

BYLAWS
OF
THE BREAD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ORLANDO

A. Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible is the only divinely inspired Word of God, and is the absolute standard for a believer's behavior and is the only comprehensive truth, beneficial for teaching, reproof, correction, and for training in righteousness.

We believe that there is one God, who is eternally existent in three (3) persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God, the Father, is the creator of heaven and earth and the designer of the eternal plan of salvation.

We believe that God, the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the Father's Only Begotten Son. To complete the work of Salvation, He came into the world and became flesh, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin (Mary), and represents the same essence and nature of the Father, and is uniquely God and Man. He preached Good News on Earth, healed the sick, raised the dead, cast out demons, and was crucified and died on a cross for the sin of the world. He took the punishment for sin upon Himself so that we may enjoy peace. By His wounds we are healed. On the third day He rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and will return to judge the world.

We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, has been given to believers as an assurance of salvation and indwells every believer, empowering them to know, understand, and walk in truth and to experience a sanctified life of love and service to God, His people, and the world. The Holy Spirit also graciously grants the use of gifts to believers, as He wills, for the edification of the Church, the Body of Christ.

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ, consisting of every born-again Christian, and is the chosen instrument of God in fulfilling the Great Commission on Earth.

We believe that Mankind is a fallen creation as a result of sin and remains in a degenerate state, devoid of a personal relationship with God and can only be restored and justified through faith in Jesus Christ, Mankind's only hope for the forgiveness of sin, eternal life, sanctification, and eternal life.

We believe in the imminent, glorious return of Jesus Christ to the Earth when He will judge the world, through the resurrection of both believers and unbelievers, with believers being granted the blessing of everlasting life and unbelievers being condemned to everlasting separation from God and damnation of the Hell.

B. Vision & Mission

B.1 Vision

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:1-5; NIV)

B.2 Mission Statement

We shall follow the vision as revealed in the Book of Revelation, chapter twenty-two (22), to build the glorious Church of Jesus Christ through the demonstration of personal and corporate worship, renewal of the Holy Spirit, cell-church development and involvement, and the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ through individual evangelism as well as in gatherings and outreaches, locally and abroad, thus becoming a “blessing to all nations.”

B.3 Ministry Visions

B.3.1 Praise & Worship

- 1) To make this church a center for spreading the vision of worship ministry and training worship leaders.
- 2) To send worship teams to locations both local and abroad with the purpose of training and assisting other believers in worship ministry.
- 3) To spread the vision of worship by utilizing multi-media resources.

B.3.2 Renewal of the Holy Spirit

- 1) To equip believers with the teaching of the Word, to continue in the renewal of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) To provide an environment where the gifts of the Holy Spirit can be exercised freely by believers as He wills.
- 3) To engage in intercession, both individually and with others, for the revival of the Church of Jesus Christ.

B.3.3 Cell Church

- 1) To establish and encourage a holistic, caring ministry through loving relationships in cell groups.
- 2) To create a training and resource center where believers can be trained and sent into

- ministry.
- 3) To train and send effective ministry teams that will be diverse in makeup but united in purpose.
 - 4) To exist as a dynamic cell church fit to serve as a model to others.

B.3.4 World Evangelism & Missions

- 1) To cooperate with other believers and ministries in an effort to impact the Orlando area for the Kingdom of God through community involvement and outreaches.
- 2) To develop multimedia resources, support church planting and global missions endeavors.
- 3) To help build the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world through the promulgation of the cell church vision.
- 4) To expand the Kingdom of God through strategic prayer, financial giving, and missions endeavors.

C. Membership & The Assembly of Representatives

C.1 Membership

A Member is a person who:

- 1) Has experienced the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, following our Lord in water baptism.
- 2) Has consistently attended Bread of Life Christian Church for a period of more than three (3) months.
- 3) Agrees with and fully accepts the Bylaws of this church.

C.2 Assembly of Representatives

C.2.1 Definition

The Assembly of Representatives is a body that decides matters of great importance in the church, and shall be defined as the authorizing board of the organization consisting of current Board of Directors, ELT members, and cell group leaders authorized by the church. If a cell group leader is also a Board member or ELT member, that cell group's practicing leader can also be a representative. The representatives from cell groups shall cast their votes in accordance with the wishes of their respective cell group(s). If there is any unresolved dispute, the matter shall be mediated and/or resolved by the Board of Directors.

C.2.2 Function

- 1) Elects members to the Board of Directors.
- 2) Approves the hiring of the Senior Pastor upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors.
- 3) Approves amendments to the Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- 4) Approves major motions presented by the Board of Directors.

C.2.3 Appointment of Members

- 1) The Board of Directors shall conduct appointments of members to the Assembly of Representatives.
- 2) The chairperson of the Board of Directors shall serve as chair of the Assembly of Representatives. When considering matters of great importance, the Board of Directors can authorize the chairperson of the Board of Directors to call an ad hoc meeting for the Assembly of Representatives.

C.2.4 Voting

- 1) The candidate with the highest vote total shall be elected to the Board of Directors.
- 2) The position of Senior Pastor shall be filled by a vote greater than $2/3$ of the total number of cell groups.
- 3) Other motions shall be passed by a vote of greater than $1/2$ of the total number of cell groups.
- 4) All voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and shall be collected, tallied and announced by the Board of Directors.

D. The Executive Leadership Team (ELT)

D.1 Definition

The ELT is the decision-making body that exercises oversight of all ministry areas of the organization. The number of members shall be determined by the Senior Pastor and will consist of the Senior Pastor, ministry staff and department leaders. The Senior Pastor shall chair the meetings unless he/she is unable to officiate at which time an interim chair shall be elected by the members of the ELT. In addition, an invitation shall be extended to a non-voting designee of the Board of Directors to attend each meeting of the ELT. The ELT reports to the Board of Directors via the Senior Pastor.

D.2 Qualifications of Member Representatives

A Member Representative of the ELT is a person who:

- 1) Shall be a Christian that has been baptized for at least one (1) years and attended at least two thirds ($2/3$) of Sunday Worship in the past year at BOLCC-Orlando when he/she stayed in

Orlando.

- 2) Has lived a life above reproach and one of good reputation with those within and outside of the organization.
- 3) Has served in the organization and is familiar with and abides by the Bylaws of the organization.
- 4) Is able to attend the meetings of the ELT.

D.3 Appointment Process

- 1) Member Representatives of the ELT shall be nominated by the Senior Pastor.
- 2) The list of nominees must be completed by the Senior Pastor and submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of November of each year.
- 3) Nominees shall be appointed after being approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4) The Senior Pastor shall discuss with the Board of Directors those nominations that are of concern to the Board of Directors. The appointing process should be completed before the end of December. If for any reason the appointing process cannot be completed in time, the current team members should remain until a new team is appointed. If an ELT member who is a Member Representative leaves, the Senior Pastor should nominate a replacement within seven (7) days and should complete the appointment in coordination with the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days.
- 5) Member Representatives shall serve for a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection.
- 6) The ELT shall meet monthly, with all meeting records being submitted to the Board of Directors.

D.4 Duties of the ELT

- 1) To discuss and confirm the direction and ministry goals of the organization.
- 2) Create an organizational structure to execute policies approved by the ELT in accordance with the various needs of the organization.
- 3) Authorize the hiring and subsequent annual evaluations of pastors and staff.
- 4) To cooperate with the Board of Directors during the times of crisis.

E. The Ministry Staff

E.1 General Guidelines

- 1) Potential employees must accept and abide by the Bylaws of Bread of Life Christian Church in Orlando.
- 2) The hiring of pastors and ministry staff shall be extended to potential employees by the ELT after an interview of the potential employee(s) and upon the approval of a nomination for employment from the members of the Search Committee whose members are appointed by the ELT.
- 3) The ELT shall conduct annual performance evaluations of all employees, including non-

ministerial employees.

- 4) The dismissal of a pastor or member of the ministry staff shall be approved by the ELT (with the exception of the member in question).
- 5) The hiring of non-ministerial staff (including full and part-time employees) can be made by the ELT after an interview of the potential employee(s) and in accordance with the guidelines of the annual budget.
- 6) A staff member can serve as a representative the Bread of Life Christian Church in areas such as official written or verbal statements and announcements, external fund-raising, recruitment, and joint ventures with other organizations only upon the written consent of the ELT.

E.2 Dismissal of Employees

An employee shall be dismissed from employment after:

- 1) He/she refuses to accept and abide by the Bylaws of the organization, seriously violates the Bylaws, and/or breaches his/her duty.
- 2) He/she has become disreputable in the areas of religious belief and/or personal life, or has committed serious immorality.
- 3) He/she acts in a way that brings serious harm to the reputation of the organization.

E.3 BOLCC abides by the State of Florida employment laws in relations to hiring and dismissal of employees.

F. The Senior Pastor

F.1 Guideline for the Position of Senior Pastor

- 1) Since the Bread of Life Church in Orlando is a daughter church of the River of Life Christian Church (ROLCC) in San Jose, California, the Senior Pastor of ROLCC will recommend candidate(s) for the position of Senior Pastor at BOLCC-Orlando in case of a vacancy. The candidate(s) will be interviewed at BOLCC. The candidate who gets unanimous approval from the Board of Directors will be recommended to the Assembly of Representatives. If he/she can further receive 2/3 approval from the Assembly of Representatives, he/she will become the approved candidate.
- 2) The approved candidate shall serve in a probationary status for a period of (1) year at the end of which time the candidate's performance shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Senior Pastor of the ROLCC prior to a possible permanent appointment.
- 3) Considered vacant after the Board of Directors and the Senior Pastor at ROLCC unanimously approves the dismissal of the person filling that position.

G. Board of Directors

G.1 Function & Oversight

- 1) Reviews and determines annual departmental and organizational budgets and financial reports and manages assets of organization.
- 2) Reviews and determines the compensation, adjustments, employee benefits packages, and contracts of all staff personnel of the organization.
- 3) Evaluates the performance, lifestyle and matters regarding the financial compensation of the Senior Pastor.
- 4) Presides as the final authority in matters regarding the interpretation of the Bylaws of the organization.
- 5) Is recognized as the official representative of the organization regarding legal matters.
- 6) Determines the proper response to matters of serious concern to the organization as recognized by the Board or submitted by the ELT.
- 7) In cooperation with the ELT, commissions and oversees special committees which can be initiated by either body.

G.2 Qualifications of the Board of Directors

A Member in the Board of Directors is a person who:

- 1) Shall be a Christian that has been baptized for at least three (3) years and attended at least three fourths (3/4) of Sunday Worship in the past two years at BOLCC-Orlando when he/she stayed in Orlando.
- 2) Has lived a life above reproach and one of good reputation with those within and outside of the organization.
- 3) Has served in the organization and is familiar with and abides by the Bylaws of the organization.
- 4) Is able to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.

G.3 Organization

- 1) The Board of Directors shall be comprised of three (3) elected members of the organization. The Board includes a Chairperson, a Financial Officer, and a Missionary Officer. After each election, the Board will meet and elect a Chairperson. The Chairperson cannot be the newly elected board member.
- 2) The members of the Board of Directors and their spouse shall receive no monetary compensation from the church. A member of the Board shall not be a member of the ELT. A member of the ELT can become a candidate for the Board, but he/she must leave ELT if elected to the Board. The spouse of a member of the Board cannot become a member of the Board.
- 3) A member of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve one term for two years and can only be re-elected one year after the served term is over.
- 4) In odd number of years, there will be two elections in the third week of April and October. In even number of years, there will be one election in the third week of April. Each election will replace one Board member.

- 5) Initial candidates of the Board will be nominated by the Board of Directors, the ELT and the cell groups five weeks before election. Their qualifications will be checked by the Board. The Board will notify the candidates after they are nominated. If a nominated person is unable or unwilling to serve in the Board, his/her name shall be removed from the candidate list. The final list of candidates will be announced in the church three weeks before election. Christian members of cell groups shall meet and discuss before election.
- 6) The resignation of a member of the Board of Directors shall be presented by the chairperson to the full Board of Directors. A successor shall be appointed by the current Board to finish the remaining term.
- 7) The Board of Directors shall encourage, through invitation, the attendance of the Senior Pastor and/or ELT members to scheduled meetings. Invited attendees are non-voting.

G.4 Financial Responsibilities

- 1) Evaluates the status of financial reports of the organization regarding decisions on employment and compensation in accordance to approved budget(s).
- 2) Advises and counsels individual department heads regarding overdraft and/or shortfalls.
- 3) Determines need and executes contracts with professionally recognized audit firms to periodically examine the finances of the organization.

G.5 Resignation and/or Dismissal

A member of the Board of Directors shall resign or be dismissed with the approval of the Assembly of Representatives when:

- 1) He/she refuses to accept and abide by the Bylaws of the organization, seriously violates the Bylaws, and/or breaches his/her duty.
- 2) He/she has become disreputable in the areas of religious belief and/or personal life, or has committed serious immorality.
- 3) He/she acts in a way that brings serious harm to the reputation of the organization.

H. Bylaws & Amendments

To amend the Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Bylaw Amendment Committee to propose amendments to the Bylaws. After a proposed amendment(s) is accepted and the language of the amendment(s) is approved by the Board of Directors, the amendment(s) must be approved by the Assembly of Representatives.

I. Dissolution of the Organization

In the event of the necessity of the dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors shall act in accordance with State of Florida regarding nonprofit religious organizations.