

The Constitution of The BIBLE Fellowship

THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP is a congregation of Bible-believing, Evangelical Christians committed to the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We teach the scriptures in an expository manner and encourage our members to grow in a fervent love for the Lord and others.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, do ordain and establish the following Constitution to which we voluntarily submit.

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of the church shall be “THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP”. The word “church” as used in this Constitution shall refer to The BIBLE Fellowship, whereas the word “Church” shall refer to the Body and Bride of Christ.

ARTICLE II

MISSION: The mission of this church is to glorify God above all and to enjoy Him forever, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, to evangelize unbelieving people to become committed followers of Jesus Christ, to build up believers in the faith and knowledge of Christ, to inspire and equip Christians to share the gospel simply, effectively, and Biblically, and, to believe and preach the entire Bible, which is God’s Holy Word. (Matthew 28:18-20 & Psalm 138:2)

AUTHORITY: The Board of Elders is the governing body of this church.

INCORPORATION: To implement this purpose legally, the church is incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, so that it may own, provide and/ or maintain a

place of worship (including suitable real estate and buildings), receive, hold and disburse gifts, bequests and funds, and/or do all and sundry things necessary or incident to carry on such purpose.

ARTICLE III

Statement of FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts, and the supreme and final authority. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).
2. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and that He created everything out of nothing for His own pleasure and purpose. (John 1:1-18; Luke 3:21-22; Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 48:12-16, Matt. 28:18)
3. We believe man was created in the image of God, through disobedience sinned and fell, and that the entire human race shares in man's lost and depraved nature (Gen. 1:26-28; 3).
4. We believe Jesus, the eternal Son of God, took upon Himself the form of a man by means of the virgin birth. Atonement for sin was made by the sacrificial and substitutional death of Jesus Christ through His shed blood on the cross (Matt. 1:18-23; 1 Pet. 1:18-21; Rom. 3:25).
5. We believe in the eternal salvation of the believers and in the eternal damnation and punishment of the nonbelievers (John 3:16-18; Rom. 6:23).
6. We believe salvation is the gift of God by grace alone and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this faith is manifested in works pleasing to God (Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:8-10).
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and His priestly intercession (Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:3-8; Heb. 7:25).
8. We believe the Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father, our Comforter sent to convict the world of sin, which places the believer in the Body of Christ, indwells the believer, and bestows spiritual gifts to the Church (John 14:15-18; 16:5-15; 1 Cor. 12-14, Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4, 38-39; 8:14-17; 10:44-48; 19:1-7).
9. We believe that the ordinances of the church, by the command of Christ, are Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper, both of which are administered to those who are born again. (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 11:17-26).

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP: Any person may become a member upon professing saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and upon satisfactorily meeting the requirements set by the Elders.

A. Becoming a Member: There are three steps in the membership process at The BIBLE Fellowship:

1) Attend a membership class. In these sessions, we discuss what we believe at The BIBLE Fellowship and how we operate as a church. Completing the classes does not obligate the applicant to join the church, however, if someone wants to learn more about The BIBLE Fellowship, this is a good way to do that. If one wants to join the church, these classes are required.

2) Once the membership class is completed, the applicant must submit a membership application to the Elders (see Article XI).

3) When the application is received by the Elders, they will contact the applicant to schedule a membership interview with a Pastor or one of the church Elders. This allows the leadership of the church to get to know the applicant, hear how they came to faith in Christ, and for the applicant to ask any additional questions about the church.

After these steps are completed, the Elders review and approve the applications. On a regular basis, the church will welcome new members during an evening service.

B. Discipline of Members: The purpose of church discipline is to affect a return to a Biblical standard of conduct and doctrine in a member who errs (Galatians 6:1) to maintain purity in the local church (I Corinthians 5:6) and to deter sin (I Timothy 5:20).

Any member of this church who teaches or insists on holding false doctrine, or persistently conducts himself or herself in a manner inconsistent with Biblical teaching, or who persists in disturbing the unity or peace of the church shall be dealt with as follows, according to Matthew 18:15-18:

1. It is the duty of any member of this church who has knowledge of an erring member's heresy or misconduct to warn and correct the erring member in private, seeking his or her repentance and restoration.
2. If the erring member does not heed this warning, the warning member shall again go to the erring member accompanied by one or two other members as witnesses to warn and correct, seeking repentance and restoration.
3. If the erring member still refuses to heed the warning, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the Elders, who, upon careful and prayerful investigation, shall tell it to the church encouraging the congregation to pray for repentance and restoration of the erring member.
4. If the erring member refuses to heed the warnings of the Elders and the church, he or she shall be dismissed from the church pursuant to the Scriptures and treated as an unbeliever. There shall be no appeal of the discipline process or the dismissal to any court. The congregation shall be encouraged to pray for the repentance and restoration of the erring member. It is clearly understood that the discipline process will continue to conclusion even if the erring member leaves the church or otherwise seeks to withdraw from membership.

C. Termination of Membership: Membership may be terminated in one of four ways:

1. By physical death;
2. By transfer: When it is requested, the Elders may grant to a departing member in good standing, a letter of dismissal to the fellowship of another church. No letter may be given to a member who is at the time under the corrective discipline of the church. The Elders may refuse to grant a letter of transfer to any church, which is in their judgment disloyal to the gospel. (Jude 3)
3. By exclusion: If a member habitually absents himself from the stated meetings of the church without valid reason, as determined by the Board of Elders, or if due to relocation he ceases to maintain a vital contact with the church, he may be excluded from membership. If an excluded member applies again for membership, the procedures set forth will again be followed.

4. By dismissal as a final step of church discipline. The Board of Elders shall only apply the above-mentioned dismissal (see Article V, section B4) in strict accordance with the Scriptures.

ARTICLE V

QUALIFICATIONS OF CHURCH LEADERS: All persons who hold any position of leadership (including but not limited to teachers, committee members, church staff and church workers) must meet and maintain the following spiritual qualifications for leadership:

A. Has accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

B. Is a member of The BIBLE Fellowship.

C. Teaches no doctrine contrary to the “Statement of Faith” as put forth in the Constitution of The BIBLE Fellowship.

D. Provides systematic spiritual, financial and physical support to The BIBLE Fellowship ministry.

E. Is known for a dedicated Christian life according to the standards of God’s Word and will purpose to put any sin, including doubtful conduct and conversation, out of his/her life so that the resulting influence is helpful rather than a hindrance.

F. Fulfills such specific biblical requirements as may apply to the position of responsibility.

ARTICLE VI

ELDERS: God has established the office of Elder to provide leadership for His Church. Those who serve and minister in these roles shall collectively and individually oversee, provide for and encourage the spiritual life, welfare and total ministry of the congregation in order to insure the proper equipping of the saints. As God’s servants and stewards, these leaders shall be persons:

A. Who meet the qualifications as given in Scripture; (I Timothy 3:1-15; 5:19-25; II Timothy 2:24-25; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 6:3-6)

B. Who adhere to the doctrinal basis of this church;

C. Whose soundness in the faith and whose ability to serve has been examined and approved by the church. Therefore, our church leaders are to be assisted, obeyed and respected as they carry out their duties (Hebrews 13:17).

D. Duties of Senior Pastor: As an Elder of this church, the Senior Pastor shall:

1. Give himself to prayer and the study of the Word of God;
2. Preach and expound the Word of God;
3. Administer the Ordinances in accordance with the Word of God;
4. Share in the pastoral care of the congregation along with the other Elders;
5. Perform the marriage ceremony at his discretion in accordance with the laws of God and the State;
6. Officiate at funerals of members of the church and nonmembers at his discretion;
7. Together with the other Elders maintain church discipline;
8. Participate in the installation of newly designated Elders;
9. Act as an ex-officio member of all committees and boards;
10. Perform other constitutional, Scriptural and general pastoral duties.

Under oversight of the Board of Elders, the Senior Pastor shall be free to accept invitations to preach the Word of God to other groups or organizations, provided such engagements do not interfere with the work of the church.

E. The Qualifications

1. An Elder must have a good reputation (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6).
2. An Elder must be the husband of one wife (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6).
3. An Elder must lead his home in Christ, ruling his children and his own house well (1 Timothy 3:4-5).
4. An Elder must be temperate (1 Timothy 3:2) .
5. An Elder must be sober-minded (1 Timothy 3:2).
6. An Elder must be hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2).
7. An Elder must be able to teach (1 Timothy 3:8).

8. An Elder must not be given to wine (1 Timothy 3:3).
9. An Elder must not be greedy or motivated by money (1 Timothy 3:3).
10. An Elder must be gentle (1 Timothy 3:3).
11. An Elder must not be quarrelsome (1 Timothy 3:3).
12. An Elder must not be covetous (1 Timothy 3:3).
13. An Elder must not be a novice (1 Timothy 3:6).
14. An Elder must not be self-willed (Titus 1:7).
15. An Elder must not be quick-tempered (Titus 1:7).
16. An Elder must hold to proper doctrine (Titus 1:9), fully subscribing to the Statement of Faith of The BIBLE Fellowship.

F. Duties of Elders:

1. To be devoted to prayer and the study of God's Word and sustain a caring ministry for the flock, which involves:
 - a. Serving as partners with the Pastor for the church's spiritual growth;
 - b. Praying for the sick and visiting the congregation.

2. To teach and exhort, as well as refute, those who contradict the truth, which involves:
 - a. Insuring that Bible teachers and leaders are properly qualified;
 - b. Arranging for pulpit supply during the Senior Pastor's absence.

3. To lead by Christ-like example, which involves:
 - a. Consistently modeling spiritual character, attitudes, values and behavior among the members;
 - b. Providing and inviting the opportunity for frequent and on-going contact with members;
 - c. Conducting the affairs of the church in an atmosphere of openness and mutual sensitivity, focusing as much on nurturing the members as on decision-making.

4. To oversee the affairs of the church, which involves:

- a. Being responsible for the employment, terms of employment, and termination of employment of pastoral staff;
- b. Installing the duly elected Pastor and/or Pastors;
- c. Approving all subordinate organizations of the church;
- d. Approving all applicants for church membership;
- e. Maintaining the legal status of the church;
- f. The management of the church funds;
- g. Conducting the meetings of the church;
- h. Approving nominations for the Board of Elders and Deacons;
- i. Communication to the congregation on a regular basis concerning the activities and concerns of the Elders.

5. To perform other constitutional, Scriptural and general duties of oversight.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF SENIOR PASTOR AND ELDERS:

A. The Senior Pastor: When the senior pastorate of this church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Board of Elders after prayerful consideration to provide for the filling of the pulpit ad interim, and to nominate for Senior Pastor a man who possesses the requirements set forth in scripture and in these articles. In carrying out this process, the Board of Elders shall directly, or through a search committee, communicate to the congregation regularly, and at reasonable intervals. Any church members who desire to suggest the name of an individual for consideration as Senior Pastor may do so in writing to the secretary of the Board of Elders.

When the Board of Elders intends to nominate a Senior Pastor they shall notify the membership by mail at least ten business days in advance. The notice shall include the name of the individual being considered for nomination. We encourage all church members desiring to submit questions, comments or suggestions concerning the individual being considered for nomination to do so in writing at least three business days before the meeting of the Board of Elders at which they intend to nominate an individual as Senior Pastor for the church.

The Board of elders shall then call a meeting, which shall be announced by mail to each member at least ten business days in advance of said meeting. We encourage all comments to be given to the secretary of the Board of Elders, signed and in writing, at least three business days prior to this meeting for the election. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The meeting shall be presided over by the chairman of the Board of Elders. Only one person eligible to become Senior Pastor shall be considered or voted upon at a meeting. The election and its returns shall be conducted and announced publicly at the election meeting and shall be sent by mail to all church members promptly. A three-fourths majority of all votes cast shall be required for an election.

After The Senior Pastor has been duly elected a written call shall be tendered to him, signed by the Board of Elders. In this written call the Elders shall specify the financial support. A copy of this Constitution shall accompany the letter of call.

B. Board of Elders: The Board shall consist of a minimum of three men, including the Senior Pastor, and a maximum as determined by the Board. Each Elder shall hold office as long as he is faithful to his calling and has the confidence of his brethren and the congregation. The selection process shall be as follows:

1. The Elders will consider candidates for Eldership as leadership needs arise.
2. The candidate and the Elders will determine through prayer, Bible study and ministry partnership one's calling as an Elder.
3. The Elders will then either approve the new appointment by unanimous consent, or dismiss the candidate.
4. Following the recognition of an Elder, he shall be publicly installed in his office at a regular worship service by the prayer of the whole church and the laying on of hands by the existing Elders.

The Board of Elders shall have a chairman and a secretary elected from its members. The chairman of the Board of Elders shall be the Senior Pastor who will preside over the meeting of the Board of Elders and shall insure that the Board serves the congregation in a balanced manner addressing each area of responsibility as outlined in the duties. In the absence of a Senior Pastor, an interim chairman will be elected by the remaining Board members. The interim chairman shall serve in this role until a new Senior Pastor has been installed.

In recognition that the task of Eldership is significant and is accomplished while continuing care of family and work responsibilities, we understand that individual Elders may need to take leave of some of the responsibilities of Eldership for periods of time. Such sabbatical times will be arranged through mutual consent of the Elders. An Elder may resign his office without prejudice if for good and valid reasons he finds he is no longer able to discharge the duties required.

The Elders shall be mutually accountable to each other in order to safeguard against the continuation in office of an Elder who has rendered himself unqualified for such service.

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION OF AN ELDER, SENIOR PASTOR OR PASTOR: An Elder, Senior Pastor or Pastor shall serve until removed by the Lord or by Three-Fourths majority vote of the Board of Elders. When the Senior Pastor resigns, he shall give the Board of Elders advanced notice in writing of his intention to do so.

ARTICLE IX

DEACONS: The basic meaning of Greek word group behind the English translation "deacon" (diakon-) suggests the notion of service and servanthood (John 2:5; Romans 15:8; Matthew 20:26; Luke 10:40; Acts 11:29; 12:25), especially in regard to providing practical help with respect to the basic necessities of life (Matthew 4:11; 8:15; 27:55; Luke 10:40; Romans 15:25). The basic task of deacons, then, seems to be helping those in need of food, water, and clothing, as well as ministering through hospitality and welcoming, thereby promoting unity within the church, thus freeing the Pastor and Elders to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word, and facilitating the spread of the gospel. As God's servants and stewards, these leaders shall be persons:

A. Who meet the qualifications as given in Scripture; (I Timothy 3:1-15; 5:19-25; II Timothy 2:24-25; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 6:3-6)

B. Who adhere to the doctrinal basis of this church;

C. Whose soundness in the faith and whose ability to serve has been examined and approved by the church. Therefore, our church leaders are to be assisted, obeyed and respected as they carry out their duties (Hebrews 13:17).

D. Chosen by the congregation by election at a church business meeting to be scheduled by the Elders.

E. The Qualifications

1. The Deacon must have a good reputation (Acts 6:3).
2. The Deacon must be “full of the Spirit” (Acts 6:3).
3. The Deacon must have wisdom from God (Acts 6:3).
4. The Deacon must be willing to “serve” (Acts 6:2).
5. The Deacon must be “sincere” (1 Timothy 3:8).
6. The Deacon must not be “double-tongued” (1 Timothy 3:8).
7. The Deacon is “not indulging in much wine” (1 Timothy 3:8), but is temperate.
8. The Deacon must not be greedy, but generous, and faithful in giving (1 Timothy 3:8).
9. The Deacon must hold to proper doctrine (1 Timothy 3:9), fully subscribing to the Statement of Faith of The BIBLE Fellowship.
10. The Deacon must be a mature believer (1 Timothy 3:10).
11. The Deacon must be the faithful husband of one wife (1 Timothy 3:12).
12. The Deacon must lead his home in Christ, ruling his children and his own house well (1 Timothy 3:12).
13. The Deacon's wife must be an example of the Christian life, “not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything” (1 Timothy 3:11).

F. Duties of Deacons: The Deacons free the Pastor and Elders to pray and prepare to minister the Word (Acts 6:2-4) by serving the church in practical benevolence (Acts 6:1-3) including:

- a. maintaining the facilities;
- b. distributing benevolence resources;
- c. assisting the Elders in caring for the physical and spiritual needs of the members.

ARTICLE X

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF DEACONS: The Deacons are to be chosen by the members (Acts 6:3) by election at a business meeting of the church called for that purpose. The number of men chosen to serve as Deacons will be determined by the Elders. Nominations must be submitted to the Board of Elders ten days prior to the meeting. Nominees approved by the Elders will be presented to the congregation for a vote.

ARTICLE XI

TERMINATION OF DEACONS: A Deacon shall serve until removed by the Lord or by Three-Fourths majority vote of the Board of Elders. When a Deacon is removed or resigns, the Board of Elders shall designate an interim replacement until a special church business meeting is scheduled, at which time the selection of a new Deacon will be determined by a vote of the members (Article X).

ARTICLE XII

PROPERTY AND ASSETS: A. The church shall have the power to receive, either by gift or purchase, and to hold such real, personal, or mixed property as is authorized by the laws of the State of Florida and is deemed necessary for the functioning of the church, and shall have the power to dispose of such property by mortgage, bill of sale, deed or otherwise. All property shall be held in the name of the church.

B. In case of division of the church caused by conflict (from which we pray God by His mercy to preserve us), all property and assets of the church shall be held in trust by those who abide by its Constitution for the continued operation and function of the church.

C. In case of dissolution of the church organization, the property and all assets shall be sold. From the proceeds, first all current and long-term promise: obligations of the church shall be paid. Secondly, all remaining funds shall be directed to such one or more Christian organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the benefit of the church's supported missionaries and/or such other Christian endeavors as the congregation shall determine. The church shall be considered dissolved if so decided by the Board of Elders or when less than six members remain.

D. All real estate transactions shall be approved by majority vote of the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE XIII

MEETINGS: Meetings may be called: A. By the Board of Elders; As meetings are needed a notice of a meeting shall be mailed to each church member at least ten business days in advance of the meeting, except that no mailing shall be required to those members who shall

have picked up their written notices at The BIBLE Fellowship at least ten business days in advance of the meeting. This notice shall include the agenda of the meeting to be conducted or considered at said meeting. In the event that a condition or situation arises which the Board of Elders deems an emergency, the advance notice regulation may be waived.

ARTICLE XIV

SUFFRAGE: Only members of this church who are at least eighteen years of age and whose permanent residence is within a 100-mile radius of the main church facility shall have the right to vote in person or by absentee ballot at any meeting of the church.

ARTICLE XV

QUORUMS: The presence in person or by absentee ballot of thirty percent of The BIBLE Fellowship membership eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting except for constitutional amendments, which shall require a quorum of forty percent. The secretary of the Board of Elders shall be responsible for determining the number, which accurately represents the total voting membership of the church. For purposes of determining a quorum, those members who are present and those who are absent but have submitted absentee ballots shall be counted.

ARTICLE XVI

AMENDMENTS: The Constitution or Articles of Incorporation of this church may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members voting, provided that both the text of such amendment and the basis for its consideration have been mailed to all members at least thirty days in advance of any meeting at which such a proposal will be considered or voted upon, except that no mailing shall be required to those members who have picked up their written notices at The BIBLE Fellowship at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XVII

RAISING FUNDS: It shall not be the policy of this church to promote suppers or parties or to engage in the sale of products and/or services for the purpose of raising funds. Any exception to this general policy must have the prior approval of the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE XVIII

CHURCH UNITY: When The BIBLE Fellowship members disagree on their interpretations, we pray that the love of Christ guard our attitudes toward one another so that we exhibit a genuine concern for the building up of all God's people in an atmosphere of love.

ARTICLE XIX

INDEMNIFICATION: The BIBLE Fellowship will indemnify and hold harmless any and all officers, directors, Elders, Ministers, Pastors and/or business administrators for any expenses actually and necessarily incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding against said officers, directors, Elders, Ministers, Pastors and/or business administrators. This indemnification shall include costs for attorney fees. This indemnification shall occur as the expenses are incurred and in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding, on receipt of the officers', directors', Elders', Ministers', Pastors' or business administrators'

(1) to repay the amount advanced if it is proved by clear and convincing evidence in court that the officers', directors', Elders', Ministers', Pastors' or and business administrators' conduct involved a deliberate intent to injure the church's best interest, (2) to reasonably cooperate with the church in connection with the action, suit or proceeding.

This indemnification shall be available to any officer, director, Elder, Minister, Pastor, and/or business administrator which is made or thereafter to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding because of the person's position within the church. Persons who are officers, directors, Elders, Ministers, Pastors and/or business administrators at the time of being made a party, or threatened with being made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, or were officers, directors, Elders, Ministers, Pastors and/or business administrators at the time of the event(s) complained of in any such action, suit or proceeding, shall be allowed indemnification. Indemnification

will also be available in criminal actions only if it is found that the officer, director, Elder, Minister, Pastor or business administrator had no reasonable cause to believe that the subject acts were unlawful.

ARTICLE XX

EFFECTUAL POWER OF THE CONSTITUTION: This Constitution shall remain in force as presently formulated or as duly amended according to Article XVI until this corporation is duly dissolved. This Constitution shall not be suspended or abrogated.

ARTICLE XXI

CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHURCH RECORDS: No member shall have the right to inspect the church records as to; (i) the disciplining of any members, (ii) the hiring or firing of any employee, (iii) the need or problems of any member or employee, (iv) the financial contributions of any member, or (v) any other records which the Board of Elders may determine to be kept confidential in the best interests of the church except that only as to item (v) of this Article XXI, the congregation in any special business meeting shall have the right by a majority of those members voting, to inspect any of such other records. Fifty percent of the Elder Board members must be present to constitute a quorum at any business meeting. A quorum shall be necessary for any vote.

ARTICLE XXII

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

This application may be completed and submitted after the final session of the membership class. It serves as the basis of your personal interview with a Pastor and Elder.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse: _____

The following factors encouraged me to start attending The BIBLE Fellowship:

What was your previous religious affiliation before coming to The BIBLE Fellowship?

- None
- Catholic
- Protestant
- Jewish
- If other please specify _____

I have attended The BIBLE Fellowship for the following length of time:

In what ways are you currently growing in your relationship with Christ?

How have you shared your personal faith in Christ with others (Romans 10:9-10, Luke 9:26)?

Are you currently in membership at another church? If so, what is the name of the church and why did you leave?

If you are not currently a member of another church, where have you attended or been in membership in the past?

Why do you wish to become a member of The BIBLE Fellowship?

Have you been baptized since coming to faith in Christ? If yes, at what church?

If you are married, is your spouse aware of and in agreement with your application for membership?

Yes

No

Have you ever been divorced?

Yes

No

If yes, please briefly describe when and the circumstances involved.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If so, please describe the circumstances.

If you are currently involved in any ministry or Christian service, please specify.
What spiritual gifts or talents do you believe you possess?

In what way are you committed to supporting the ministry of The BIBLE Fellowship financially?

CHURCH COVENANT

“Having been led, as I believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, I have freely provided this personal information, have completed the membership class, consent to the Mission, agree with the Statement of Faith, am willing to voluntarily submit to the Constitution of The BIBLE Fellowship, and do now in the presence of God and this church most solemnly and joyfully enter into this Covenant with the other members of The BIBLE Fellowship as one body in Christ. I engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

1. To exhibit the fruit of the spirit in all my activities and relationships;(Galatians 5:19-26)
2. To endeavor by all that I do, say or think to be devoted to prayer, watchfulness, thankfulness, wisdom and grace so that I may know how to answer every- one; (1Peter 3:15,16; Colossians 3:17,23,24)
3. To walk together in Christian love, purity and unity so that the outside world will know I am a committed follower of Jesus Christ; (John 13:34-35, Colossians 3)

4. To submit to and pray for the leadership; (Hebrews 13:17-18)
5. To serve the family of believers with God's gifting; (I Peter 4:10-11)
6. To contribute, as the Lord directs, to the financial support of the Church, the relief of the needy and evangelism of all people. (I Corinthians 16:1-4, II Corinthians 9)
7. To seek God's kingdom first through regular Bible reading , prayer, regular public worship, fellowship and service.(Matthew 6:33)
8. To strive by example, prayer, and testimony, to bring family members, friends, work associates, and neighbors to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. (Colossians 4:2-6)"

NAME: _____

DATE: _____