

Constitution of the Calvary Bible Evangelical Free Church

100.00 Constitution

- 101.00 Article I.** Name. The name of this church shall be “Calvary Bible Evangelical Free Church of Wayne NE”.
- 102.00 Article II.** Confession of Faith. This church acknowledges the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, as the infallible Word of God and the only perfect rule of faith, doctrine, and daily conduct. Psalm 93:5; 119:105; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21, 3:2; Acts 17:11.
- 103.00 Article III.** Purpose. The purpose of this church shall be to corporately worship and glorify God; work together for the unity, edification, discipline, and encouragement of believers that they might grow in grace and holy conduct; and to seek to win souls for Christ and to further His cause on the mission fields at home and abroad. Romans 12; Colossians 3:12-15; Mark 16:15; Acts 2:42; Romans 1:16; Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:11-16.
- 104.00 Article IV.** Membership. This church shall receive as members those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, being born again, and in their lives are manifesting the fruits of a true faith in God. Acts 2:41, 47.
- 105.00 Article V.** Officers.
- 105.01 Section A.** The corporate officers of this church shall consist of the chairman, secretary, and treasurer. The corporate officers shall sign all legal documents pertaining to the corporation. All legal documents pertaining to the corporation shall be signed by the appropriate corporate officer or officers as required. This responsibility shall not extend beyond that established by the church by-laws.
- 105.02 Section B.** The Chairman, the Pastor, Trustee Chairman/Treasurer, Christian Education Chairman, Elder-Deacon Chairman, Deaconess Chairman/Secretary, Worship Service Chairman, and Missions Chairman shall constitute the Governing Board.
- 105.03 Section C.** Other officers may be elected to the governing board of this corporation as set forth in the by-laws.

105.04 Section D. All officers of the church must be members of the Calvary Bible Evangelical Free Church.

106.00 Article VI. Business Meetings. The fiscal year for this church shall be the calendar year. The annual business meeting of this church shall be held during January at a time and place determined by the church by-laws. At the annual business meeting, the installation of elected officers and transaction of such business as concerns the work of the year shall take place. Election of positions will occur at the third quarter business meeting. Additional regular and special meetings may be held during the year as set forth in the by-laws of the church.

107.00 Article VII. Church Property.

107.01 Section 1. If division occurs in the church, the name and all property are retained by those adhering to the constitution of this church.

107.02 Section 2. If the church ceases to function and its organization is dissolved, the property shall return to the Evangelical Free Church of America with the recommendation that this property shall become the property of the closest District Conference adjacent to this church. If the work cannot be renewed, the value of this property may be used for other worthy Gospel enterprises.

108.00 Article VIII. Amendments

108.01 Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any quarterly or annual business meeting of the church by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast, provided said proposed amendments have been presented in written form at one quarterly business meeting without discussion and discussed at the second and third quarterly business meetings with a final vote taken at the third quarterly business meeting.

108.02 Section 2. This corporation may adopt a constitution, by-laws, and similar governing documents and may repeal or amend any such document from time to time. Any such repeal or amendment shall be effective notwithstanding any provision of such document that purports to make any provisions impossible to repeal or amend. This provision shall apply to any existing provision in a constitution, by-laws or other governing document, as well as to new provisions and new documents.

109.00 Article IX. By-laws

109.01 Section A. The by-laws will be maintained as a working document for the purpose of clarifying policy and procedures. The by-laws will be modified and revised when necessary as the church grows and expands its ministry.

109.02 Section B. The church by-laws may be revised at any regular business meeting by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the votes cast, provided proposed revisions have been presented at a quarterly business meeting at least three months prior to the meeting at which it is adopted.

110.00 Article X. Association and Government

110.01 Section A. This church shall be associated with the Evangelical Free Church of America and with the Midwest District of the association. While cooperating with the Evangelical Free Church of America, this church shall remain its own highest authority under God and shall govern its affairs through its own business meetings. This church shall have a congregational form of government.

110.02 Section B. This church may sever its denominational association by a three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority of the voting membership, provided three (3) months notice is given to the members before the vote is taken.

111.00 Article XI. Acquisition and Divestment of Church Property

111.01 Section A. This church shall have the power to buy, own, and sell real and personal property in its own name.

111.02 Section B. All church property, real and personal, shall be held, and the debts of the corporation shall be contracted, by the officers of the corporation in the name of the corporation with the approval of the membership.

111.03 Section C. Private property, real and personal, of the church members and corporate officers shall not be subject to payment of the corporate debts. If the church ceases to function and its organization is dissolved, no member shall personally be entitled to any property of the church.

111.04 Section D. If division occurs, those who abide by this constitution shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Midwest District

of the Evangelical Free Church of America as long as we are associated with the Free Church.