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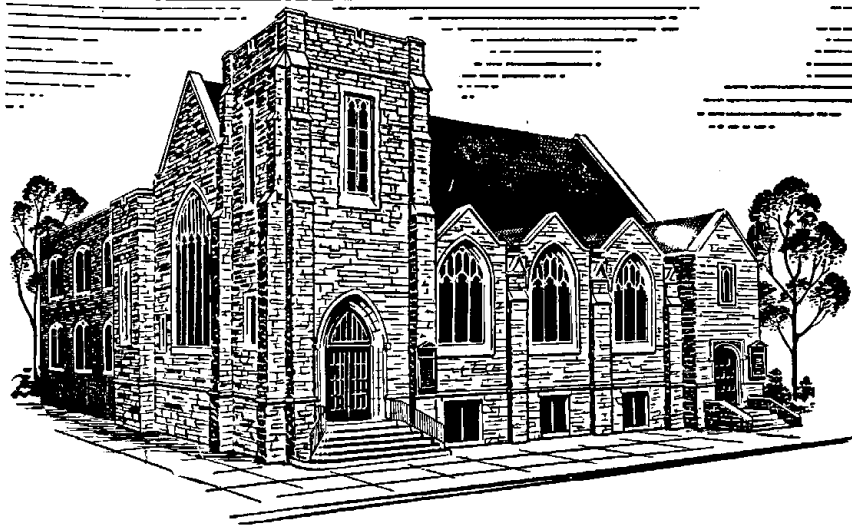


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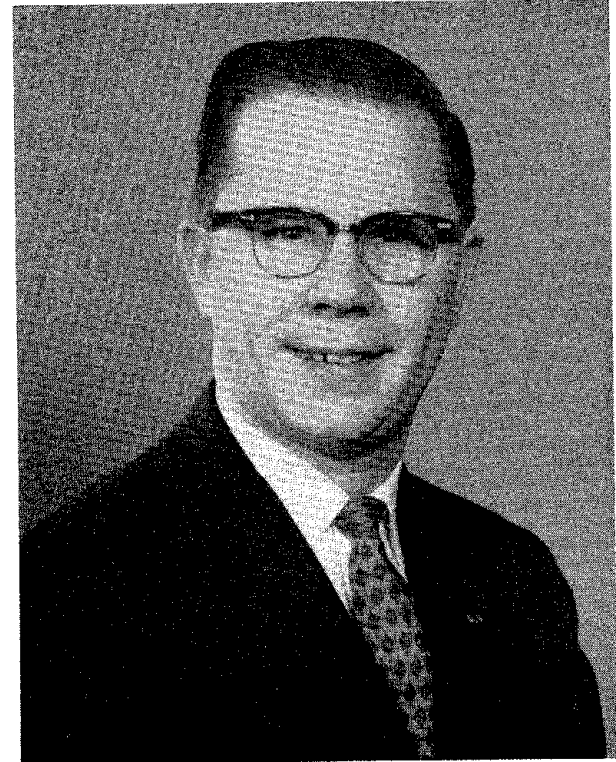
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We promise, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the paths of sin, and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives. With this view, we engage to strive together for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it, without delay. We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other Church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's Word.

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- 1891, July 25—The Wyoming Avenue Baptist Mission was organized. Rev. I. D. King was superintendent.
- 1891, September 13—The first Chapel was dedicated.
- 1892, January 17—Rev. I. D. King went home to be with the Lord.  
Rev. Clark E. Maltby succeeded Rev. I. D. King.  
Rev. James French succeeded Rev. C. E. Maltby.
- 1895, September—John A. Hookway entered the work while student at the Crozer Theological Seminary.
- 1897, September—John A. Hookway was ordained to the Baptist ministry.
- 1900, September 13—Rev. John A. Hookway was chosen as Pastor.  
September 24—The Church became a member of the North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches.
- 1905, This year was marked by building improvement and enlargement.
- 1912, The present parsonage was secured.
- 1928, January 8—The present building was dedicated.
- 1935, June 1—Rev. John A. Hookway became Pastor Emeritus.  
Rev. Oliver W. Hurst became Pastor.
- 1939, November 3—Rev. John A. Hookway went home to be with the Lord.
- 1940, March 17—Organ Chimes, Amplification and Hearing Aids were dedicated to the memory of Rev. John A. Hookway.
- 1941, Golden Jubilee Year.
- 1942, January 1—Rev. John W. Himes became Pastor.
- 1944, Mortgage Burning Campaign started—Total Indebtedness \$15,000.00.
- 1945, February 22—Mortgage burned. Church entirely free of debt.
- 1948, Improvements to Church at cost of \$17,000
- 1951, Church completely redecorated.
- 1959, March 1—Rev. Raymond Gimmi became Pastor.

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Boy Scouts	7:30 P.M.
Berean Class (First Monday)	8:00 P.M.
Deacons (Third Monday)	8:00 P.M.
Maranta Class (Fourth Monday)	8:00 P.M.
Bona-Fide Class (Fourth Monday)	8:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY**

Trustees (First Tuesday)	7:00 P.M.
Ladies' Aid (First Tuesday)	8:00 P.M.
Cub Pack (Second Tuesday)	7:00 P.M.
Ladies' Bible Class (Third Tuesday)	8:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Junior Choir	7:00 P.M.
Prayer Service	8:00 P.M.
Missionary Committee (Third Wednesday)	9:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY**

Bible School Council (First Thursday)	8:00 P.M.
Helping Hands (Second Thursday)	7:30 P.M.
Women's Missionary Society, Night Group (Second Thursday)	7:30 P.M.
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**ARTICLE I.**  
**Reception of Members**

Sec. 1. Any person who professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who may be recommended by the Pastor and Deacons, who gives evidence of a change of heart, and adopts the views of faith and practice held by this Church, as set forth in its Covenant and By-Laws, may, after baptism, be received into its membership. Candidates for baptism must be recommended by the Pastor and Deacons, previous to relating Christian experience to the church.

Sec. 2. Members from other churches, holding the same faith and baptism, may be received by letters of recommendation and dismissal from the respective churches.

Sec. 3. Those who have once been members of Baptist Churches and in consequence of any peculiar circumstances have no regular letters of dismissal, may be received on experience into the fellowship of this church by giving satisfactory evidence of renewed consecration, Christian conduct and scriptural faith.

Sec. 4. Excluded members may be restored to membership upon confession of their errors, and giving evidence of repentance.

Sec. 5. The vote for the reception of members shall be taken in the absence of the candidates.

Sec. 6. Members may be received into the fellowship of this church at any of the regular weekly meetings, provided a quorum of the church may be present and they shall have been elected by a majority of the members present and voting.

Sec. 7. The right hand of fellowship shall be given to new members at the Communion Service, and is designed simply as an expression of the welcome and fellowship of the church.

**ARTICLE II.**  
**Duties of Members**

Sec. 1. It is the duty of all members to faithfully attend the regular meetings appointed by the church and by word and deed to do all in their power to advance the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. All members, in uniting with the church, are by that act, considered responsible for a just proportion of its necessary expenses. It is, therefore, expected that they will indicate what they are able to contribute to its support, unless for any cause they are excused by the Board of Deacons. Members neglecting to contribute for three (3) months shall be considered delinquent and shall forfeit their rights and privileges at the church meetings.

Amended April 16, 1936.

Sec. 3. If any member has not of record contributed to the support of the church for a period of three years, his name shall then, after notification, be stricken from the church roll; with the proviso that if they come before the Board of Deacons within six months of that action and declare their purpose to co-operate, they shall have the privilege of re-instatement.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of every member who may remove to a distance to ask for a letter of admission to some regular Baptist Church, in the neighborhood of his or her residence; and if there is none within a convenient distance, shall report his or her residence and spiritual condition to this church, at least once every year.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Dismission of Members

Sec. 1. Members desiring letter of dismissal shall make application to the Pastor or Deacons, who shall refer their application to the Financial Secretary to ascertain their financial standing. If satisfactory, said application shall be presented by the Pastor or Deacons at a regular meeting of the church for action. No member shall be dismissed by letter who is delinquent, or in arrears to the church, unless exonerated by the Pastor or Deacons. All letters shall have endorsed upon them "valid for six months from date" unless otherwise ordered by the church at the time of granting them, and shall state the name of the church with which the applicant desires to unite.

Sec. 2. Members changing their place of residence shall give immediate notice of the same to the Pastor and Clerk.

### ARTICLE IV. Officers of the Church

Sec. 1. **Pastor.** As soon as it may be deemed necessary, by the resignation, removal or death of the Pastor, the church shall, without unnecessary delay, invite to its pastorship some minister of good report; provided at least three-fourths of the members present and voting at any meeting, of which two weeks' public notice shall be given, consent to the invitation. The Deacons shall constitute a pulpit committee, unless otherwise ordered by the church. The invitation to the pastorate shall be extended by the church, provided at least three-fourths of the members present and voting at any meeting, of which two weeks' public notice shall be given, shall consent to the invitation.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to preach statedly to the church; to administer the ordinances of the Gospel; to act as Moderator, when present, in meetings for the transaction of business, and to perform the various duties incumbent on his office.

Sec. 3. **Deacons and Deaconesses.** The church shall elect Deacons and Deaconesses at the annual business meeting, whose term of office beginning in January, 1940, shall be for three, two, and one year, and henceforth election shall be for a three year term. The Pastor and Deacons whose term of office is not expiring shall constitute the nominating committee for the ensuing year. In case of death or removal, candidates for vacancies may be presented by the Pastor and Deacons, and shall be elected by the church at any notified meeting. It shall require a vote of the majority of members present and voting, to elect.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Deacons and Deaconesses (1 Tim. 3:9-13) to look after such members of the church as need pecuniary aid, and to use the alms of the church, held by them for their relief, to visit the sick, to prepare and distribute the symbols of the Lord's Supper, to advise with and aid the Pastor in matters relating to the spiritual interest of the church, for which purpose they shall, with the Pastor, meet statedly once a month to see that the Pastor receives competent temporal support, and to act as the Discipline Committee of the church when necessary. The Deacons shall also see that

strangers worshipping with us are cordially welcomed, and in case of vacancy in the pastoral office, attend to the procuring of supplies for the pulpit.

Sec. 5. A Clerk, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, two Assistant Financial Secretaries and the necessary number of Trustees shall, at the annual church business meeting, on the second Wednesday evening in January of each year, be elected by ballot by a plurality of votes; or in case of any omission or failure to elect, at the next regular meeting for business; and in case of the death, resignation or removal of either of the above incumbents, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy at the first regular meeting following that at which such vacancy shall have occurred and such election shall be publicly announced from the pulpit on the Lord's Day preceding such election. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall meet with the Board of Trustees, and be entitled to a voice and vote in its deliberations. The members of the old Board shall continue in the discharge of their office on the election of new members to the Board until the duties of office have been properly assumed by the newly elected officers.

Sec. 6. **Clerk.** It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep minutes and a record of all the doings of the church, to prepare all letters of dismission and authority, when voted by the church and to call the regular meetings of the church.

Sec. 7. **Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies, excepting the Deacon's Fellowship, through the Financial Secretary, and to keep an accurate account of the same. He shall issue no checks, unless authorized by the Finance Committee, countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall give a full report of the state of the treasury to the Board at its monthly meeting and a full report to the church at its quarterly and annual business meetings.

Sec. 8. **Trustees.** It shall be the duty of the Trustees, as legal representatives of the church, to hold the property of the church in trust. They shall provide for the wants of the house of worship and see that the church property of whatever kind is properly cared for and rendered in every way the most serviceable to the church and con-

gregation. It shall be their duty to appoint a Sexton and to see that everything is properly arranged before and during the time of divine service. Its regular meeting shall be held on the first week of each month.

The Board of Trustees shall be in charge of hiring and releasing all employees pertaining to the maintenance and operation of church property. (Action taken April 9, 1952.)

Sec. 9. **Financial Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive all monies, transfer them to the Treasurer within one week of receiving and to take his receipt for the same.

Sec. 10. The officers of the church shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

Sec. 11. That any Officer of the Church who neglects his office for a period of six consecutive months terminates his term of office, provided that this shall not affect those in the armed forces; sickness or where reasonable excuse is presented in writing.

Voted on and accepted October 11th, 1944.

Sec. 12. No member of the Board of Deacons or Board of Trustees shall serve more than one term of office without the lapse of one year.

Action taken April 13, 1949.

## ARTICLE V. Committees

Sec. 1. All special committees shall be appointed by the Pastor.

Sec. 2. A Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Pastor consisting of no less than five members, together with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, by virtues of their offices.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make arrangements with all new members for the discharge of their financial duties within two weeks after their reception. It shall also be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means for meeting the current and special expenses of the church. They shall present to the Pastor and Deacons, one-month before the annual business meeting a list of delinquent members.

Sec. 4. At the annual business meeting in January, the Moderator shall appoint a Music Committee of three members to have the oversight of the musical exercises of the church. Other committees may be appointed at any business meeting, when deemed advisable, to take charge of and carry out any particular part of the church work.

Sec. 5. There shall be submitted to the church each year, by the Secretary of the Bible School, a list of the officers and teachers of the school, which shall constitute a board. To this board shall be entrusted the Bible School work of the church, under the general supervision of the Superintendent, through whom a quarterly report shall be submitted to the church.

Sec. 6. All boards and committees shall have the right to adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem best and most favorable to their success; providing that none shall conflict with the Covenant and By-Laws of this church, nor interfere with its regular or special meetings; and all such boards, committees, societies or associations, shall be amendable to the church and submit to it quarterly reports of their work, needs and progress.

Sec. 7. All organizations within the church for Christian work, growing up as they must, upon the seed of Gospel sown by the church, shall be considered as belonging to the church; and while those engaging voluntarily in such service shall be considered so far independent in their organizations as to elect their own officers and to enact the laws for their own government, yet it shall be the duty of all such organizations to render to the church, at its annual business meeting, a report of their transaction and a record of statistics.

Sec. 8. **Auditing Committee.** At the regular church meeting in October, the Pastor shall appoint an auditor who shall be other than a member of the church, to examine the books of the Treasurer, and the Financial Secretary. The auditor's report shall be presented to the annual meeting of the church in January.

Sec. 9. **Nomination Committee.** A committee, consisting of five members, shall be appointed at the regular church business meeting in October to choose candidates for the offices to be filled in the ensuing year. This committee shall render its report at the Annual Business Meeting in January.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Meetings

Sec. 1. The regular meetings of the church shall be held quarterly on the second Wednesday evening in April, July and October, and the annual meeting in January, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Sec. 2. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. The church shall meet regularly every Lord's Day for the public worship of Almighty God.

Sec. 4. The ordinance of the communion shall be observed by the church on the first Lord's Day in each month, immediately after the regular morning service, at which time a Fellowship Offering shall be received.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the members to meet on Wednesday evening of each week for prayer, and no other exercises shall be held during that meeting.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Manner of Conducting Business

Sec. 1. The Pastor of the church, or, in his absence, any brother whom the church may appoint, shall act as Moderator in all meetings for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order, state and explain propositions, secure to each member respectfully addressing the chair a respectful hearing, and by his vote decide questions upon which there is no majority.

Sec. 3. He shall cause every meeting to be opened and closed with prayer.

Sec. 4. He shall call for the business of the church in the following order:

- I. Reading the minutes of the previous meeting.
- II. Reports of Officers.
- III. Reports of Committees.
- IV. Receive letters of dismission from sister churches.
- V. Grant letters of dismission.
- VI. Unfinished business.
- VII. New business.

Sec. 5. He shall suffer no second motion to be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, except motions to amend, postpone, adjourn or to put the main question.

Sec. 6. He shall call to order any member who, while speaking, introduces any subject foreign to the one under discussion.

Sec. 7. He shall call to order any member who uses discourteous language, or whose remarks are calculated to injure the reputation or feelings of any member.

Sec. 8. He may speak upon any subject under discussion, by inviting a brother to preside in his place.

Sec. 9. Every member who wishes to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.

Sec. 10. Every proposition presented for the action of the church must be introduced by the motion of one member (in writing if requested), and seconded by another.

Sec. 11. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, until each member who wishes to speak shall have been given an opportunity.

Sec. 12. Upon any point of order a member may appeal from the Moderator to the church, whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 13. All questions shall be decided by the vote of a majority, except cases mentioned in other sections of these By-Laws.

Sec. 14. There shall be no other meetings held in the building during the stated meetings of the church.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. When an individual member suffers in personal character or estate from the conduct of any other member the aggrieved party shall be expected to proceed (in a spirit of kindness toward the offending person), in accordance with the rule laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. Nor shall any individual difference be brought into the church until this course has been pursued, except through the Board of Deacons, or a special committee appointed by the church for that purpose.

Sec. 2. In all cases where a member has been guilty of improper conduct, affecting not an individual exclu-

sively but bringing reproach upon the church, and a wound upon the cause of Christ, it shall be the duty of the Board of Deacons to procure evidence of the fact, upon which the church shall cite the offender to appear, if practicable, at the next meeting; in case of refusal, or failure to attend, the church may proceed to his exclusion.

Sec. 3. Every member against whom a charge of misconduct is preferred, shall have the privilege of speaking in his own defense.

Sec. 4. No complaint shall be preferred in the church against a member nor shall any action be taken by the church upon the case of an offending member, until the offense shall have been specifically stated in writing.

Sec. 5. Written testimony of any person not a member of this church may be admitted in cases of discipline, but not oral testimony, except the person testifying be connected with some church of the same faith and order.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### Counsel

Sec. 1. In cases of difficulty, for the decision of which the church desires the advice and wisdom of disinterested brethren, The Baptist Union, as at present constituted shall be sought for advice, and their advice shall be laid before the church for further action.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Representatives in Association

Sec. 1. Once each year delegates shall be appointed to represent the church in the Association, with a written statement of the condition of the church, including its changes—which statement shall have received the previous approval of the church; to faithfully represent the desires of the church, and to co-operate with the messengers of other churches in promoting the interest for the Kingdom of Christ.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### Licensing and Ordaining

Sec. 1. Any member who, in the judgment of the churches, gives evidence of his piety, zeal and aptness to teach, that he is called of God to preach the Gospel of Jesus may be licensed; provided a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the church agree thereto.



Sec. 2. If the church unanimously decides that one of its licensed preachers possesses the Scriptural qualifications for full ordination, they shall ask the joint Committee on Ordination of the Philadelphia and North Philadelphia Association to meet a delegation from the church on a specified day to examine the qualifications of the candidate, to which joint Committee the propriety of ordaining shall be referred.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Benevolent Action

Sec. 1. The church holds it to be imperative duty to labor for the propagation of pure Christianity throughout the world and shall maintain some system by which the leading enterprises of the denomination may receive their share of support from the members, according as the Lord has prospered them.

Sec. 2. The church shall co-operate with the budget plan of the American Baptist Convention.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### Alterations or Amendments

Alterations or amendments to the foregoing rules of church order must be offered in writing, read and entered on the minutes at a regular quarterly meeting of the church and shall lie over for three months previous to action being taken thereon; and they shall not be altered, amended or suspended, except by a majority vote of the members present at any subsequent regular quarterly meeting of the church.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

#### Motion #1

On all questions involving the placing of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church under a "Capital Indebtedness" of \$10,000 or over, the following procedure must be followed:

Point 1. The proposal must be presented to a quorum of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee for informative action only.

Point 2. One of these two groups should then advise the entire church membership by letter that this proposal will be presented to a designated special or a regular business meeting of the church.

Point 3. The question should then be presented before

this assembled church group. If two-thirds of the "Qualified Church Membership" is present at this meeting, action shall be deemed final with a majority vote of the members present. If two-thirds of the "Qualified Church Membership" is not present this group shall only have the power to decide by a majority vote whether further action shall be taken.

Point 4. Further action shall be defined as authorizing the church clerk to prepare secret ballots to be mailed to the "Qualified Church Membership." Within ten days after the mailing of the ballots, all ballots shall be returned to the church. Appointed tellers shall then open and record the vote. A minimum of two-thirds of the mailed ballots must be received. All ballots received must be counted. A majority vote of these ballots will decide the question. The entire church membership shall be advised by letter, giving the number of ballots mailed, number received, number of affirmative votes and the number of negative votes.

APPENDIX. "Capital indebtedness" as applied to this motion is defined as long-term debt incurred through the acquisition of real estate; additions to present property; purchasing equipment; or major renovation work. By definition, it does not include those budgeted expenses which in a given year amount in the aggregate to more than \$10,000 but which are incurred or contingently assumed, based on the experience of normal income receipts. "Qualified Church Membership" is defined as including all members on the Church Roll who are eighteen years of age or over, and who have contributed financially to the church in the preceding twelve months.

#### Motion #2

On any question involving the joining of any religious denomination or religious order, or group by the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, other than the regularly constituted groups of the American Baptist Convention, the following procedure must be followed:

Point 1. The proposal must be presented to the Pastor, and a quorum of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses for action. If these agree, Points 2, 3 and 4 in the procedure for Motion #1 shall be followed.

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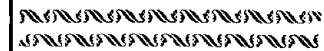
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