

Vail Valley Baptist Church

Constitution & Member Covenant

CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Name

The name of this congregation shall be Vail Valley Baptist Church (Vail Valley or VVBC).

Section 2. Purpose

This church exists by the grace of God alone, for the glory of God alone, which shall be for the ultimate purpose in providing and maintaining a place of worship, edification, fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism for the glory of God. We take God's Word, the Holy Bible, as the only authoritative rule of faith and practice.

Section 3. Affiliation

We, the members of Vail Valley, declare our affiliation shall be with the following agencies and schools: the Catalina Baptist Association of Southern Arizona, the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and any other evangelical organizations approved by the church.

Section 4. Declaration of Faith

The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. The church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of the The Baptist Faith and Message 2000. We band together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. We believe the ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Any follower of Christ may partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper and to the waters of baptism.

Section 5. Member Covenant

Since we have committed ourselves to Jesus Christ and have experienced the acceptance, forgiveness, and redemption of God our Father, we covenant together as members of this church that with God's help through the guiding presence of his Spirit:

- We will walk together in brotherly love.
- We will show loving care for one another and encourage, counsel, and admonish one another.
- We will assemble faithfully for worship and fellowship, and will pray earnestly for others and ourselves.
- We will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- We will seek, by Christian example and personal effort, to win others to Christ and to encourage their growth toward Christian maturity.
- We will share one another's joys and endeavor to bear one another's burdens and sorrows.
- We will oppose all conduct which compromises our Christian faith and will uphold high standards of Christian morality.
- We will voluntarily submit ourselves to one another and to the discipline of the church.
- We will prove the reality of our conversion by living godly, fruitful lives.
- We will maintain a faithful ministry of worship, witness, education, fellowship, and service.
- We will be faithful stewards of our resources and abilities in sharing the gospel with all nations.
- We will seek to earnestly live to the glory of God who brought us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- We will regularly celebrate this covenant together within our fellowship gatherings.