Policies at New Covenant Baptist Church

As we continue to grow New Covenant realizes the importance of documenting and communicating the various policies that guide the operation of our ministry work. There are many unwritten 'rules' that have simply been understood by the church leadership in the past. However, it is now important to not only have a written record of the policies but the rationale behind each policy.

This book contains the complete set of written policies for New Covenant. As new policies are identified and approved they will be added to this book.

Following is the means by which new written policies will be approved by the members of New Covenant:

1. Any member of the church who recognizes the potential need for a new policy must bring before the pastor and deacons a proposal summarizing the need for the policy and the intent of the policy.

2. The pastor and deacons will review the proposed policy according to the need for such a policy, any Scriptural implications the policy may have, the traditional practices of the church in the affected area, experience with such a policy, and the reasonableness of the policy itself. Based on this evaluation the pastor and deacons may approve, revise or reject the policy as necessary.

3. If the pastor and deacons approve the proposed policy, it will be brought before the church planning council for evaluation as it relates to the various church ministries. The planning council will consider the recommendations of the deacons as they approve, revise or reject the policy.

4. If the church planning council approves the proposed policy, it will be presented to the church body at a ministry meeting. It is recommended that the proposed policy be circulated to the church members prior to the ministry meeting so they will have ample time to consider it.

5. The proposed policy will be approved, amended or rejected by the church body according to the rules of order of the ministry meeting.

6. Upon approval, the policy will be enacted and added to the policy book for reference by members.

Proposed changes to, or removal of existing policies will follow this same procedure.