

Berachah Bible Church Constitution

This Constitution explains how Berachah Bible Church is legally incorporated and operates under the law of the State of Georgia as a non-profit corporation. The Constitution and the By-Laws of Berachah Bible Church are legal documents.

Article 1 – Name and Location

The name of this Church is Berachah Bible Church. It is a Georgia nonprofit religious Corporation with its principal offices in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Article 2 - Purpose

This Corporation, hereafter in this Constitution referred to as the Church, is organized for exclusively religious purposes, common to a pastoral church ministry as defined by Scripture. These purposes are worshipping God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit; teaching and practicing the truths of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17); administering the ordinances of a new testament church, the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26) and Baptism (Romans 6:3-5); encouraging the growth of each believer toward maturity in the faith and Christ-likeness (Romans 12:3-8); and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the earth (Matt. 28:18-20).

Article 3 – Church Member Covenant

The Berachah Bible Church Member Covenant describes how the members of the Church are bound together as a result of the super-natural work of God's Holy Spirit, and how they will then live and work to accomplish His will together. It must be affirmed by each church member and each candidate for membership no later than the completion of the membership process. Subsequently, if any member can no longer affirm this covenant, they will be asked to resign, or they may ask to resign as long as they are not under church discipline. The complete covenant is a separate document to this constitution.

Article 4 – Doctrinal Statement

The Berachah Bible Church Doctrinal Statement describes what this Church teaches and practices. It must be affirmed by each church member and each candidate for membership no later than the completion of the membership process. The doctrinal statement is a separate document to this constitution.

Article 5 – Church By-Laws

The By-Laws explain how Berachah Bible Church will provide for an orderly conduct of internal affairs and governing of church members as the church carries out its mission that has been given it from Jesus Christ through the Scriptures. The procedures may include purpose, mission and methodology; governance and leadership; membership; financial policies; business conduct; and written policies for specific church life-issues. The by-laws are a separate document to this constitution.

Article 6 – Church Government

The form of government for Berachah Bible Church is a biblically qualified eldership. The elders serve as the Board of Directors for the purpose of incorporation under Georgia State laws. The elders are assisted in this ministry by the deacons. Instructions for elder and deacon responsibilities, election, qualifications, and terms of service are in the Berachah Bible Church By-Laws.

Article 7 – Affiliation

As a New Testament church cannot “join” anything outside itself, but only affiliate on the grounds of fellowship, Berachah Bible Church may declare itself to be in fellowship with other biblically sound, like-minded churches, yet remain independent in assuming sole responsibility for its own actions. At no time shall the properties or assets of this church become the property or assets of another organization.

Article 8 – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of Berachah Bible Church, the elders, acting as the Board of Directors for legal purposes, will, after ensuring payment of all liabilities of the church, distribute all the assets of the church to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and who are in agreement with the church doctrinal statement, and who at that time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or any applicable section of any future federal tax code). Any assets not so distributed will be disposed by the Circuit Court of Fayette County exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations the Court determines are organized and operated for such purposes.

Article – Amendment

This Constitution may be amended by recommendation of the elders with such recommendation being affirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Procedures for the calling and notification of such duly called meetings are found in the Berachah Bible Church By-Laws. Copies of the amended constitution must be made available to church members at least two successive Sundays prior to the duly called meeting. Absentee ballots will be made available through the church office during the two weeks of amended constitution review by the church membership.

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