

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF COUNTRY ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE V: POSITIONAL STATEMENT

We understand that there are certain issues over which godly and sincere Christians differ in their understanding of the Scriptures. In these instances, “preserving unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” is our highest aim (Ephesians 4:3). However, the official position of the Church as it relates to its teaching and day-to-day operations in matters not specifically delineated in this Constitution or the accompanying Bylaws will be prayerfully determined jointly by a simple majority of the Elders and the Pastors, who have the responsibility for teaching and oversight of the Church.

Notwithstanding the foregoing positional statement, we believe the following regarding marriage, gender, and sexuality:

- Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of this church.
- God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female (Gen. 1:26-27) these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's design of that person.
- The term, “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2: 18-25). We believe that God commands sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6: 18; Heb 13:14).
- Any Form of sexual immorality (including but not limited to: Adultery; fornication; homosexual behavior: Bisexual conduct; Bestiality; incest; and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).
- God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Church membership and to the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the Church, in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should agree to and abide by this statement on marriage and conduct themselves accordingly.

ARTICLE VI: CREATING AND AMENDING BYLAWS

From time to time, and as needed, this Constitution hereby provides for the creation and implementation of bylaws to assist the Church in its ongoing ministry and to aid in the accomplishment of its purpose as described and delineated in this Constitution.

Bylaws will be amended pursuant to the provisions provided within the Bylaws for making amendments.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Since the Holy Scriptures are ultimately binding on this church as providing a unique and absolute authority for the conduct of its affairs, this Constitution is to be open for review so that it may be amended if necessary when any of it is perceived to be in conflict with God's Word in any way, or when any of it appears to be hindering the fulfillment of the stated principles of this church.

Any member may submit a written recommendation to the Elders for an amendment to this Constitution at any time a member believes such an amendment will facilitate further conformity to God's Word in the Church and fulfillment of the stated purposes and functions in the Constitution.

The Elders will pray and deliberate over the recommendation for a two-week period of time. If and when a unanimous agreement by the Elders is reached, the amendment will be presented to the Church for approval. Notice of the date set by the Elders for the Church to vote on the proposed amendment will be accomplished pursuant to the policy in place at that time in regards to any specially called business meeting.

If seventy-five percent (75%) approval is reached from the membership present at the pre-announced business meeting, the amendment will be ratified and adopted into this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

Any action to dissolve the Church must be approved by a 75% vote of eligible voting members of the Church present at a business meeting called to specifically consider such action, for which meeting written notice has been issued to all members eligible to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

If the Church at its own option shall cease to exist, all property, real or personal, shall be sold, as necessary, and the proceeds of the sale used, to pay all just claims for goods and services provided to the Church and any and all other debts owed by the Church. Any funds or unsold property remaining three months after said payments are completed will be delivered, free of restraint or condition, to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, or its successors and assigns.

ARTICLE IX: PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONS

By adopting this Constitution, the members of Country Acres Baptist Church do hereby state and confirm that all previous Constitutions adopted by the Church along with any and all amendments to said constitutions are as of this day, null and void and no longer applicable to the Church in the conduct of its business or the fulfillment of its purpose.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024, BY AN APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNTRY ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS.

Signing for the Church:

Luke Clubb
President and Senior Pastor

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Matthew T Wimmer
Secretary and Pastor of Administration

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Vance Burns
Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance
Committee

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