

# **Articles of Faith**

## **Community Bible Church**

### **Easley, South Carolina**

The statement of faith which this church will embrace, preach, and defend is concisely set forth as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I - THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

We believe the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments to be the inspired, completed Word of God, and the final authority for faith and life, inerrant and infallible in the original writings. II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21; Isaiah 8:20; Psalm 119:105; Revelation 22:19, John 17:17.

#### **ARTICLE II - THE GODHEAD**

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - co-equal in power and glory. Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14; I Peter 1:2; Hebrews 10.

**God the Father** -We believe that God the Father is God; that He is merciful, and just; that He is perfectly holy, righteous, and true; that He is eternally existent, glorious in nature, possessing the unique attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence; and that He, in harmony with His divine office, loves, provides, and protects, thus exercising providential care over the mankind, and especially a fatherly care over all believers. Matt. 28:19; Gen. 17:1; Matt. 19:26; Ps. 19:9; Isa. 6:3; Ps. 100:5; Prov. 15:3; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-14; Ps. 103:13; Matt. 6:25-30; Matt. 10:29-31; Matt. 7:11.

#### **ARTICLE III - THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of Mary, who was a virgin, that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. John 1:1, 2; John 1:14; Luke 1:35; Colossians 1:13-20. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His perfect, sinless life and His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice - the shedding of His blood, and that our justification is made sure by His literal,

physical resurrection from the dead, and that Christ is ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God. Acts 1:9; Romans 3:24, 25; Hebrews 9:24; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to the earth at an hour known only to God, and that because the time of His coming is hidden, believers should live in a state and attitude of constant readiness for His return. Titus 2:11-15; John 14:3; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

#### **ARTICLE IV - THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and that He indwells the souls of all believers, sealing them unto the day of redemption. John 16:8-11; II Corinthians 3:6; I Corinthians 12:12, 13; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13, 14.

We believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates the heart of the unbeliever, giving him spiritual life. John 3:6-7; Ephesians 2:1-5; Titus 3:5.

We believe that He is the divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth, speaking through the Scriptures, and that it is the privilege as well as the duty of all believers to be obedient to and controlled by the Spirit. John 16:13; Ephesians 5:18.

We believe that the Holy Spirit gives various gifts to every believer for the express purpose of building up the body of Christ to the unity of the faith and to spiritual maturity. I Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:1-16.

We believe sanctification by the Holy Spirit to be the work of God's free grace, whereby the whole person is being renewed after the image of God, and is enabled more and more to live unto righteousness and true holiness and to die to sin. Ephesians 4:23, 24; Romans 6:6; 6:14; 8:4; II Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14.

## **ARTICLE V - CREATION**

We believe that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the beginning, by the word of His power, made out of nothing the heavens and the earth and created life within the space of six days, and all very good. Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11; Jeremiah 10:12; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17.

## **ARTICLE VI - THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN**

We believe that Satan is a literal being, influential in Adam's sin, and currently blinding the eyes of the unbeliever; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. Job 1:6, 7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; I Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10.

## **ARTICLE VII - THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN**

We believe that man was created in the image of God without sin, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. We believe that man while still bearing the image of God is, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition, and that the whole person (mind, will and emotions) has been permeated with sin. Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:22, 23 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3.

## **ARTICLE VIII - JUSTIFICATION**

We believe that whom God calls to Himself, He also justifies. Justification is an objective, legal declaration by God that the believer's sin has been transferred to Jesus Christ, and that Christ's righteousness has been imputed to the believer - thus declaring him right with God. Therefore, we believe that salvation is a gift of God, apart from works, and that the believer's righteousness resides in Christ alone, by faith alone. Romans 4:5-7, 5:1, 19; Acts 10:43; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:3-4, 7; 2:8-10; Galatians 2:20; Romans 3:22-25.

## **ARTICLE IX - FAITH AND REPENTANCE**

We believe that faith is a gift of God to the believer enabling him to accept, receive and rest on Christ during trials and difficulties, and for eternal hope through His promises. Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:8-9; I Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 11:1-2; Acts 15:11, 16:31; Galatians 2:20; I Peter 1:3-5.

We believe that repentance is a gift of God whereby the unbeliever realizes the hideous nature of his sin before a holy God, turns from sin, and begins to walk

with Christ through obedience. Acts 11:18; II Timothy 2:25; Luke 13:3, 24:46-47; I John 2:3.

We believe that regeneration is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit by which the divine nature and divine life are given. It is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God when the repentant sinner, as enabled by the Holy Spirit, responds in faith to the divine provision of salvation. John 3:3-7; 5:24; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 10:15.

#### **ARTICLE X - GOOD WORKS**

We believe good works to be a necessary manifestation and fruit of a living faith. They do not bring justification, nor do they evoke any obligatory blessing from God. James 2:18, 22; John 15:4-5; Philippians 2:13; Luke 17:10; Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:22-23.

#### **ARTICLE XI - ADOPTION**

We believe the believer, being made righteous in God's sight by justification through faith in Christ, is then adopted into the family of God. While justification relates to the believer's relation to the Law, adoption relates to one's personal relationship with God. Ephesians 1:4-5; Galatians 4:4-6; Romans 8:15-16, 23.

Because of the believer's adoption the believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit making him a child of God and co-heir with Christ and now he may approach God boldly and without fear. Romans 8:17, 29; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 4:6; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-22.

#### **ARTICLE XII - SANCTIFICATION**

We believe the believer is liberated from sin's dominion, and is freed to obey his new Master, Jesus Christ. However, there remains some measure of corruption from the old life with which the new believer must constantly battle.

We believe progressive sanctification in the Holy Spirit to be the work of God's free grace, whereby the believer is renewed in the whole person after the likeness of Christ, and he is enabled more and more to live unto righteousness and true holiness in Christ. Ephesians 4:22 - 24; Romans 6:6; 6:14; 7:4-6; 8:4, 28-30; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:24; 4:1-2.

### **ARTICLE XIII - THE ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS**

We believe it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the witness of God's Word. While it is possible for a time, a true believer may have his assurance shaken by neglecting his walk with God and yielding to sin. He should not despair in this state, but rather pray earnestly that the Spirit may witness with his that he is in Christ, and be diligent to make his calling and election sure. Psalm 51:8, 12, 13; John 6:39-40; 10:7-18, 28; Romans 8:35, 38-39; Phil 1:6; Ephesians 4:30; 1 John 5:13.

We do however believe that every true believer will continue in faith till the end. And therefore any professing believer whose faith is shaken and who continues in unbelief indefinitely demonstrates that his profession may not have been genuine. It is the obligation of every believer to call such a person to repentance and true faith in Christ. Matthew 7:21-23; 22; 2 Corinthians 13:5; James 2:14, 17, 24; Revelation 3:5, 2:7, 2:11, 2:26, 3:12, 3:21.

### **ARTICLE XIV - THE CHURCH**

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, where believers under the leadership of biblically qualified Elders grow in grace through the regular teaching of the Scriptures, the taking of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, the mutual ministry of spiritually gifted believers as they build one another up in Christ and the maintaining of purity through biblically administered church discipline. The local church is the visible representation of the body of Christ on the earth, and its members exist to display the grace of God in their community for the salvation of the lost and for the glory of Christ on earth till He returns. Matthew 18:15-22; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 5; 12:12-13; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:23-25; I Peter 5:1-4.

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **Community Bible Church**

### **Easley, South Carolina**

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this church will be called Community Bible Church, Easley, South Carolina.

#### **ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT**

Community Bible Church exists to produce genuine followers of Jesus Christ who join Him in loving God, loving people and redeeming the world. Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19, 20.

#### **ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT**

The government of this church will be of the congregational type with authority vested in its owners, who will hold title in the corporate name to all properties, and whose vote will be final in all matters pertaining to the church, except as provided otherwise herein. The Elders, elected by the congregation, will, in the normal course of events, rule and make decisions on behalf of the people. This church will acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as its only Head. Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18; I Peter 5:1-5.

#### **ARTICLE IV - OWNERSHIP**

- A. We define ownership as a believer who takes an active, accountable role in the church. Ownership implies that a person is invested personally and takes an active role to advance the mission of the church.
- B. Owners of this church will be professing, baptized believers who will subscribe to the Articles of Faith, and Constitution of this church.
- C. The mode of baptism is not the basis for fellowship in this church, but baptism at this church is by immersion.
- D. Those desiring to hold official offices or positions of authority within the church (i.e. teachers, small group leaders, etc.) must be owners in good standing.

## E. The Process for Ownership

### 1. Prospective owners will:

- a. Read and study the Charter documents including the Articles of Faith and Constitution,
- b. Fill out an application form,
- c. Attend an Ownership Class,
- d. Be questioned by a representative of the Elder Board, and then be announced to the congregation as potential owners (Questions used in the interview process are available upon request), and
- e. Be presented to the congregation as owners.

### 2. This process will cover a minimum of three weeks. Objections may be voiced to any representative of the Elder Board by any owner in good standing during this process.

F. Owners will not be received into this church by letter from other churches, and letters transferring ownership to other churches will not be granted.

G. Minor children will not be considered for ownership. However, once they reach the age of sixteen (16) they may follow the process for ownership as outlined in section E.

H. After a period of one (1) year of inactivity (no communication with the church) an owner will be removed from the church ownership list. Any person wishing to reinstate their ownership after this period must reapply through the process outlined in section E.

## ARTICLE V - CHURCH DISCIPLINE

All matters of discipline will be conducted in the spirit and letter of the Scriptures. Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17. Such discipline will be entrusted to the Elder Board who will take the case or cases into prayerful consideration and act with wisdom and, if deemed necessary, bring the matter before the church. No action calling for suspension or dismissal will be taken against any person until such owner be informed and the charge cited; and the owner will be given an opportunity to appear at a meeting of the Elder Board.

Church discipline is initiated only when a brother or sister is involved in sin that has been addressed and is unrepentant of that sin. The purpose of the discipline is never to hurt or tear down, but to restore and heal. Galatians 6:1-4.

## ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

- A. The following will be regular fellowship and worship services:
1. Sunday worship service
  2. Baptismal services, when necessary, normally conducted in conjunction with a Sunday service.
  3. The Lord's Supper will be observed at least quarterly.
  4. An evangelistic series, Bible conference, missionary conference, or other special services will be held with outside speakers at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder Board as they determine the needs of the church.
  5. Other fellowship and worship services, as called by the Pastor and Official Board.
- B. Business Meetings:
1. Business meetings will be held as follows: an annual business meeting will be held to determine financial and budget affairs, and for other organizational business, e.g. to elect Deacons and Elders. Times will be determined by the Pastor and the Official Board, which is made up of Deacons and Elders.
  2. Other business meetings may be called by the Official Board.
  3. The moderator will be designated by the Official Board.
  4. In all business meetings, twenty-five percent of eligible voting owners will be considered a quorum. When fewer than fifty percent of eligible voting owners are present, a two-thirds majority will be required to pass any measure, except when voting for a new pastor. (See Article VIII) When greater than fifty percent of eligible voting owners are present, a simple majority will carry the measure. Any active owners at least sixteen years of age will be entitled to vote. (See Article IV)
  5. Any proposition the Official Board believes to require a congregational vote will be posted in writing and announced verbally for two Sunday worship services prior to the vote and the vote taken at the third Sunday worship service.
  6. Business meetings will be open to non-owners unless an owners-only meeting is designated by the Official Board.



## ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

- A. The church is supported by voluntary contributions from its owners who are commanded to give as each purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. Giving to fellow believers, the poor and needy, and to Kingdom work is a good and appropriate response to our love of Christ.
- B. No paid performances or sales will be used to finance the normal operation of the church. Such sales or fundraising activities are permissible only for special projects for the church. Any such fundraising must be approved by the Elder Board.
- C. An annual budget shall be prepared and presented by the chairman of the Deacons, and voted on by the owners at an annual business meeting. The budget will be posted at least two Sunday worship services prior to the business meeting.
  - 1. All undesignated tithes and offerings will be disbursed as follows:
    - a. General budget and building shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) and home and foreign missions shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the total budget.
    - b. Permanent missions' support and discretionary missions' support from the total missions' income will be at the discretion of the missions committee
  - 2. The annual budget may not exceed the previous year's undesignated giving income plus an amount equal to the average change (increase or decrease) in undesignated giving income over the preceding five years.
  - 3. During the budget year, the Official Board may disburse an aggregate of five percent (5%) of the current year's budget amount for non-budgeted expenditures without congregational approval provided actual income exceeds budgeted income at the time of the expenditure in an amount greater than the expenditure.
  - 4. Outstanding indebtedness for fixed assets will not exceed two and one-half times the annual income of the current fiscal year (CBC's fiscal year is April 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>). A vote for such indebtedness must be accepted by an eighty percent (80%) vote of the eligible owners at an officially called business meeting.
- D. Records of all financial transactions will be kept by the church administrator, who will submit a monthly financial report to the chairman of the Deacons.

- E. The Official Board is responsible for all properties and financial dealings of the church.
- F. Two officers of the corporation or representatives from the Official Board may be appointed to represent the church in major transactions and to sign legal documents, including documents that obligate the church financially. (E.g. land purchases, contracts, etc.)

## **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

- A. Pastors:
  - 1. The Pastor (either senior or associate) will be a male and will meet the Scriptural qualifications for his calling as outlined in I Timothy 3:1-7.
  - 2. Calling the Pastor:
    - a. A candidate for acceptance will be heard at a minimum of two regular worship services. His wife and family must accompany him to at least one of the services, and he will, with his family, meet with the Official Board.
    - b. A Pastor will be accepted by an eighty percent (80%) vote of the eligible owners present at a duly-called business meeting.
  - 3. Duties of Pastors:
    - a. It will be the duty of the Pastors, as under shepherds responsible to Jesus Christ, to preach the Word and oversee the ordinances of the church.
    - b. The Pastors will be the spiritual leaders, along with the other Elders of the church and will advance the spiritual life and interest of the congregation.
    - c. Additional duties will be articulated per the job descriptions specific to Pastoral positions.
  - 4. Guidelines for the pastors and other employees.
    - a. The Pastors will be Elders and ex-officio members of every committee in the church
    - b. All employees, staff members, teachers, and officers, whether salaried or not, will be directly responsible to the Official Board.
  - 5. Dismissal of a Pastor:
    - a. A Pastor may be dismissed by an eighty percent (80%) vote of eligible owners present at any officially-called business meeting. See Article VI, Section B.

- b. A meeting to dismiss a Pastor may be called by twenty-five percent of the church owners by petition or by one-third of the Official Board. Such meeting must follow the guidelines of an officially called Business Meeting outlined in Article VI – Meetings.
  - c. If dismissed, a Pastor’s services will be terminated immediately.
  - d. Salary and other benefits will continue for forty-five days maximum or until he has obtained a full-time, paid position, whichever comes first.
6. An assistant is called by the Official Board, and will perform the duties prescribed by that governing body. If at any point an assistant wishes to be ordained, he must go through the steps outlined in Article IX, then be voted into office according to the process outlined in Article VIII.

**B. Elders and Deacons**

- 1. The Deacons and Elders will be males and will meet the Scriptural qualifications for office as set forth in I Timothy 3:8-13, and will have been active owners of the church for at least six months.
- 2. Deacons and Elders will be elected by a majority vote of the owners present at the annual organizational business meeting.
- 3. Elders will serve in perpetuity in their office, but they are eligible for sabbatical by request to the sitting Elder Board. When an Elder wishes to return to the sitting Elder Board, he must present himself to the congregation for a vote of confidence confirming his continued qualifications as an Elder. In order for a man to become an Elder at CBC he must have passed an ordination process. (Ordination to Elder is available at CBC. The Biblical Examination Questions utilized in the review are available upon request.) Elders are subject to dismissal in a similar format to the dismissal of a pastor (see Article VIII.A.5).
- 4. The recommended Deacon Board will be comprised of 8-12 men per term. Deacons will serve a single four year term, and elections will take place every two years. During each election cycle, half of the Deacon Board will be replaced. Upon resignation or dismissal of a Deacon, the office may be filled until its expiration by vote of the congregation. The new Deacon is eligible to complete a term provided the term he filled was less than one year. No official Deacon meeting may occur without a majority of active Deacons present for the meeting.

5. General duties of the Official Board:

- a. Recognizing that in a congregational government the leadership must be accountable for its actions to the people, they will call an informal meeting with the men of the church at least once a year to discuss the activities of the church and its officers.
- b. They will be responsible for the agenda and conduct of the annual organizational meeting as outlined in Article VI.
- c. The Official Board will be responsible for administering the Lord's Supper.
- d. Dismissal of any Deacon or Elder will be by recommendation of the Pastor and three or more of the members of the corresponding board. Confirmation of dismissal will be by a vote of the Elder Board.

6. Deacons:

- a. The office of the Deacon should be held by men of spiritual character, honest repute, brotherly spirit, sound judgment, and service.
- b. In the discharge of their duties the Deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Elders. If, for any reason, it is impossible to secure Deacons, the duties of the office will fall to the Elders.
- c. The Deacons will be responsible to carry out the ministry tasks for the people, on behalf of the Elders. In keeping with the description of Acts 6, the Deacon Board is a service-oriented board, caring for physical needs of individuals and the corporate body; and giving the Elders the opportunity to give themselves to prayer, the study of the Word, and discipleship.
- d. The Deacons will be responsible to nominate candidates for the office of Deacon, subject to the approval of the Elders.
- e. The Deacons will minister to the needy and supervise all funds of the church.
- f. The Deacons will be responsible to supervise the Administrator who keeps an accurate record of all contributions of funds and their disbursement (See Article VIII, D, Administrator below).
- g. The Deacons will be responsible for the physical oversight of the church. They will be responsible for the maintenance of all church property.

## 7. Elders

- a. The Elder should be a man of experience, be blameless in life, strong in his faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit sobriety and holy living that reflects the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and have a good reputation with those outside the church.
- b. The Elders will be responsible (with the Pastors) for the spiritual oversight of the church, guarding the flock that no doctrinal error or corruption of morals overtake it. They will exercise government and proper church discipline. The Elders will visit the people of the church, especially the sick and those mourning. They will nourish and guard the flock by teaching the truth of the Word of God. They will set a worthy example to the flock by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples, and they will pray with the people both publicly and privately.
- c. The Elders will have oversight (with the Pastors) of the educational program of the church.
- d. The Elders will have oversight (with the Pastors) of pulpit supply. They will, at the direction of the Pastor or in his absence, arrange for special speakers, special services, and baptismal services.
- e. The Elders will have oversight, (with the Pastors) of the mission program and the worship program of the church.
- f. The Elders (with the Pastors) will be responsible for administering water baptism.
- g. The Elders will be responsible for examining each applicant for ownership.
- h. The Elders will be responsible to form a pulpit committee for seeking and examining a prospective Pastor.
- i. The Elders will be responsible for nominating candidates for the office of Elder.

## 8. Administrator

- a. The church Administrator may be a paid staff position or will be an owner in good standing, recommended and appointed by the Official Board. If this position is filled by a volunteer, the owner will serve a four year term.
- b. The church Administrator will keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the church and a record of the ownership list.

- c. The Administrator will keep a complete and accurate record of all contributions and disbursements of the church.
- d. The Administrator will submit a complete report of the church financial operations to the Official Board monthly, and will submit a complete annual report for the annual financial business meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX - ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY**

- A. Community Bible Church has authority as a local church body to ordain candidates for Pastoral ministry.
- B. A candidate seeking ordination in this church must approach the Elder Board for permission to be examined. The Elders must decide whether to grant permission based on the character, spiritual gifts, maturity, and education of the candidate.
- C. If permission has been granted, a date for examination will be set.
- D. The Examining Board will consist of a Pastor, other ordained Pastors on staff, the Elder Board, and any other ordained minister(s) the candidate wishes to attend, subject to the approval of the Pastors and the Elder Board.
- E. The candidate's examination will include, but is not limited to, the following topics:
  - 1. The qualifications set forth in Scripture (I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9) and his personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - 2. Knowledge of Bible content.
  - 3. Knowledge of theology.
  - 4. Knowledge of Church Policy/Discipline.
- F. Upon passage of the examination a date will be set for an ordination service. This service will contain, but is not limited to, an address to the candidate and the congregation by a Pastor, or an Elder and prayer for the candidate by each member of the Examination Board. Upon completion of this service the candidate is considered officially an ordained minister and is entitled to all rights and privileges thereto.

## **ARTICLE X - ORDINANCES**

The ordinances are the physical, outward pictures of the inward spiritual realities of Christ's work in the believer's life. Due to the deeply symbolic and spiritual nature of the ordinances, they are to be partaken of in faith and sincerity of heart befitting such holy occasions.

- A. Water Baptism: It is an act of obedience that signifies that one has been united to Christ. It is the public profession of the saving grace of God in the life of the believer.
- B. The Lord's Supper: It is the public ceremony reminding us of the broken body and shed blood of Christ on behalf of sinful mankind. It is for the believer a testimony of his faith in Christ alone for his salvation. The Lord's Supper is open to all professing believers who have examined themselves and are living in obedience to Christ.

## **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Community Bible Church, the assets of the corporation will be given and paid over to a 501-(c) (3) corporation of like faith and practice. Said corporation will be determined by a majority vote of the owners of the corporation present at a duly called business meeting for said dissolution.

- A. Notice of dissolution will be sent, in writing, to each owner at least forty-five days prior the scheduled meeting, and public notice will be given at least forty-five days prior to the meeting.
- B. All recommendations for recipients of the corporation assets will be placed, in writing, by a member of the corporation to the Official Board no less than thirty days prior to the dissolution meeting. No other recommendations will be considered.
- C. It will be the duty of the Official Board to examine all recommendations submitted to it and to make its own recommendations to the congregation concerning the distribution of the church assets.
- D. Said recommendation from the Official Board will be made available, in writing, to the congregation fifteen days prior the dissolution meeting.
- E. The decision as to the recipients of the assets of the corporation will be the mutual consent by secret ballot of the majority of the owners present at the dissolution meeting.

F. The Official Board, in the stead of the owners of the corporation, will assume the responsibility of wrapping up the dissolution, and will seek and obtain legal assistance to complete said proceedings.

### **ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS**

- A. As a working, flexible document, this constitution, may be amended, altered, or revised at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the owners present.
- B. Amendments to this constitution will be presented, in writing, to the Official Board and, if accepted, will be presented to the church for vote at any regular business meeting.



Dear Prospective Church Owner:

We are thrilled that you are considering becoming an owner of Community Bible Church. Any person who testifies to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and is willing to follow our statement of faith can unite with this fellowship.

- To become an owner you must complete and submit the application in this booklet after having read the church's Articles of Faith and Constitution.
- In response to your application, your names will be posted in the bulletin, then a member of the Elder Board will interview you regarding your testimony of salvation and answer any questions you may have concerning Community Bible Church. The interview responses will be presented to the Elder Board for approval of ownership. Once the Elder Board approves of the ownership application you will be considered officially an owner of CBC.
- On a designated Sunday, you will be presented to the congregation as a new owner of Community Bible Church.

While we try not to put undue stress on ownership as a requirement for fellowship or involvement at Community Bible Church, we do require anyone assuming a teaching or leadership role to be an owner of the congregation.

Once again, we are delighted that you are considering joining our fellowship, and we ask that you make this decision prayerfully and in accordance with the Holy Spirit's leading in your life.

Your fellow laborers in Christ,

CBC Elders

# COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## Family Profile/Ownership Application

\*\*\*Complete Family Profile - Please detach and place in offering box.

Name (Dr., Rev., Mr.)	Home Phone	Cell Phone
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Name (Dr., Mrs., Miss)	Home Phone	Cell Phone
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OWNERSHIP APPLICANT(S)

I (We) have read and accept the Church Constitution and Articles of Faith, and wish to apply for ownership in Community Bible Church. I (We) agree to give of our time, energy, and resources as vital owners of the body of Christ. I (We) agree that as owners of Community Bible Church we voluntarily submit ourselves to this level of accountability, and we count it a privilege to do so. (Please sign below.)

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