ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CHURCH COVENANT, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF RANCH VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH OF OLIVENHAIN

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Formerly incorporated as the First Baptist Church of Solana Beach, California, on May 28, 1961; the name was changed to the Ranch View Baptist Church of Olivenhain, Incorporated in Encinitas, California, on January 10, 1965.

Ranch View Baptist Church of Olivenhain shall be an independent Baptist church in the fellowship of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches of North America and the State of California

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led by the Holy Spirit of God to receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and confess Him as our Lord and on confession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully purpose with one another, as one body in Christ, joined in the New Covenant of His blood, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him.

Ephesians 2:8-9, 4:1; Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 28:19b; 1Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 5:9

We purpose therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the ways of sin and to walk together in Christian love, and in the paths of righteousness. With this in view, we purpose to strive together for both the peace and purity of this church; to sustain its worship

and steadfastly to cherish and hold its ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to honor the Lord, as faithful stewards of such time, talents and money, from our wealth and from the first of all our produce; that the responsibility of the work of the local church and the world-wide ministry of the spreading of the gospel be faithfully and effectively discharged.

Galatians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; 2 Peter 1:7; Psalm 23:3; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; Philippians 3:16; Proverbs 3:9; Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:10

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotions; to teach the Bible to our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to be just in our dealing and faithful in our engagements; to be exemplary in our behavior and manners; to avoid unkind words and unrighteous anger; and to abstain from all things evil, especially: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envyings, drunkenness, carousings, and the like; to combine zeal and knowledge in our efforts to advance the cause of our Savior; to make Christ first in all things, both spiritual and temporal.

Colossians 4:2; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:1-5; Galatians 6:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:32-33; Ephesians 4:29; James 1:19-20; Galatians 6:4-5; Titus 2:11-14; Colossians 3:1-3

We moreover purpose to give and receive admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer and to aid each other in case of sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy and speech; to be slow to take offense; but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the Scriptures, to seek it without delay; to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return.

1 Thessalonians 5:14,15; Galatians 6:1; James 5:16; Titus 3:8,14; Romans 15:1-7; James 1:19; Philippians 2:3, 4:2-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF RANCH VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

PREAMBLE.

Resting our faith entirely in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, and believing in the teachings of the Holy Bible as being the inspired Word of God in every word and in every thought in the original manuscripts, we have affiliated ourselves with one another as a body of baptized believers and we adopt this constitution as a declaration of our convictions so that we may carry out the Lord's work decently and in order.

ARTICLE I. - NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the Ranch View Baptist Church of Olivenhain, Incorporated in Encinitas, California. It shall be a California nonprofit religious corporation with the principal office in Olivenhain (Encinitas), California.

ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE

This corporation shall be for exclusively religious intentions, whose purpose shall be to glorify God by conducting a Baptist church in accordance with:

- 1. God's Word, the Holy Bible,
- 2. the Church Covenant,
- 3. the Articles of Incorporation,
- 4. the Articles of Faith, and
- 5. the Constitution and Bylaws.

In order to accomplish this inclusive goal, this church shall:

- 1. seek the salvation of the lost through personal witnessing,
- 2. preach the gospel,
- 3. be involved in church planting,
- 4. cultivate church growth,
- 5. promote the worship of God Almighty,
- 6. edify and disciple believers,
- 7. seek to create a Christian atmosphere for the care and education of children and adults,
- 8. teach the whole counsel of God,
- 9. provide for baptism and the Lord's supper,
- 10. defend the faith, and
- 11. seek to exert a moral and Christian influence in our community by godliness and good works.

ARTICLE III - ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible, as originally written, were inspired in every word and every thought and the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore is truth without error. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:19-21

2. Of the True God

We believe there is one, living and true God, an infinite, all-knowing Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Exodus 10:2; 1 John 5:7; Habakkuk 1:13; 1Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11

3. Of God the Father

We believe that God the Father orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace; is the only absolute and omnipotent ruler of the universe; sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption; who continually upholds, directs, and governs all of creation for His glory. We believe that He is the author of salvation and that He has chosen to grant the right to become children of God only to those who believe in His Son, Christ Jesus the Lord.

1Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 103:19; Ephesians 1:11; 4:6; John 1:12

4. Of God the Son

We believe that God the Son is eternal in His existence, equal with the Father and Holy Spirit, and is Creator of all things. We believe that the Son set aside His glory to be conceived and born as a human while retaining His full divinity, that He lived a human life of righteous perfection, died on the cross, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven where He now reigns as King and ministers as High Priest of believers.

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17; 2:9; Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 3:24-25; Isaiah 9:67; Hebrews 2:17

5. Of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal in nature with God the Father and God the Son; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world, He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony; that He sanctifies and helps the believer.

Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 28:19; Luke 1:35; John 3:5-6; 14:16-17, 26; Acts 5:30-32; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 9:14; 16:7-11

6. Of the Creation

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution.

Genesis 1 & 2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17

7. Of the Devil, or Satan

We believe that Satan is a created being, the unholy god of this age, the author of all the powers of darkness, and is destined to eternal judgment in the lake of fire.

Matthew 4:1-3; 2Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10

8 Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Genesis 2:17; 3:1-6; Romans 1:18, 32; 5:10-19; James 1:14-16

9. Of the Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God and God the Son.

Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:34-35

10. Of the Atonement for Sin -- Salvation

We believe that the salvation of sinners is divinely initiated and wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, Who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the cross; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be suitable, a compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

Matthew 18:11; John 3:15; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24-25; 2Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 2:6-7; Hebrews 2:14; 1John 4:10

11 Of Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must he born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that it's proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

John 3:3,6-8; Romans 6:23; 2Corinthians 5:17-19; 2Peter 1:4; 1John 5:1

12. Of Justification

We believe that the great blessing which Christ secures to those who believe in Him is justification: 1) that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; 2) that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer: His righteousness is imputed to us.

Isaiah 53:11; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:9; 8:1

13 Of Faith and Salvation

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition for salvation.

Acts 2:21; 4:12; Romans 5:1; 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9

14. Of Security of the Saints

We believe that all who are truly born again are kept in eternal security by God, the Father of Jesus Christ.

John 10:28; Romans 8:25-39; Philippians 1:6; Jude 1:1

15. Of the Local Church

We believe that a local church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by the covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word: that its leaders are pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the Word of God. We believe the true mission of the church is the faithful witnessing to all men as we have opportunity. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ our Lord, through the Holy Spirit. We believe that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and the furtherance of the gospel. However, each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation on all matters of: membership, policy, government, discipline, or benevolence, as determined by its people.

Acts 2:41; 15:13-18; 1Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12; 5:23-24; Colossians 1:18; 1Timothy 3:1-7; Hebrews 13:17

16. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe in two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's supper, which are scriptural means of testimony for the Church in this age. We believe that Christian baptism is by immersion in water to show forth a solemn and beautiful picture of one's faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. It is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership. We believe that the Lord's supper is the symbolic commemoration of His death until He returns, and should be preceded always by self examination.

Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:35; 1Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 2:12

17. Of the Righteous and the Wicked

Only through faith in Jesus Christ is man:

- 1. justified in the Lord,
- 2. sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and
- 3. truly righteous in God's esteem.

All who continue in impenitence and unbelief are:

- 1. in God's sight wicked, and
- 2. remain under the curse of sin.

This distinction holds among humanity both in and after death; in the everlasting happiness of the saved and the everlasting suffering of the lost.

Proverbs 14:32; John 8:21; Romans 6:17-18; 16:15; Eph. 2:8-9; 1John 5:19

18. Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests of good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for; conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord God, who is King and Master over all.

Daniel 3:17-18; Matthew 22:21; Acts 4:19-20; 5:20; 23:5; Romans 13:1-7; 1Timothy 2:1-3; 1Peter 2:13-15

19. Of Marriage

We believe that marriage is a holy union under God between one man and one woman, joined together by sexual union into one flesh. God is honored both in marriage and singleness, yet He only honors sexual union within the confines of marriage.

Matthew 19:4-6; Genesis 2:22-24; Eph. 5:22-28; Heb. 13:4; 1Cor. 7:6-9; 1Tim. 3:2

20. Of the End Times

We believe in the personal, visible pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ and its related events:

1. The rapture of the church,

1Thessalonians 4:15-5:11; 1Corinthians 15:51-53

2. Christ's second coming,

John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1Thess. 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; James 5:8

3. The resurrection of the righteous dead,

1Corinthians 15:42-44, 52; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

4. The change of the living believers in Christ, 1Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21; 1Thess. 4:13-18

5. The millennial reign of Christ Jesus,

Isaiah 11:4-5; 1Corinthians 15:25; Revelation 20:6, 14

6. Final judgment: eternal life for those who believe in Christ and eternal damnation for those who reject Christ.

Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 25:41

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

A. Qualifications

All officers and teachers shall:

- 1. be members of this church in good standing,
- 2. be men (and women) of good report,
- 3. be full of faith,
- 4. be full of the Holy Spirit,
- 5. be exemplary in their life and conduct, and
- 6. abstain from those things which will hurt their influences in the work of God.

Acts 6:3; 1Timothy 3:1-13

B. The Officers

The officers shall consist of the pastor(s) and the deacon(s).

1Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9

C. The Official Board

Shall consist of pastor(s) and deacon(s) and shall act as:

- 1. pulpit committee,
- 2. membership committee,
- 3. missions committee,
- 4. finance committee,
- 5. housing committee,
- 6. school board and Christian education committee,
- 7. audit committee,

and shall be the working cabinet of the head pastor, advising with him on all matters pertaining to the general policy of the church and various organizations within the church. Any serious difficulty shall first be referred to this board and all important matters of business shall be brought to its attention. Meetings may be called by the head pastor and must consist of a majority of the members of the board.

The official board shall appoint:

- 1. the head pastor as executive officer,
- 2. the church clerk (secretary),
- 3. the church treasurer (financial officer),
- 4. all teachers (Sunday school, home Bible studies, etc.),
- 5. all financial helpers,
- 6. all ushers.

The official board is expected to be aware of the laws relating to this local church; insurances; taxes and all such things having to do with governments and the public interest.

They are not to sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber the real estate of the church without unanimous board approval and a four-fifth majority approval of voting members present. They shall authorize all routine expenditures not specifically authorized by the church. They shall fix the salary of any employee.

D. The Head Pastor (Executive Officer)

Selection: The candidate for head pastor (or associate pastor) shall be carefully examined by the pulpit committee as to his salvation, doctrine, Christian conduct and call to the ministry in accordance with 1Timothy 3:1-7. The pastor shall be a man. If he has served in other churches, his ministry there should be considered. He shall be required to state his acceptance of and adherence to the articles of faith and the constitution of the church. Any differences which he holds concerning these documents shall be submitted to the pulpit committee in writing. He shall also state in writing any differences which he holds relating to groups and associations with which this church is in fellowship. The committee shall present only one man at a time for consideration and vote by the members.

Call: shall be extended at a meeting of the members called for that purpose and announced at all regularly scheduled weekly meetings for two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of the meeting. A three-fourths affirmative majority vote of the voting members present and voting shall be necessary for a call. Voting shall be necessary for a call, and shall be by ballot. A written call and agreement shall be presented to the prospective pastor, giving details of church/pastor relationship, including salary, housing and car allowance, insurance, etc., after these matters have been discussed with him and mutually approved.

Term: The head pastor shall receive an indefinite call.

Duties: The head pastor's primary responsibility is to pray, study, preach and teach. The pastor shall maintain oversight of all things incumbent upon his office as pastor/teacher. He shall be the leader of the church in all of its activities and advance the spiritual interests of the church and congregation. He shall by reason of his office be chairman of the board, a member of all committees and boards, and preside at all board and congregational meeting when

possible. The senior board member, or an appointee selected by the pastor and the board, shall take the pastor's place in his absence.

Schedule: The head pastor shall set his own schedule in accordance with carrying out the duties set forward in Article IV. However, the head pastor and board will oversee an associate pastor's schedule.

E. Assistant Pastor(s) and Deacon(s)

Shall be elected from the membership. The church will elect additional pastors or deacons whenever qualified individuals are available and the work seems to require additional assistance.

Assistant pastor(s) shall be the head pastor's helpers and counselors in the spiritual care of souls; the visitation of the sick; the observance of the Lord's Supper; the preparation and performance of baptism; and are to jealously guard the pastor's well-being as well as that of his family.

Deacon(s) shall act as the managers of the church property and facilities. They shall have actual care of the place of worship, including ordinary care and improvements. They are responsible to authorize all expenditures as they relate to the approved church budget. They shall also avail themselves to jealously guard the pastor's well-being as well as that of his family; and help with the needs and cares of the congregation (such as visitation) when other ministry duties prevent pastor(s) from serving in such a capacity.

F. The Church Clerk (Secretary)

Shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the church; keep a registry of the membership; preserve documents, papers and letters, and issue such letters as directed by the church. The clerk shall be appointed from within the board.

G. The Church Treasurer (Financial Officer)

Shall oversee the following:

- 1. make all disbursements for church obligations,
- 2. keep income and expenditure records,
- 3. present written reports,
- 4. keep a checking account in church's name,
- 5. reconcile bank and church records, and
- 6. shall receive all funds paid into the church.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

A. General

The membership of this church shall consist of such believers of the Lord Jesus Christ, as have been baptized (immersed) in water, who take the Holy Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, and who subscribe to our articles of faith and agree to be governed by this constitution.

B. Reception of Members

Any person who gives evidence of having received the new birth and shows willingness to follow the Christian life is eligible for membership:

- 1. by baptism by immersion following salvation, or
- 2. by receipt of a letter from another like-minded church, or
- 3. on the basis of Christian experience where transfer of letter is not possible, having been saved and baptized, or
- 4. by being restored from church discipline.

Each applicant shall:

- 1. fill out an application for membership,
- 2. attend prospective membership class(es) -- the purpose of which is to explain our constitution and bylaws, and articles

- of faith; for answering prospective member's questions; assure each individual's understanding of the above and to secure their acceptance of the same,
- 3. meet with the church board to receive recommendation by ascertaining the following concerning the candidate:
 - a) has a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ,
 - b) has been baptized by immersion,
 - c) understands the faith and practice of the church,
 - d) commits him/herself to such practice, and
 - e) is not currently under discipline by another church.
- 4. The church shall vote to receive each applicant by a three-fourths majority vote of the voting members present. No one of whom serious objection is raised will be received. It shall be deemed proper to receive members at any regular or special meeting of the church.

C. Duties of Members

Members shall:

- 1. faithfully attend (as the Lord allows) church services,
- 2. live a life separated from the world as set forth in the Bible, and prescribed in church teachings,
- 3. act respectfully toward the church and its leaders,
- 4. be active in the promotion of unity and spirituality among all the members of the church, and
- 5. be faithful in stewardship of time, talents, and material goods for the ministry of this local congregation.

D. Status of Membership

Voting members must:

- 1. faithfully maintain their duties of membership,
- 2. be 18 years or older, and
- 3. not currently be under church discipline for any reason.

E. Church Discipline

On command of Scripture, any so called Christian, regardless of affiliation, who attends Ranch View Baptist Church, shall be treated without partiality in regard to manifest sin, and be disciplined for the purpose of restoration.

It is recognized that a Baptist church is a congregation in which the majority rule. Thus while the minority has the right of private opinion in all questions and the right of appeal in any matter, it shall not have the right to engage in secret or open propaganda, or to deliberately disturb church harmony, or to purposely interrupt the business of the church. It is further recognized that when the church, by regular order and proper vote, has determined upon a course of action, that course becomes the unified obligation of the entire church membership.

If a member or attender is involved in any gross or flagrant violation of Christian conduct, such a person shall be dealt with in the following manner based on Matthew 18:15-17, 1Corinthians 5, Galatians 6:1-6, and 2Thessalonians 3:6.

Specific 'gross or flagrant violations' may include, but are not limited to: violence toward others (e.g. battery, outbursts of anger), thievery of any kind, sexual immorality (e.g. adultery, fornication, homosexuality), drunkenness, illicit drug use, lying, gossiping, slandering, unwholesome speech, severe disrespect for authority, idolatry, cultic practices, etc. It is understood that all people, Christians and non-Christians alike, are tempted by the world and its vices, but as Christians we are called to rise above our temptations to have a pattern of life that is holy and righteous.

1st. A member having knowledge of such a violation shall confront the offending brother/sister in love. If such a person is unwilling to be restored to God through confession and correction of his/her sins, then the member is to bring

- another witness for a second confrontation. If this confrontation is *also* dismissed, then --
- 2nd. Charges shall be submitted to the board in writing, and must be signed by the accusing member(s). If the pastor and board believe the charges are justified, they shall confront the person, thereupon presenting him/her with a statement of the charges. The person shall have opportunity to present his/her case and be heard. If after hearing the person's defense, the board sees no clear merit in continuing, the proceedings shall end. However, if the person is shown to be exhibiting unrepentant sin, and is unwilling to be restored to fellowship through repentance, then --
- 3rd. At a meeting of the church membership, charges against the person shall be submitted to those present. Non-members shall not be permitted in such a meeting (as witness, defense or otherwise) without permission of three-fourths of the members present and voting. If the person in question chooses to participate in the meeting he/she shall have opportunity to present his/her case to those present. If such a person cannot be restored to fellowship through confession and correction of his/her sins, then --
- 4th. The voting members present may vote to remove the person from the membership role, if they see fit; or if the person is not a member, they may vote to ban the person from attending any and all church functions until the person has been restored through repentance. A special meeting may be called for such an action, but any other scheduled meeting may be used.

F. Dissolving of Membership

Membership may be dissolved for the following causes:

- 1. Extensive church absence. Any member who absents him/herself from the regular services of the church, unless providentially hindered, may be excluded by the church upon recommendation of the board, accompanied by a one month warning to the absent member (if reasonably possible), --
- 2. Church discipline,
- 3. Admission of membership to another church. A letter of transfer may be granted to any active member who desires to unite with another church of like faith and practice. The request must come from the other church.

A letter of transfer with recommendation will be sent from the pastor and board. However, a letter of dismissal without recommendation may also be sent.

4. And death.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

The church shall operate under a unified budget, presented by the board and ratified by a three-fourths majority of voting members in attendance. The annual budget shall be voted on at the annual business meeting. The fiscal year begins in January.

All Sunday school and church offerings, etc. shall be placed with church funds in the care of the church treasurer.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT

1. The annual business meeting of the church shall be held on a day and time not more than 30 days past the end of the fiscal year (December 31, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably

- possible) and shall be announced at all regularly scheduled weekly meetings for two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of the meeting.
- 2. All special business meetings shall be announced at all regularly scheduled weekly meetings for two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of such a meeting.
- 3. Financial and business reports shall be given to the congregation annually or upon request.
- 4. The official board shall serve as a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall carefully and prayerfully select one or more candidates for each office to be filled and shall report these names at the annual meeting of the church for consideration and election. All voting and election of church officers shall be by ballot unless otherwise moved and unanimously carried. The voting age will be 18 years old and over.

A three-fourths majority of voting members present and voting shall be decisive in the election of all church officers.

In all congregational business meetings, the method of conducting business shall be in keeping with biblical standards of Christian conduct.

- 5. The official board shall be a body corporate under the name of Ranch View Baptist Church of Olivenhain, Incorporated in Encinitas, California.
- 6. The official board acting in conjunction with recommendations from the pastor, shall as soon as possible after the annual business meeting appoint individuals or committees, etc., as spelled out in the constitution.
- 7. All activities of the church, and in the name of the church, shall be under the auspices of the church; shall comply with

- the purpose statement of the church; be subject to approval of the official board, and where it involves the youth there shall be adult sponsorship.
- 8. The church shall have the right at any time to dismiss from its membership, or recall from any office, an officer or member who may be found guilty of willful violation of the constitution, bylaws, or articles of faith. The procedure in such a case is provided in Article V, Section E.

ARTICLE VIII - CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, ETC.

The church constitution and articles of faith may be amended or changed by a three-fourths majority vote of the voting members present and voting, at any regular or special business meeting; provided however, that the proposed amendment and/or change(s) has been presented to the membership at all regularly scheduled weekly meetings for two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of such a meeting.

AMEMDMENT I - CHURCH DISOLVEMENT

In the case of Ranch View Baptist Church of Olivenhain (Encinitas) ever being dissolved as a church corporation, it must first be approved by a three-fourths majority of voting members at a special meeting called specifically for that stated purpose, and must be announced at all meetings for two consecutive weeks prior to the vote. Once all assets, including property and buildings have been sold -- the finances are to be equally divided between Victory Ranch Camp in Moreno Valley, CA and the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches (CARBC). - *Amended January 2011*