

**CONSTITUTION OF
BUTTE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
BUTTE, MONTANA**

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “BUTTE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH”. This Church is located in Butte, Montana and is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Montana, as of October 25, 1996.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Church shall be to glorify God. This shall be done by the preaching of the Word of God for the mutual edification, instruction and discipline of its members and other believers; establishing schools for the training of both children and adults; sharing the Gospel with the unsaved; helping Christians to develop their spiritual life; encouraging worship of God in spirit and truth; and the furtherance of the Gospel work on the mission fields at home and abroad.

ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF FAITH

God

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious

punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

ARTICLE IV – STANDING

This Church shall remain autonomous and shall remain its own highest authority, and shall conduct its business through its business meetings.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be made at the annual business meeting of the Church by a three quarters majority vote cast, when said proposed amendments have been presented in written form and discussed at a quarterly business meeting at least three months prior to the time of its adoption. Articles II, III, and V can only be repealed or amended with the approval of ninety (90%) percent of the Church membership.

ARTICLE VI – CHURCH PROPERTY

In the event of disagreement and division in the Church membership, in order to make valid claim to the Church property, the withdrawing faction must not have less than a three-fourths majority of the entire active Church membership. Otherwise, the property shall remain undivided in the control of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VII – PROVISION FOR BY-LAWS

A supplement to this constitution, known as By-Laws, shall embody the stated qualifications for: pastor and officers and their duties, conditions for membership, tax exempt provisions, method by which members are received, and parliamentary rules and regulations for the activities of the Church. Rules and regulations adopted at any officially called and announced business meeting shall be written out in good form and added to the By-Laws when so decided at a meeting. Any contemplated changes in the By-Laws shall be announced in the regular Sunday services in advance of the business meeting.