

## **Constitution**

Our purpose is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through the teaching of Scripture so that we may present everyone as a mature disciple in Him. (Colossians 1:28)

We believe the Bible is the Holy Spirit-inspired Word of God and is the final standard of truth and the framework upon which the church is built, guided and governed. It is profitable for correction and instruction in righteousness. We believe no man should add any word to or take any word away from the Word of God. We believe that everything we need to live abundant lives is contained in the Word of God. In Him we live and breathe and have our being, therefore we exist to worship Him and to build up the Body of Christ by serving God in the ministry He has gifted us for.

The Grove Church is a local assembly of the body of Christ universal which consists of many assemblies worldwide. We count as brothers and sisters in Christ any church that believes that Jesus Christ is Lord, our only Savior and the Bible is the inerrant word of God. As a Doctrinal Statement we believe the biblical principles outlined in The Baptist Faith and Message. We are a Southern Baptist Church participating in the Cooperative Program in mission with other Southern Baptist Churches worldwide.

The Grove Church is led by elders in cooperation with deacons and the membership. All elders, deacons, and members are equal in authority and hold the responsibility for the government of the church. This form of governance is consistent with the New Testament model for a Church according to Matthew 16: 13-20, 18:15-20, 28:18-20; Ephesians 4, 1 Timothy 3, 5; Titus 1:5. The elder board is made up of elders as determined by the procedures outlined in the bylaws of the church which reflect the instructions of Scripture.