

BYLAWS OF SECOND BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission Statement

Sharing God's Word (Matthew 28:18-20)

Showing God's Love (Matthew 22:35-40)

Shaping God's People (II Peter 3:18)

ARTICLE I

Church Council

Section A. General

The Church Council shall serve the church by leading in planning, coordinating, conducting and evaluating the ministries and programs of the church and its organizations.

Section B. Charges

The Church council is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Review and revise the church's ministries and missions plan in cooperation with the Senior Pastor.
2. Monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the church's annual ministries and missions plan.
3. Coordinate ministry, program plans, and the church calendar of activities.
4. Report to the church any matter which calls for church action or attention.

Section C. Membership

1. Church Council members shall be the ministerial staff or their interim, the Moderator, the Treasurer, the Church Clerk, and the team chairpersons or designee.
2. The chairperson of the Church Council shall be the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor may delegate the administrative function of the chair.
3. The clerk shall act as secretary.

Section D. Meetings

1. The council shall meet regularly prior to each regularly scheduled church business meeting.
2. Additional meetings shall be called as necessary.

ARTICLE II

Teams and Committees

Section A: Organization

1. The Church shall be organized into five (5) teams: Administrative Team, Evangelism & Ministries Team, Missions Team, Stewardship Team, and Worship & Celebration Team. Each Team should be responsible for accomplishing their portion of the church's mission.
2. Committees and designated groups shall be organized under each team according to their primary function, in order to support the team in fulfilling its charge. Team organization can be found in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. Each team shall be led by a team leader recommended by the nominating committee in consultation with committee chairs and the pastor to be approved by the Church. After serving a term specified in the Policies and Procedures Manual a member shall not be eligible for re-election as a team lead for a period of one (1) year.
4. No team leader may serve on more than one team, and may not serve as a committee chair.

Section B: Team and Committee Membership

1. Team membership shall include the chairperson of each committee under the respective team. Committee chairpersons and committee members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at a church business meeting.
2. Team leaders and committee chairs shall be a members of Second Branch Baptist Church.
3. Team Leaders, Committee Chairs, and Committee members may be discharged by the Church Council.

Section C: Teams

1. Charges: Detailed responsibilities for each team will be listed in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Each team is generally charged with coordinating the work of their committees as follows:
 - a. The Administrative Team is charged with proactively assessing and managing the administrative resources, and human resources of the Church.
 - b. The Evangelism and Ministries Team is charged with sharing the good news of Jesus Christ by coordinating the various ministries inside and outside of the Church.
 - c. The Missions Team is charged with encouraging missions and supporting local and world missions through praying, giving, and planning mission action projects.
 - d. The Stewardship Team is charged with proactively managing the financial resources and property of the Church.
 - e. The Worship and Celebration Team is charged with planning, evaluating, and enhancing the worship and celebration experiences of all participants.

ARTICLE III AMENDMENT

The bylaws may be altered or amended, with the concurrence of two-thirds of members present at any quarterly business meeting, provided the Church has been notified of the intent to alter or amend the bylaws at the previous business meeting or by announcement at a morning worship service at least five (5) days prior to the business meeting date.

Dates of Constitution and Bylaws revisions:

1921 1960 1980 1986 1995 2002 2005 2012 2014