

THE CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, and to govern the church in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this church in its relation to other churches.

I. NAME

This church shall be known as University Baptist Church located at Montevallo, Alabama.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. To be a people who love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and who love our neighbors as ourselves.
2. To be a dynamic spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in our fellowship, community, and throughout the world.
3. To be a worshipping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing God's person, and responding in obedience to God's leadership.
4. To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.
5. To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.
6. To be a church that ministers unselfishly to all persons in this church, the community, and world in Jesus' name.
7. To be a church whose purpose is to be Christ like in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the lordship of Christ.
8. To involve each person of the fellowship in ministry which seeks to relieve oppressions, do justice, and love kindness.

III. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis of any statement of faith. The church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation with lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

This church also believes in the right and privilege of each member to interpret the Scriptures as one is given to understand them by virtue of the illumination of the Holy Spirit, one's individual gifts, and one's personal experience, so long as the interpretations do not seriously depart from the statement of basic beliefs herein included. Each member should ever be tolerant of another's views, have an inquisitive and open mind in seeking the fullest understanding possible, and be willing to subject one's opinions and convictions to the whole church so that their validity and worth may be tested by corporate understanding.

IV. RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this church is vested in the body of active believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as it is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the Alabama State Convention, the Shelby Baptist Association, and other Baptist groups with beliefs similar to those held by University Baptist Church.

V. CHURCH COVENANT

Entering into a covenant with one another as members of University Baptist Church of Montevallo, we resolve as persons committed to the Christian way of life to be involved in a fellowship which takes at least the following positions in living that Christian commitment as Baptists in the Montevallo Community:

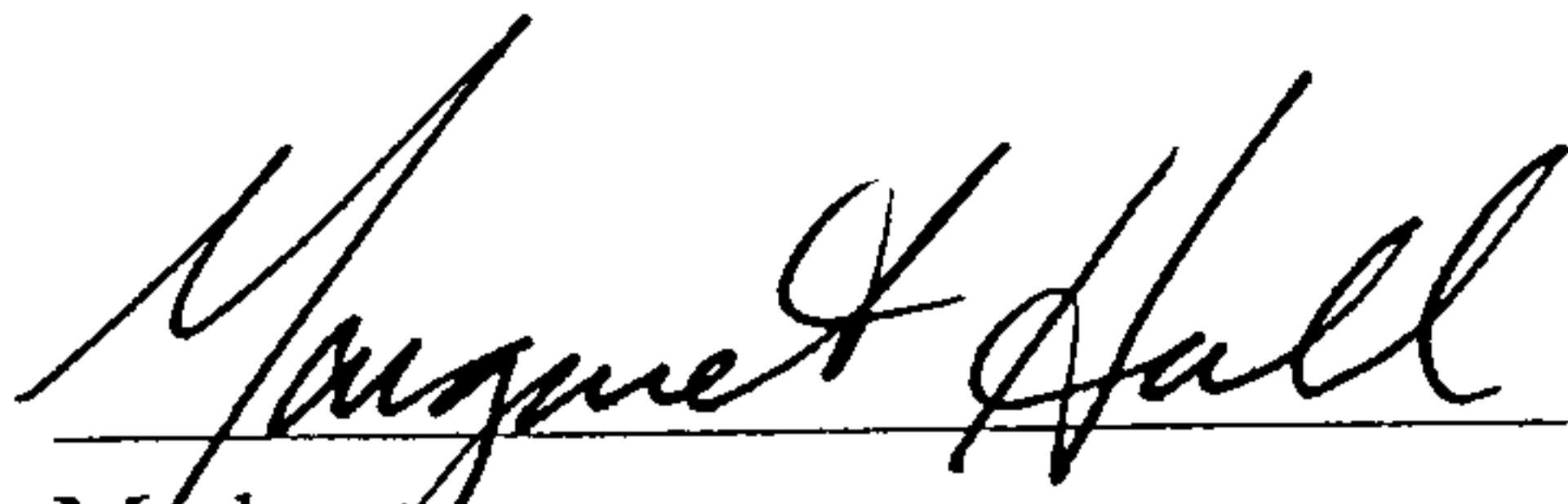
1. A membership open to any person who accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who desires to pattern one's life after Christ's teachings.
2. A fellowship which develops an innovative program which enables each to express commitment to a risen Lord in a free, creative, and flexible manner in ministering openly to all in our local community, the University of Montevallo community and the worldwide community.
3. A vision, evangelical in outreach and social in concern, which includes ministering openly to all in our local community, the University of Montevallo community and the worldwide community.
4. A stewardship in which the tithe is perceived as the minimum as far as possessions are concerned and with the recognition that all that we have and are belong to God.
5. A life that responds personally, in the family and through the church to the challenges of the Christian ethic and to opportunities for worship, Bible study, training and prayer.
6. A continuity in which, upon moving from the Montevallo community, a member is expected to unite as soon as possible with some other church where one can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

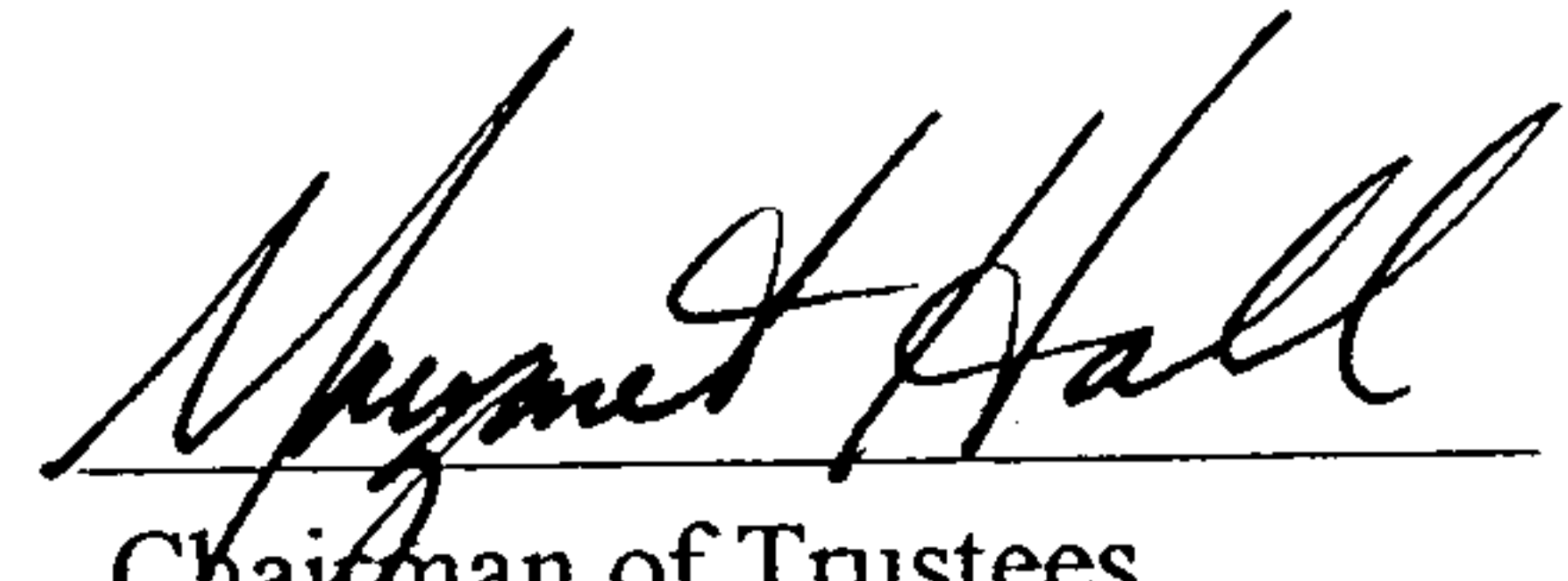
VI. AMENDMENTS

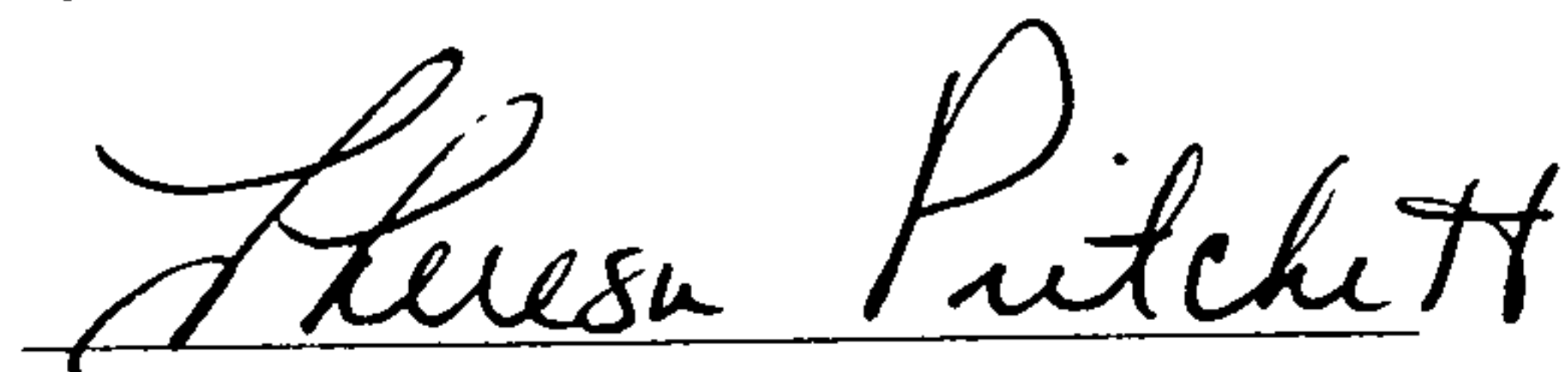
This constitution may be amended under the following circumstances: The proposal must be read at one regular business meeting and made available to each church member in writing. The proposal must then be presented at the next regular business meeting for action by the church. The proposal must be approved by two-thirds majority vote, in the affirmative, of members present.

VII. RATIFICATION

This constitution is hereby ordained and established for University Baptist Church of Montevallo, Alabama by vote of the church on May 1, 2013.


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