

Posting for August 2020 FCBC Annual Members Meeting

III. *DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Current Version)*

- a. Disciplinary action will be considered for those members whose belief and/or conduct is contrary to the Biblical teachings of the Church, or for failure to abide by and uphold its Constitution and By-laws. The goal of disciplinary action or dismissal is to work towards restoration with genuine repentance and reconciliation.
- b. The Church may withdraw fellowship and remove membership from any member whose belief and/or conduct is contrary to Biblical teachings and has become a disgrace to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the Church, and who has shown no sign of genuine repentance after being counseled and disciplined by the Church in the light of the Scriptures. The Church may restore membership to a previously excluded member, at his/her request, upon evidence of genuine repentance and reconciliation and recommendation by the Senior Pastor. Both removal and restoration of membership shall require 3/4 majority vote of those present at the Church Members Meeting.

III. CHURCH DISCIPLINE (**Revised Version**)

- a. Disciplinary action will be considered for those members whose belief and/or conduct show an inability to abide by and uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Church. The discipline process will be done in accordance with Matthew 18:15-17. The goal of disciplinary action is to work towards restoration with genuine repentance and reconciliation through teaching, correction and counseling.
- b. Disciplinary action will be led by the Pastors of the Executive Council.
- c. If the member has shown no sign of genuine repentance after being counseled and disciplined, the member may be removed from membership and fellowship by the Church. Removal will require a ¾ majority vote of those present at the Church Members Meeting.
- d. The Church may restore membership to a previously excluded member, at his/her request. Restoration of membership shall require ¾ majority vote of those present at the Church Members Meeting.
- e. Membership removal or restoration will be conducted in accordance with the process described in “FCBCLA Procedure for Church Discipline.”