

Community Bible Church



Constitution

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ARTICLE I NAME

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
1427 West Main Street
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ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of Community Bible Church is to promote the worship of God by the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad; trusting that as a result, sinners shall be saved and believers edified.

Its purpose is further expressed in the Church covenant. This covenant shall be read periodically as determined by the Elder Board.

ARTICLE III DOCTRINE

Section 1 - THE BIBLE: The entire Bible, inerrant in its original writings, is verbally inspired of God, and is of plenary authority. (II Timothy 3:16 -17; II Peter 1:21) "Entire" means the 39 books of the Old Testament beginning with Genesis and ending with Malachi along with the 27 books of the New Testament beginning with Matthew and ending with Revelation; 66 books, the complete Bible.

Section 2 - TOTAL DEPRAVITY: All men are, by nature, dead in trespasses and sin, and are therefore totally unable to do anything pleasing to God. (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12, 23; Ephesians 2:1-3)

Section 3 - STATE OF THE UNSAVED DEAD: Scripture does not extend the hope of salvation to the unsaved dead, but instead reveals that they will ever continue to exist in a state of conscious suffering. (Luke 16:19-31; John 3:36; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 14:11, 20:14-15) The teachings of Universalism, of probation after death, of annihilation of the unsaved dead, of soul sleep of the dead (saved and unsaved, II Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:23) are proposed by us as being thoroughly unscriptural and dangerous doctrines.

Section 4 - THE GODHEAD: There is one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17; John 1:1-14, 10:30, 20:28; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 1:7; I Corinthians 3:16, II Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18; I John 5:20)

Section 5 - THE PERSON OF CHRIST: Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is fully God and fully Man. (Luke 1:27-35; Romans 1:3-4; Philippians 2:5-11; Titus 2:13).

Section 6 - PERSONALITY AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead who convicts the world of sin, and who regenerates, baptizes, indwells, seals, enlightens, and empowers the saved. (John 14:16-17, 26, 16:7-8; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13, 17-18, 3:16; Titus 3:5)

Section 7 - REDEMPTION: God justifies ungodly sinners by His grace, by the blood of Christ, through the means of faith. This complete salvation is bestowed as the free gift of God apart from man's works. (Romans 3:24-28, 5:1-9; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7)

Section 8 - ETERNAL SECURITY: All of the saved are eternally secure in Christ; they can never be lost again having been sealed into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. This complete salvation is the free gift of God apart from the works of man. (John 5:24, 6:37, 6:47, 10:28-29; Romans 8:1, 38-39; II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 7:25; I John 5:12-13)

Section 9 - THE CHURCH: In the present dispensation, there is only one Church, which is called the Body of Christ, with Christ as the head. (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:6) The Body of Christ was not previously revealed to any being in any previous dispensation, but was hidden in God. (Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:26) The Body of Christ began with the revelation given to the Apostle Paul, a revelation separate and distinct from that given to the twelve Apostles. (Romans 6:23; I Corinthians 3:10-12; Galatians 1-8; Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-9; Colossians 1:26; II Tim. 1:11)

Section 10 - MISSION AND COMMISSION: The mission and commission of the Church, which is His Body, is to proclaim the message of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:14-20) and to endeavor to help all men understand what is the Dispensation of the Mystery (Ephesians 3:8-9). In this, we follow the teachings of the Apostle Paul (I Corinthians 4:16, 11:1; Ephesians 3:14-18; I Timothy 1:11-16). That distinctive message which the Apostle of the Gentiles (Romans 11:13; 15:16) calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16, 16:25) is also called the "gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). We, like Paul, must preach this Gospel (Gal. 1:8-9) and strive to reach those not yet reached with the Gospel. (Romans 15:20; II Corinthians 10:16)

Section 11 - BAPTISM: All saved persons in this Dispensation of Grace have been made members of the Body of Christ by one divine baptism. By that one baptism every member of the Body of Christ is identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. In light of the statement concerning the one baptism in Ephesians 4:5; and the statement concerning baptism in Romans 6:3-4; I Corinthians 12:13; Colossians. 2:12, and Paul's statement in I Corinthians 1:17, that "Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the Gospel" we affirm that water Baptism is not required in God's spiritual program for the Body of Christ in this day of Grace.

Section 12 - GIFTS: The manifestations of the sign gifts during the Acts period were necessary at that time because the Word of God was not yet completed. Upon the completion of the Word through the Apostle Paul (Colossians 1:25), the sign gifts such as speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, raising of the dead, and prophecy have passed away according to I Corinthians 13:8-11. Believers are to earnestly covet the best gifts; faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love. (I Corinthians 12:31; 13:13)

Section 13 - LORD'S SUPPER: The communion of the Lord's Supper, as revealed through the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 11:23-26, is for the members of the Body of Christ to observe "until He comes". We believe this celebration is to be observed by the saved; not a means of salvation (sacrament) for the lost. (Acts 16:30-31; Romans 10:9-13)

Section 14 - THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE: By reason of Christ's victory over sin and of His indwelling Spirit, all of the saved may and should experience deliverance from the power of sin by obedience to Romans 6:11-14, 8:37. We believe that man's nature of sin is never eradicated during this life. (Romans 6:6-14; Romans 8:37; II Corinthians 2:14; 10:2-5; Galatians 5:16-25) We believe that the walk of the mature Christian should be patterned after the instruction given in Ephesians 4:1-3 and Ephesians 4:17 through 6:9 as well as Colossians 3:1-25; 4:1.

Section 15 - RESURRECTION: Jesus Christ was resurrected bodily from the dead. (Luke 24:39-43) We, therefore, believe in the bodily resurrection of all men. (Job 19:26; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:21-22) The saved are raised to everlasting glory (I Thessalonians 4:13-16) and the unsaved are raised to everlasting punishment. (Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:11-15)

Section 16 - THE FUTURE COMINGS OF CHRIST:

Paragraph A: For the Church the Body of Christ - At the close of the present Dispensation of Grace and before the seven year tribulation period, the Lord will descend from heaven to meet the members of the Body of Christ in the air. The dead in Christ will rise first, the living in Christ shall experience a bodily change, and together they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This coming is commonly referred to as the rapture of the church which is His Body. (I. Corinthians 15:51-52; I. Thessalonians 4:13-17)

Paragraph B: For Israel and the nations - After the church has been "raptured", Anti-Christ will be revealed and the seven-year tribulation period will begin upon the earth. (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:21-22; II Thessalonians 2:1-8) At the height of wickedness and terror, during the rule of Anti-Christ, Christ will return to the earth with fire and wrath to rule as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS: The second coming of Christ. The beast and the false prophet shall be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and the devil shall be bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand years. (II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 19:11 through 20:2) Christ shall then reign upon the earth for a thousand years; reigning with Him shall be the twelve apostles and those saved before the revelation of the mystery. (Matthew 19:27-28; Luke 13:28-29), the resurrected Old Testament saints (Ezek. 37:13-14, Dan. 12:1-2, Isa. 26:19), and those that died for their witness during the tribulation. (Revelation 20:4)

Section 17- HUMAN SEXUALITY: For the good of mankind God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage relationship between a man and a woman, and that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, or pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex and therefore unacceptable behavior for anyone professing to be saved through personal faith in Jesus Christ (Gen. 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8,9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:1-7; Col. 3:2-5; I Thess. 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-8; Heb. 13:4).

Section 18 - MARRIAGE: The only legitimate marriage relationship is the joining together of one man and one woman as husband and wife (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22,23).

Section 19 - SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: Men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women. Husbands are to be the leaders in the home and men are to be the leaders in evangelism, pastoring, and teaching. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; I Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4,5,12).

Section 20 - ABORTION: Human life begins at conception and the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life and is therefore considered to be murder, for man is made in the image of God, Gen. 9:6. Any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, -population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are unacceptable (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

Section 21 - LAWSUITS BETWEEN BELIEVERS: Believers are prohibited by Scripture from bringing civil lawsuits against other believers to resolve personal disputes and that any such disputes should be resolved by the individuals involved according to the governing principles found in the Bible (I Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31,32).

ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATIONS

Community Bible Church declares itself to be in unity with Jesus Christ alone but able to fellowship with those of like doctrine and practice.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: All those listed on the membership record of this church, are considered members.

Section 2 - RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Paragraph A: Anyone professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior, giving evidence of a change of heart, and declaring himself/herself in accord with the principles, practices, and doctrines of this church may become a candidate for church membership.

Paragraph B: Candidates may become members of this church in one of two ways:

- 1 - By Statement of Christian Experience
- 2 - By Restoration.

Paragraph C: The candidate shall be counseled by a Pastor and/or the chairman of the Elder Board regarding the contents of this constitution and the church covenant and the candidate shall agree to abide by them.

Paragraph D: Candidates for church membership shall appear personally before a Pastor and / or Elders who shall review their qualifications and prescribe any restrictions they may deem advisable for the best interests of the church. Having been recommended by the Board of Elders, the name of the candidate shall be made known to the church membership a minimum of one week prior to a congregational vote for acceptance or rejection. Anyone having reason to believe the candidate should not be accepted should contact a Pastor or Elder before the vote is due.

Section 3 - MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY:

Paragraph A: The matter of discipline of the membership shall be in the hands of the Board of Elders assisted by a Pastor; however, in cases of expulsion from membership, final action must be taken by the church. The entire church membership shall be notified by letter of the impending action and time of voting.

Paragraph B: Members failing to support the church by their attendance within a period of six (6) months shall be removed from the church rolls at the discretion of the Pastor(s) and Elders.

Paragraph C: No member shall be expelled until every effort is made, including personal visits to reclaim him or her for Christ and the church.

Paragraph D: The acceptance of a candidate or expulsion of a member will be by congregational vote in accordance with Article XIII, Section 4, Quorum.

ARTICLE VI THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper (Communion) shall normally be served to the assembled church by a Pastor (or other person as designated by a Pastor or Elder board) and the Elders on a regular schedule at their discretion. A Pastor or acting Pastor shall explain the meaning of the celebration at each communion. Since it is the Lord's Table, none that are His shall be barred.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND BOARDS

The major officers of the church shall consist of Pastors, Elders, Trustees, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Clerk, and Sunday School Superintendent. The authority of these officers shall be derived specifically from this constitution or by resolution of the church members at a regular business meeting. Any authority that is not specifically assigned to these officers is reserved by the membership. The officers' terms shall begin on the first of the month following the annual meeting. Retiring officers shall hold office until the terms of the newly elected officers begin. Minor offices may be created, as needed. No person shall hold more than two major offices at one time.

Section 1 - PASTOR

Paragraph A: A Pastor shall be elected for an indeterminate term. A vote of confidence will occur at the first annual business meeting following one full year of service and every annual business meeting thereafter. The purpose of a vote of confidence is primarily to give the Pastors and Elders an indication of the effectiveness of the pastoral ministries. The Elder Board will be responsible for determining what recommendations or actions, if any, are made or undertaken as a result of the vote of confidence. The simple majority result of an "affirmative or negative" vote of confidence shall be announced to the congregation.

Paragraph B: Notice of a new pastoral candidate shall be given from the pulpit by the Elders for two (2) successive Sundays preceding an election. Voting shall be by ballot and 2/3 quorum present shall be required for election.

Paragraph C: The Pastors are to exercise diligence in the authoritative teaching and preaching of the Word of God and to this end devote themselves to a life of prayer and study. The senior pastor shall have the oversight of the church and is responsible for its spiritual growth. He shall preside at worship services and administer the Lord's Supper. He is to be recognized as the leader of the church, deriving his authority from God, and from the congregation through the Elder Board. The associate pastor may be called upon to fill the pulpit, as well as, fulfill any and all of the above responsibilities in the event that the senior is unavailable to do so.

Paragraph D: Compensation changes shall be voted on by the congregation on an annual basis. Pastoral compensation is included as part of the annual budget.

Paragraph E: A Pastor shall give the church notice in writing, not in excess of sixty (60) days and not less than thirty (30) days of his intent to vacate the pulpit. The Advisory Board may, upon discreet and confidential recommendation by the Elder Board, by a 2/3 majority vote, recommend to the congregation at a specially called business meeting that the pulpit be declared vacant. A Pastor may be dismissed from office by a ballot vote of 2/3 majority of the quorum present and voting. A Pastor's office shall be terminated up to but not more than two (2) months after the final vote to dismiss him, to be decided by 2/3 majority vote of the

members present and voting by ballot vote. In the event the Elder Board recommends a Pastor's removal, the progression of events are as follows:

1- After prayerful consideration and unanimous vote, the Elder Board, unbeknown to the Pastor, shall discreetly recommend to the Advisory Board that the Pastor be dismissed.

2 - When a 2/3 majority vote is obtained by the Advisory Board, a recommendation shall be made to the congregation at a specially called meeting.

3 - At that time the Pastor may be dismissed from office by a ballot vote of 2/3 majority of the quorum present.

4 - After the vote, the Elder Board shall inform the Pastor of the church's decision.

Section 2 - DEACONESSES: The church shall elect a minimum of 2 Deaconesses from its membership, whose duties shall be to prepare the elements of the Lord's Supper, to visit the sick when requested, and other duties which may arise. The term of office shall be two years to end alternately.

Section 3 - Elders

Paragraph A: The church shall elect from its membership at the recommendation of the Elder Board not less than three (3) men to serve as Elders. Their term shall be for three (3) years and arranged to end alternately. Each year they shall elect a chairman from among their members.

Paragraph B: The qualifications of Elders are as prescribed and set forth in the New Testament. (I Timothy 3: 1-7, Titus 1:6-9)

Paragraph C: It is the duty of the Elders to:

1 - assist in the serving of the Lord's Supper,

2 -assist the Pastor(s) in the spiritual supervision of the church, carefully examining all candidates for church membership,

3 - have charge of all matters of discipline of members,

4 - be the spiritual leaders of the church in the absence of a Pastor.

5 - when a vacancy occurs in the office of Pastor, shall serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and appoint a three (3) man pulpit committee and shall be responsible for providing pulpit supply. The Elders shall carefully interview all candidates for the office of Pastor and make a recommendation to the congregation.

Paragraph D: The Board of Elders shall maintain a benevolence fund for use in assisting members of the church or others whom the board may feel are in need. Only the Elder Board may authorize expenditures from this fund. Monies are received from designated gifts.

Section 4 – CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The board will oversee the Christian education of the church body. The board will consist of a minimum of three (3) people elected from the congregation. This term shall be three (3) years and arranged to end alternately. Each year they shall elect a chairman from among their members.

Section 5 – SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Christian Education board shall select from its membership a Sunday School Superintendent. He shall be in charge of the administration and promotion of the Sunday school and shall work in co-operation with a Pastor and Christian Education Board.

Section 6 - ADVISORY BOARD

Paragraph A: The Advisory Board shall consist of the Chairman of the Elder Board, the Chairman of the Trustees, Sunday School Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and three (3) members elected from the congregation for a one (1) year term. The board shall elect a chairman from among its members to facilitate advisory board and church business meetings and is a non-voting member except to break a tie vote. The election of the chairman shall be by a 2/3 majority of the quorum present and voting. The term "chairman" is generic and may be male or female.

Paragraph B: The duties of the Advisory Board shall be to review all business and financial matters of the church, and recommend to the membership actions as appropriate. Any expenditure greater than \$2,000 shall be brought before the Advisory Board for discussion and a vote. Should the board be in agreement with the expenditure, it is then taken to the membership for discussion and vote. The expenditure must be passed by a minimum 2/3 majority vote. In the event of an emergency or time sensitive issue, the Advisory Board shall convene an emergency meeting, and may by a 2/3 majority vote, approve expenditures exceeding \$2000. As the need arises, the Pastor(s) and Elders, acting with the Advisory Board's approval, shall employ or dismiss paid staff members.

Section 7 - TRUSTEES

Paragraph A - The church shall elect from its membership a minimum of three (3) men to serve as Trustees. This term of office shall be three (3) years and arranged to end alternately.

Paragraph B: Each year the Trustees shall elect a chairman. The chairman shall preside at their meetings and have general oversight of their work. The Chairman shall schedule meetings as needed. The Trustees shall report their activities to the church at business meetings or as requested by the church. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to care for the property of the church. The trustees shall not have authority to sell, lease, give away, nor mortgage or encumber the same with debt, except as the church shall order by a corporate act. When funds are available in the budget, the Trustees may spend up to \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) for the purchase, repair, or preservation of church property, without congregational approval.

Section 8 - TREASURER: A treasurer shall be elected from the membership for a two (2) year term of office to end alternately with the term of the financial secretary. The treasurer

shall deposit all received monies to the account of the church, report such income to the financial secretary, keep an accurate record of the offerings received, and each January provide each donor with a receipt for their donated monies during the previous year.

Section 9 - FINANCIAL SECRETARY: A financial secretary shall be elected from the membership for a two (2) year term of office to end alternately with the term of the treasurer. The financial secretary shall keep records of income as reported by the treasurer, make all disbursements as directed by the church, and keep a complete record of same, providing a full report at each regular business meeting and when otherwise directed by the church.

Section 10 - CLERK: The church shall elect a clerk from its membership for a two (2) year term of office. The clerk shall keep minutes of all business meetings, have charge of all records, keep a register of all members of the church, and furnish the Nominating Committee a list of offices to be filled each year.

Section 11 - USHERS: The Church shall elect annually from its membership a minimum of two (2) ushers. Their duties for all church services shall be to welcome and seat the congregation, control the lighting, temperature and receive offerings, enlisting the aid of as many assistants as may be required. In their absence it shall be their responsibility to see that these duties are fulfilled.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Section 1 - FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end on the following December 31st.

Section 2 - MONIES: No money shall be raised by the church except by free-will giving. Auxiliary organizations shall be exempt from this at the discretion of a Pastor and Board of Elders.

Section 3 - FINANCIAL OBLIGATION: No financial obligation shall be placed upon the church, either as a mortgage, note, or outstanding bill, or in any other form unless money is in hand to meet the same, except as stated in Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph B.

ARTICLE IX MISSIONS

It shall be the policy of this church to support missions engaged in evangelization, and shall not be involved in positions that directly conflict with our doctrinal statement.

ARTICLE X SUNDAY SCHOOL

The purpose of Sunday School shall be to teach the Bible and its applications for Christian living under the general supervision and control of a Pastor, Elders, Christian Education

Board and Sunday School Superintendent. All regular teachers in this department should be members of the church and maintain regular attendance. Should a non-member desire to teach, the subject matter will be reviewed by the Christian Education Board, Sunday School Superintendent and Elder Board.

ARTICLE XI AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1 - ORGANIZATIONS: Auxiliary organizations shall be created as needed. They shall be subject to the authority and review by the Elder Board.

Section 2 - OFFICERS: All major officers of auxiliary organizations must be members of the church in good standing and maintain regular attendance.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

The church shall elect the following committees and others as deemed necessary, at its annual meeting, or at such other times as the need dictates.

Section 1 – MISSIONS / EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: The Missions / Evangelism Committee shall consist of a representative of the Elders, Trustees, Sunday School Superintendent, and three other church members, appointed by the Advisory Board. The Missionary Committee shall annually elect a chairman from among its members. This committee shall present the proposed mission budget to the congregation for discussion and approval, prior to December 31, each year. This committee shall plan an active evangelistic effort by the church.

Section 2 - AUDITING COMMITTEE: There shall be an Auditing Committee of two members elected at the annual meeting. They shall carefully examine the records, receipts, and vouchers of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary for the previous year, and report their findings to the church.

Section 3 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Advisory Board shall furnish to the church body a list of acceptable members to be voted upon for a nominating committee. The five (5) members with the largest number of votes will serve as the nominating committee for the following year. The person receiving the most votes will serve as chairman of the committee. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the annual meeting, members of the church, which it believes to be qualified to fill the terms of the offices that will become vacant. The names of such nominees shall be posted two (2) weeks before the annual meeting in a conspicuous place in the church building.

Section 4 - BUDGET COMMITTEE: The Budget Committee shall consist of the Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, a representative of the Elders, Trustees, and one person appointed by the Advisory Board from the membership of the church. The Budget Committee shall annually elect a chairman from among its members. The chairman shall call a meeting to review the current budget and discuss recommended changes for the upcoming year. The Budget Committee shall then present the proposed budget to the congregation for discussion

and approval, prior to December 31, each year.

ARTICLE XIII CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:

Paragraph A: The Elder board with the Advisory Board will call congregational meetings.

Paragraph B: There shall be an annual congregational meeting of the church each January, to elect Elders, Trustees, and other officers, standing committees, and transact any other business. The Elder board and Advisory Board will determine the actual meeting date.

Section 2- NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS: All congregational business meetings must have public notice a minimum of two (2) Sundays prior to the meeting.

Section 3 - QUORUM:

Paragraph A: The required quorum for any and all business meetings which requires voting action of the members shall be twenty percent (20%) of the active, eligible members.

Paragraph B: Passage of any action shall be by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, with the exception of Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph A.

Section 5 - VOTING AGE: Minimum age for any member to vote shall be sixteen (16) years.

Section 6 - ORDER OF MEETINGS: In the conduct of business, rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all cases to which they apply. In exceptions, a majority vote shall establish the rule. A suggested order of business for the annual meeting is as follows:

1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting
2. Clerk's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Financial Secretary's report
5. Elder's report
6. Trustees' report
7. Sunday School Superintendent's report
8. Christian Education report
9. Ministry reports
10. Advisory Board's report
11. Reports of standing committees
12. Reports of departments of the church
13. Pastor's Report
14. Election of Elders, Trustees, other officers, and standing committees
15. Old business
16. New business
17. Adjournment

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any congregational meeting, provided the proposed amendment(s) shall have been posted for two (2) Sundays prior to the meeting at which action is desired.

Community Bible Church

COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized by the Spirit of God into the Body of Christ, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We pledge therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in the love of Christ; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, Holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain the worship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and to spread the gospel according to the Pauline mystery throughout all nations.

We also pledge to maintain family and personal worship; to educate our children in the Christian way of life; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk discreetly in the world; to be just in our dealings; to be faithful in our engagements; and to be Christ like examples in our daily lives; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the gospel of the grace of God.

We further pledge to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in Christian sympathy, in feeling, and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior; to secure the unity of the Spirit without delay. We moreover pledge that when we remove from this assembly, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like belief where we may carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's inerrant Word.

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