

# Coral Hill Baptist Church Membership

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Article 5 of Coral Hill Baptist's Constitution and Bylaws

## V. MEMBERSHIP

- A. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, can give testimony to a salvation experience and a scriptural baptism (immersion), agree to enter into the CHBC church covenant, affirm the principles of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, MO in 2000 agree with and agree to be bound by the provisions of the CHBC Constitution and Bylaws, and are accepted by majority vote of the church. Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership in this church. All candidates shall request membership in the church in one of the following ways:
1. Request membership by transfer of letter from any Baptist church of like faith and order.
  2. Meet with the Pastor concerning the candidate's salvation and scriptural baptism if requesting membership from a church that is not of like faith and order. The Pastor may, after meeting with a candidate for membership, consult with the Deacon board about the eligibility of a candidate for membership that is requesting membership from a church that is not of like faith and order.
  3. By statement of faith in Jesus Christ and having been baptized as a believer by immersion.
  4. Upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal savior and as God's only son, asking forgiveness of sins and being baptized by immersion.
- B.** Each request for membership shall be presented to the church at the business meeting or service after the candidate has been baptized, a letter has been received

from any Baptist church of like faith and order, the Pastor and Deacon are satisfied by the candidate's salvation testimony and baptism in the meeting described above, or the candidate has professed faith in Christ and has been baptized by immersion.

Upon a simple majority (51%) vote of the members present at said business meeting or service, the candidate shall become a member of CHBC.

**C. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS:** The church secretary will maintain a list of active members who attend regularly. This list may be reviewed and updated at any time by the Board of Directors. Members are expected to be faithful in all the duties essential to the Christian life; to regularly attend the services of the church; to give regularly and systematically to its support and Kingdom causes; and to share in its organizational work.

**D. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS:**

1. Every member of the church in good standing may participate in the Lord's Supper administered by the church.
2. Every member on the active roll of the church who is over fourteen(14)years old is entitled to vote at all elections, meetings, and all questions submitted to the church in conference, provided the member is present or provision has been made for absentee balloting.

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3. Every member of the church may be considered by the membership as a candidate for elective offices and positions of ministry in the church if they meet the qualifications for that position or ministry.

4. Membership in this church does not grant a member any interest or right in the property or assets of this church.

5. In order to maintain transparency and accountability, the church budget and monthly financial reports shall be made available for inspection to any member within a reasonable time upon request.

**D. INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:** A member will be considered inactive if he or she has been absent from church functions for more than six months unless he or she is absent

because of illness, military service, or being otherwise providentially hindered. While on the inactive membership list, a member forfeits his or her privilege to hold office or vote on church matters. The church may restore her or him to full membership if she or he resumes regular attendance in the church services. Regular attendance is defined as attending at least six services or functions over a two-month period prior to a business meeting or congregational vote.

**E. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be terminated in one of the following ways:

1. Death of the member;
2. Dismissal (transfer of membership) to another church;
3. Removal from the roll of active members upon request or proof of membership in another church or upon general request by the member;
4. Removal from the roll of active members for failure to attend, as determined by V.(D) above; and
5. Removal from the roll of active members for scriptural reasons, as determined by VI. below.