

AS ADOPTED BY CONGREGATION DECEMBER 19, 2021

CONSTITUTION OF COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF WEIR, TEXAS

PREAMBLE

That we may vigorously pursue the work of carrying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to this community and to the world, more readily help each other in our Christian service, and do all things in brotherly love and in an orderly manner, we establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This body shall be known as the Community Bible Church of Weir, Texas. It affiliates with organizations that are biblically-based, like-minded, missionally-oriented, Great Commission and Great Commandment organizations with the purpose of spreading the good news of Jesus.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation with lost mankind. We seek to experience the love and discipleship of God, to love and share common life and to bring all persons into these same relationships.

Acknowledging adherence to the teachings of Jesus Christ, we declare these objectives for this church:

- 1) To maintain regular devotional and worship services
- 2) To use such services and other means to earnestly proclaim the gospel message and urge others to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.
- 3) To promote regular Bible study and train and encourage persons to use their lives in Christian service by emphasizing total commitment to the Lordship of Christ.
- 4) To be a loving congregation whose members try zealously to be Christ like and helpful to each other in their daily living and thereby be examples attracting unbelievers to the church.

ARTICLE III – WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Holy Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, without error in its original writings, and is the basis for our beliefs.

Our statement of beliefs is contained in the document “Community Bible Church of Weir, Texas Doctrinal Statement.”

The ordinances of the church are believer’s baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper.

ARTICLE IV – RELATIONSHIPS

This is an autonomous and democratic church operating under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership, as defined in the bylaws, retains unto itself the exclusive right to self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of the church.

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of membership.

Any authority or privilege granted, or task or duty assigned, shall be at the will of the congregation and shall in no sense be construed as irrevocably vesting such power or privilege in any individual, committee, or organization.

All internal groups created and empowered by the congregation shall report to and be accountable only to the church, unless otherwise specified by church action.

The church is not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among evangelical protestant churches.

ARTICLE V – CHURCH COVENANT

Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other as one body in Christ zealously dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of our Savior.

We promise, therefore, to walk together in Christian love, aided by the Holy Spirit; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; and to contribute cheerfully and regularly to support the ministry the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully acknowledge the right of the majority to govern.

We pledge to maintain family and personal devotions; to give our children religious

instruction; to seek the salvation of our kin and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment;

to avoid tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to be “not given to drunkenness” or “much wine”; and to recognize that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

We agree to watch over each other in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian action and courtesy in speech; and to be slow to take offense and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure reconciliation without delay.

We agree, moreover, that if we leave this congregation we will unite as soon as possible with churches of like beliefs so that we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

A change to this constitution may be made only after:

- 1) The change has been proposed in writing in a regular business meeting and copies have been furnished to all members present and other members who request copies.
- 2) The proposal has been studied by a committee whose members have been designated by the elders and approved by the congregation. This committee shall redraft the proposal if necessary to put it into proper form for addition to the constitution, but the committee shall not change the proposer’s intent. The committee shall then present the proposed change, along with its recommendation for or against the proposal and any alternative language it recommends, to the congregation at a called meeting immediately following a Sunday-morning worship service no sooner than 28 days after the regular business meeting in which the change was proposed, or at the annual business meeting provided the annual business meeting occurs at least 28 days after the regular business meeting in which the change was proposed.
- 3) Notice of the called meeting and the language of the change or changes to be considered has been mailed to all church members at least two weeks before the meeting.
- 4) The change has been approved by two-thirds vote of those members present and voting in the called meeting, provided there is a quorum as defined in the bylaws.

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