It is an act of obedience after an individual is saved and is a public declaration of an individual's decision and desire to be a follower of Christ.
- The physical act of baptism (immersion) does not save a person, but reflects the salvation that has already taken place within the person.

CO 5.2 Lord's Supper

The Church shall observe the Lord's Supper as frequently as desired by the Church leadership and the congregation. Just as the elements of the traditional Passover meal that Jesus shared with His disciples were symbolic, so the elements of the Lord's Supper (the bread and the cup) are symbolic, representing Jesus' body and blood. As often as believers share in the Lord's Supper, we proclaim His death and remember His sacrifice (1 Cor 11:24-26).

WOR – PA Pastoral Absence

PA 6.1 Short-Term Absence (e.g., vacation, illness, conferences, etc.)

** Short-Term Absence is defined as 1 to 4 weeks.*

Senior Pastor. In the absence of the Senior Pastor the Associate Pastor will assume his duties.

Associate Pastor. In the absence of the Associate Pastor the Senior Pastor will assume his duties.

Minister of Worship. In the absence of the Minister of Worship the Chairperson of the Worship Music Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the Minister of Worship's responsibilities are fulfilled.

PA 6.2 Long-Term Absence

** Long-Term Absence is defined as longer than 4 weeks.*

(Refer to PER-Personnel Issues & Policies)

Senior Pastor. The Chairman of the Deacons and the Associate Pastor will be responsible for ensuring that the Senior Pastor's responsibilities are fulfilled.

Associate Pastor. The Senior Pastor and the Chairman of the Deacons will be responsible for ensuring that the Associate Pastor's responsibilities are fulfilled.

Minister of Worship. The Senior Pastor and the Chairman of the Deacons will be responsible for ensuring that the Minister of Worship's responsibilities are fulfilled.

WOR – RS Revivals & Special Services

RS 7.1 Scheduling

Periodically, revivals and special services will be scheduled. These events will be initiated and/or coordinated by Church leadership and approved by the Senior Pastor.

RS 7.2 Offerings

As deemed appropriate by Church leadership, special offerings for these events may be taken to assist with related expenses and honorariums.

RS 7.3 Guest Speakers

Guest speakers may be brought in for revivals and special services. All guest speakers will be approved by the Senior Pastor.

WOR – MS Merchandise/Product Sales in Church Foyer

The display and sale of merchandise and/or products within the church foyer may be allowed in conjunction with certain ministries involving FBC Bangs. Any questions concerning appropriateness will be decided by the Senior Pastor and/or the Deacons.