



**NEW LIFE**  
BIBLE CHURCH

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# CHURCH CONSTITUTION

## Article I

### Name

New Life Bible Church

## Article II

### Statement of Faith

The basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's written Word. We believe that it is error free and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians. We desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
3. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for human sins by dying on the cross as a substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
4. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died.
5. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and humanity, continually makes intercession for us.
6. Adam and Eve were originally created in the image of God. They sinned by disobeying God; thus, they were alienated from their Creator. That historic fall brought all people under divine condemnation.
7. Human nature is corrupted. As a result, all people are totally unable to please God. Everyone is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
8. Salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation and thereby justifies them in His sight.
9. The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to individuals. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to the believer, and gives gifts to each believer to edify the church and advance His kingdom throughout the world.

10. Believers are called to live so in the power of the indwelling Spirit that they will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.
11. Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, His body, which is composed of all people, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
12. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for edification through the Scriptures, and for mutual encouragement.

## Article III

### Church Ordinances and Activities

New Life Bible Church practices baptizing believers and taking communion in obedience to the words of Jesus. In gatherings the Word of God is taught in following the command of scripture and traditions of the Church. The church will also conduct marriages and funerals when needed.

## Article IV

### Appointed Leadership and Responsibilities

Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, is the ultimate authority of the church worldwide. To follow His Will in the local community we submit to God's Word and the shepherding leadership of the Elders (Hebrews 13:17).

#### Elders

**Qualifications:** Elders will agree with the statement of faith, be united in spirit with the other elders, and meet the scriptural requirements found in scripture.

**Duties:** Elders will be responsible for the spiritual aspects of the church. Such as teaching God's Word, discipling leaders, overseeing worship services, conflict resolution, and planning on the monthly elders meeting.

**Number and Term of Office:** There is a preferred minimum of three Elders not including the Pastor. Candidates will be presented to the congregation with a two-week period of evaluation. During this time anyone may give a written letter to the Elders if there are concern. Any letters will be examined and investigated. If there are no concerns or the investigation is found as not interfering with the qualifications of an Elder, the candidate will be accepted at the end of the two weeks. We trust God to raise godly men up for these positions and trust God to show these men when their service as an elder should end. The Elders will take turns as Chairman of the Elder Board, it will rotate each year. The Pastor is ineligible to be the Chairman of the Elder Board.

**Removal from Office:** An Elder may be removed from his leadership position when sufficient and convincing evidence is brought forth. The concerned person may put their accusation in writing and submit it to the Elder Board for consideration and possible investigation.

## Deacons

**Qualifications:** Deacons will agree with the statement of faith, be united in spirit with the other deacons, and meet the scriptural requirements found in scripture.

**Duties:** Deacons will be responsible for the material and physical aspects of the church. The Specific duties of the deacons will be connected to the nature of their office. Whether it is the facilities, finances, security, greeting, communication, preparation and giving of the Lord's Supper, or whatever service is needed.

**Term of Office:** Candidates will be presented to the congregation with a two-week period of evaluation. During this time anyone may give a written letter to the Elders if there are concern. Any letters will be examined and investigated. If there are no concerns or the investigation is found as not interfering with the qualifications of a deacon the candidate will be accepted at the end of the two weeks. We trust God to raise godly men up for these positions and trust God to show these men when their service as a deacon should end.

**Removal from Office:** A Deacon may be removed from his leadership position when sufficient and convincing evidence is brought forth. The concerned person may put their accusation in writing and submit it to the Elder Board for consideration and possible investigation.

## Pastor

The Pastor will be chosen by the Elder Board. He will remain in office until he gives his resignation to the Elder Board or is removed from office by the Elder Board. The Pastor will be accountable to the Elder Board.

**Qualification:** The Pastor will agree with the statement of faith, be united in spirit with the other elders, and meet the scriptural requirements found in scripture.

**Duties:** The Pastor will be given to the ministries of teaching, preaching, counseling, discipleship, and shepherding. He will also be a member of the Elder Board.

**Removal from Office:** The Pastor may be removed from his leadership position when sufficient and convincing evidence is brought forth. The concerned person may put their accusation in writing and submit it to the Elder Board for consideration and possible investigation.

## Associate Pastor

The Associate Pastor will be chosen by the Pastor in conjunction with the Elder Board. He will remain in office until he gives his resignation or is removed by the Pastor in conjunction with the Elder Board. The Associate Pastor will be accountable to the Pastor and the Elder Board.

**Qualifications:** The Associate Pastor will agree with the statement of faith, be united in spirit with the other elders, and meet the scriptural requirements found in scripture.

**Duties:** The Associate Pastor will be given to the ministries of teaching, preaching, counseling, discipleship, and shepherding. He will also be a member of the Elder Board.

Removal from Office: The Associate Pastor may be removed from his leadership position when sufficient and convincing evidence is brought forth. The concerned person may put their accusation in writing and submit it to the Elder Board for consideration and possible investigation.

### Staff

Full-time and part-time staff will be selected by the Elder Board and be accountable to the Elder Board. They will remain on staff until they turn in resignation or are removed by the Elder Board.

Qualifications: Must agree with the Statement of Faith.

Duties: Determined by the Elder Board.

### Appointed Officers

The Deacon over finances will appoint a Treasurer to assist him in the collection of the weekly church offerings.

## Article VI

### Operational Procedures

#### Meetings

There will be a monthly Elders Meeting, along with a quarterly leadership meeting. There will also be an annual meeting for the presentation of reports and discussion of the annual budget.

## Article VII

### Church Discipline

Discipline is intended to admonish and restore an erring brother or sister through repentance. It is not to be administered as punishment but as a ministry of reconciliation.

1. The offended brother or sister will approach the erring member in confidence in an effort to achieve repentance (Mat. 18:15).
2. Confidential confrontation by one or two additional witnesses (Mat 18:16).
3. If previous steps fail to result in repentance, the matter must be presented to the Congregation (Mat. 18:17).
4. As a final measure, the erring brother or sister will be asked to leave the church. It is not to be seen as permanent but with repentance and reconciliation in mind (2 Corinthians 2:5-11).

## Article VIII

### Dissolution

No part of the net earnings of this corporation will ever lead to the benefit of any donor, member, or leader of the corporation. No individual will be entitled to share in the distributions of any of the corporate assets. Upon dissolution, any assets or debts of the corporation must be distributed to one or more organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as one organized exclusively for Christian beliefs and purposes similar to those outlined in Article II and III of this Constitution or a similar church willing to accept the assets and/or debts.

## Article IX

### Amendments To The Constitution

Any church member can propose changes to the constitution by submitting the proposal in writing to the Elder Board for consideration.

# **NEW LIFE BIBLE CHURCH**

## *VISION*

To love God and love people in light of the gospel.

## *MISSION*

To help people understand the gospel, God's Word, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.