

# **Constitution of Clearview Baptist Church of Travelers Rest, South Carolina**

## **PREAMBLE**

For the preservation and security of the principles of our faith, as founded on the Holy Scriptures; for the governance of this body in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted tenets of the Southern Baptist Churches; for the protection of the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church; and for the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to the churches of the same faith and order, we do declare and establish this constitution this 1st day of January, 2026. *(Adopted by Member vote November 16, 2025)*

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

This body shall be known as and operate under the name of Clearview Baptist Church (“Church”). The Church was organized in 1953 and incorporated as Clearview Baptist Church of Travelers Rest, Inc. with the South Carolina Secretary of State on June 5, 1973. The Church is currently located in Greenville County, South Carolina at 5611 State Park Road, Travelers Rest. As of the adoption of this Constitution, the Church is associated with the [Three Rivers Baptist Association](#), the [South Carolina Baptist Convention](#), and the [Southern Baptist Convention](#).

## **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and is the basis for our faith. The Church accepts “[The Baptist Faith and Message](#)” as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on May 9, 1963 and amended on June 14, 2000. The Church is a committed body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ and is committed to personally sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The Church follows our Lord Jesus Christ in the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

## **ARTICLE III. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of this Church is to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). In doing so, the Church exists to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples by (1) Delivering the Gospel, (2) Discipling the Christian, and (3) Deploying the Christ Follower.

## **ARTICLE IV. CHARACTER**

The government of the Church is vested in the body of believers (members) who compose it (“Member” or “Members”). The Church will be—and is always to be—a sovereign, autonomous Baptist church. The Church is to be self-governing on all matters by a majority of the body of Members. The Church recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation

which are common among Southern Baptist Churches, but these obligations shall in no way be understood or interpreted to mean that such cooperation or affiliation are a doctrine and/or tenet of the Church.

## **ARTICLE V. DOCTRINE**

### **SECTION A. GENERAL**

The Church receives the scriptures (Holy Bible) as its authority in matters of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the belief of the Baptist churches as indicated in the Statement of Faith in Article II.

### **SECTION B. STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY**

The Church believes that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with Scripture or the doctrines of the Church.

The Church believes that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union as delineated in Scripture.

The Church believes that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

The Church believes that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

As such, to preserve the function and integrity of the Church as the local body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to the Church members and the community, the Church believes it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity—including members and nonmembers who serve as volunteers—abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly. Furthermore, any wedding, funeral, or other event being held on Church property shall NOT include, display, or in any way openly or implicitly endorse or support any form of sexual immorality. Any individual leading a wedding, funeral, or other event must affirm their agreement with this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality in order to participate.

## **ARTICLES VI. CHURCH COVENANT**

The Members of the Church having been led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and having entered into the fellowship of His church, prayerfully and joyfully make this covenant with one another and with Him.

In order to love God and to worship Him as we reach and disciple others for Christ, we, the Members, individually commit to the following:

A. As a Member of Clearview Baptist Church, I will protect the unity of His Church by:

- Acting in love toward the other Members (Romans 15:5 & 1 Peter 1:2)
- Refusing to gossip (Ephesians 4:29)
- Following the leaders (Hebrews 13:17)

B. As a Member of Clearview Baptist Church, I will fulfill my responsibility in His Church by:

- Praying for its growth (1 Thessalonians 1:2)
- Inviting the un-churched to attend (Luke 14:23)
- Warmly welcoming those who visit (Romans 15:7)
- Sharing my faith with others

C. As a Member of Clearview Baptist Church, I will serve in the ministry of His Church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents (1 Peter 4:10)
- Being equipped to serve (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- Developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3-7)

D. As a Member of Clearview Baptist Church, I will support the testimony of His Church by:

- Attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
- Living a godly life (Philippians 1:27)
- Giving regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2 & Leviticus 27:30)
- Doing my part (1 Corinthians 3:8-9)