

Dartmont Freewill Baptist By Laws

1. For a saved person to become a member of the Dartmont Freewill Baptist Church, that person must first attend the church for a 6 month period and then have approval of the church board.

Amendment A. If a person desires membership in the Dartmont Freewill Baptist Church prior to fulfilling the 6 month waiting period they may ask for early membership. The church board will then hold a formal meeting to discuss this matter.

Amendment B. The 6 month waiting period may also be waived by the church board with a letter of recommendation from a sister church.

2. If a member of the Dartmont Freewill Baptist Church absents themselves from the regular scheduled services/meetings of the church for a period of 3 months that member will not have the right to vote on church business and will not regain this right until they do attend faithfully for a period of 3 months.

** Note: Faithfully does not imply 100% attendance. **

3. When a member without providential reasons absents themselves from the regular scheduled services/meetings of the church or refuses to support the church for I year, it is considered a violation of the covenant and sufficient reason for dismissal.

4. The church board will be made up of the following people: the pastor (as chairman), all ordained and junior deacons, and enough qualified brethren chosen by the church board to make up a decent representation of the church.

5. If a member of the church wishes a donation from the church he or she must first petition the ordained board of the church.

Amendment A. All other persons desiring a donation from the church must first approach an ordained member of the church who will then bring it to the attention of the church board for discussion and decision.

6. All church offices must be held by a member in good standing of the Dartmont Freewill Baptist Church.

Note: Church offices include but are not limited to the following: pastor, trustees, deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, treasurer, clerk, secretary, teachers, all assistants and board members.

7. A member who is found to be in a condition where they have fallen from grace shall be dismissed as a member from the Dartmont Freewill Baptist Church, after confirmation by the church board. This confirmation shall be made either by a visit from an ordained member of the church or by an official letter drafted by the church board and sent to the member in question.

8. The election of pastor will be for an indefinite period with the following provisions:

1. The pastor must give the church 30 days notice before resigning.
2. The church deacon board has the right to call for the resignation of the pastor by giving 30 days notice.
3. Each year a vote of confidence will be taken.

Amendment: Any new pastor elected will serve a trial period of 1 year before being voted in for an indefinite period.