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# *Constitution*

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# **Constitution and Bylaws of CenterPoint Bible Church**

## **PREAMBLE**

In order to set forth our position before the world, define our relationship with one another, and facilitate harmonious transactions of business and cooperative relationships within the Church, we, the members of the CenterPoint Bible Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia, do ordain and establish the following articles to which we voluntarily submit ourselves.

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this local Church or assembly of believers shall be: CenterPoint Bible Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of this church shall be to glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31) by making disciples (Matthew 28:19-20) through Pointing Others to Jesus Christ and His Word in order to inspire believers to place Jesus Christ at the Center of their lives and live out Full-Time Christianity.

## **ARTICLE III DOCTRINE**

### **A. God**

1. The Bible clearly teaches that there is only one true God, The LORD our God, the LORD is one!<sup>[1]</sup> The one true God always was and always will be. He is eternal<sup>[2]</sup>, sovereign<sup>[3]</sup>, and unchanging<sup>[4]</sup>. He is the author and creator of all that exists, having by His own will and power called into being (out of nothing) that which did not exist.<sup>[5]</sup> He is everywhere present at all times<sup>[6]</sup>, possesses unlimited power<sup>[7]</sup>, and unlimited wisdom<sup>[8]</sup>.
2. In the Bible God is revealed to us as a Trinity, meaning that the one God being undivided<sup>[9]</sup>, co-exists in three distinct yet co-equal and co-

eternal persons<sup>[10]</sup>; God the Father<sup>[11]</sup>, God the Son<sup>[12]</sup>, and God the Holy Spirit<sup>[13]</sup>.

## B. The Father

God the Father loves mankind but since He is holy, He cannot tolerate sin<sup>[14]</sup>. This presents a significant problem since human beings are sinful by nature. According to His divine plan<sup>[15]</sup> God the Father does something remarkable: He provides the world with a gift of unspeakable worth.

## C. The Son

Existing eternally as God, the Lord Jesus Christ came to earth in human flesh<sup>[16]</sup>. He is perfectly God and perfectly man united in one person forever<sup>[17]</sup>. He came in order to give His life as a ransom for many<sup>[18]</sup>. In order to accomplish our salvation the Son of God took upon Himself humanity<sup>[19]</sup>. God Himself comes to our rescue in a most unexpected way<sup>[20]</sup>. He was born, He lived a perfect life<sup>[21]</sup>, and then He voluntarily laid down His life for us<sup>[22]</sup>.

Crucified by sinful mankind<sup>[23]</sup>, He lay dead for three days in a tomb<sup>[24]</sup>. It was on this third day, the Savior of the world supernaturally rose from the dead<sup>[25]</sup>, for the redemption of all mankind<sup>[26]</sup>. He appeared to over 500 witnesses<sup>[27]</sup>, and He ascended through the heavens<sup>[28]</sup>, and sits at the right hand of the Father, giving testimony to His victory over sin and death, in High priestly intercession as a mediator for His children<sup>[29]</sup>.

## D. The Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God<sup>[30]</sup>; possessing intellect<sup>[31]</sup>, emotion<sup>[32]</sup>, and will<sup>[33]</sup>. He is our teacher<sup>[34]</sup>, comforter<sup>[35]</sup>, and convicts us when we sin<sup>[36]</sup>. The Holy Spirit should not be mistakenly identified as a force or power of God. He is personally active in the lives of Christians. In fact all believers are indwelt<sup>[37]</sup>, sealed<sup>[38]</sup>, and gifted by the Holy Spirit for service in the church<sup>[39]</sup>.

***Misconceptions about the Ministry of the Holy Spirit.*** God uses spirit-gifted believers to accomplish His purposes. These permanent gifts include prophecy, service(or helps), teaching, exhortation, giving, administration, leadership, mercy, evangelist, and pastor / teacher<sup>[40]</sup>. God also used temporary sign gifts to accomplish His purpose as well. These gifts were bestowed by the Holy Spirit according to His will. They helped to authenticate the life and legacy of the Messiah Jesus, the truth and source of the Gospel, and established the

early church which did not possess the completed canon of Scripture. CenterPoint Bible Church believes the Bible teaches that the sign gifts ceased as the ministry of the Apostles was completed and the New Testament was established<sup>[41]</sup>.

We believe that the gift of speaking in tongues has ceased and is no longer in use today. Speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Spirit. We believe that God can and does heal, and that believers are encouraged to pray for God's working in their lives. However, the spiritual gift of healing is no longer active today.

We believe that God desires to use the difficulties that enter the lives of believers for good, for our sanctification, so that we might be brought closer to the likeness of His Son Jesus<sup>[42]</sup>.

We reject the teachings of what is commonly referred to as the Faith or Word of Faith Movement that make demands upon God as though He can be commanded, and we reject the idea that faith is a force that believers can manipulate to gain material wealth, healing, and prosperity. Teachings such as these do not come from the Lord or His word<sup>[43]</sup>.

## **E. The Bible**

1. The Word of God (The Holy Bible) is a book of divine origin, having been authored by God Himself through the inspiration ministry of the Holy Spirit<sup>[44]</sup>. In writing His word, God inspired human authors so that they composed without error His revelation to man<sup>[45]</sup>. The Bible is God's complete and final testament for this age<sup>[46]</sup>. Its integrity and reliability are beyond question. Throughout history and in spite of fierce attacks, God has upheld and protected His sacred Word<sup>[47]</sup>. We regard the Holy Scriptures to be our supreme guide and authority for faith and practice<sup>[48]</sup>.
2. All Christians should be regularly exposed to the Word through personal reading, devotions, preaching, and teaching. Christians should thirst for the pure milk of the word so that by it they may grow<sup>[49]</sup>.

## **F. Humanity**

1. Mankind is the direct and unique creation of God<sup>[50]</sup>. We believe the accounting of God's creative work recorded in Genesis to be an actual historical record, and that God created man and woman in His image, for His glory and pleasure. Man in his original state with no corruption of sin, enjoyed intimate fellowship with His Creator. Later, man

rebelled against the direct commandment of God. When this occurred the fellowship between God and man was severed, and man was cast from God's presence, having become subjected to the curse of sin<sup>[51]</sup>.

2. All of mankind, except Jesus Christ, have inherited a corrupted nature from their parents which is cursed by sin<sup>[52]</sup> passed down from Adam<sup>[53]</sup>. We affirm that all are sinners<sup>[54]</sup>.
3. Should a person die in this sin-cursed state they cannot enter into Heaven but will forever be lost, separated from God in eternal judgment (Hell)<sup>[55]</sup>. There is absolutely nothing that man can do to repair the damage that his rebellion has caused<sup>[56]</sup>, but God in His great love has provided a way for the restoration of what was lost.

## G. Salvation

1. Salvation is provided wholly by the grace<sup>[57]</sup>, will<sup>[58]</sup>, and act of God<sup>[59]</sup>. The reception of eternal life and a restored relationship with God comes through the transforming message known as the gospel<sup>[60]</sup>. The gospel message is the good news that Jesus Christ has died on our behalf, was buried, and has victoriously risen from the grave<sup>[61]</sup>. Any and all work associated with paying the penalty of our sins has been completely and forever accomplished by God in the finished work of Christ on the cross<sup>[62]</sup>. The cross is where Jesus was our willing substitute<sup>[63]</sup>. He voluntarily received our punishment in full, laid down His life, and shed His precious blood on our behalf<sup>[64]</sup>.
2. Those who God saves, He eternally secures and their salvation can never be lost<sup>[65]</sup>. The forgiveness provided through the finished work of the cross<sup>[66]</sup> and the sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit<sup>[67]</sup> eternally secures the believer<sup>[68]</sup>.
3. The call to salvation is freely available to everyone<sup>[69]</sup>. Should the Lord bring a person to the place where they agree with God, recognize their lost and sinful condition<sup>[70]</sup>, turn from sin and turn to Christ<sup>[71]</sup>, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in trusting faith, they will be saved<sup>[72]</sup>.

## H. The Church

1. Churches, locally speaking, are organized assemblies of believers<sup>[73]</sup> who come together to worship God<sup>[74]</sup> and do His will<sup>[75]</sup>. The church in a broader sense is the collection of all believers from all over the world and throughout history<sup>[76]</sup>, who will one day be gathered to Christ, the One who purchased their forgiveness<sup>[77]</sup>.
2. Jesus Christ has instructed His Church and followers to partake in believer's baptism and communion. Believers baptism is a means by which a believer publicly identifies themselves as a Christ-follower<sup>[78]</sup>.

Their immersion in water<sup>[79]</sup> portrays the truth that the Holy Spirit has united us with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection<sup>[80]</sup>. Communion is a memorial of Christ's death<sup>[81]</sup> until He comes again and should only be administered to believers after a time of self-examination<sup>[82]</sup>.

3. The church that we are describing and aspiring to build is not made of bricks and mortar. It is not buildings that interest God; they are not eternal, and it is not in a building that God resides<sup>[83]</sup>. God resides within His people: He connects them together and uses them to accomplish His purposes

## I. Future Events

The Bible contains a great deal of history, as well as our present condition and service for Christ. The teachings of Scripture also describe events that are yet to be fulfilled. Some of these major events include:

1. **The Rapture.** An event that takes place when Christ returns in the air to gather His people (both living and deceased) to Himself prior to the Tribulation<sup>[84]</sup>.
2. **The Tribulation.** A seven year period of time in which God pours out His wrath upon the world in an act of grace, in order to drive men back to Himself before Jesus establishes His earthly kingdom<sup>[85]</sup>.
3. **The Second Coming.** An event that is distinguishable from the rapture<sup>[86]</sup>. The second coming occurs when Christ returns to earth<sup>[87]</sup>, accompanied by His saints<sup>[88]</sup>, defeating His enemies<sup>[89]</sup>.
4. **The Millennial Kingdom.** A literal period of one thousand years during which Christ rules the earth in perfect righteousness. This will be the time when the kingdom of God has fully come.<sup>[90]</sup>
5. **Future Judgments.** God has been supremely patient with rebellious humanity, since it is His desire that all lost people should be saved<sup>[91]</sup>. But eventually, God will judge His rebellious creatures, both men and angels<sup>[92]</sup>. They will be cast into the lake of fire (Hell)<sup>[93]</sup> and for all eternity<sup>[94]</sup> God's justice and holiness will be held high<sup>[95]</sup>.
6. **The Eternal State.** The work of Satan has been destroyed and all has been renewed. There will be a new heaven and a new earth; creation and man will be restored. Followers of Christ will be brought back to their intended place as the Lord's redeemed, and forever into eternity they will sing praise to their great God and Savior<sup>[96]</sup>.

## **ARTICLE IV ORDINANCES**

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church and that they are a Scriptural means of testimony for the church in this age. (Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 10:47-48; 16:32-33; 18:7-8; I Cor. 11:17-33) While holding to the importance and practice of the ordinance of baptism, we neither include it as a part nor hold it on the same plane of importance as the gospel of redeeming grace in Christ, and we disagree with its sectarian practice as described in I Cor. 1:10-17. We believe in immersion as the mode of baptism and the memorial significance of the Lord's Supper.

## **ARTICLE V MARRIAGE DEFINITION**

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"We believe that marriage is a holy institution established by God in creation<sup>[97]</sup>. It is the center of a healthy society, should be held in the highest regard, and considered a permanent bond between a husband and a wife<sup>[98]</sup>. The Scriptures define marriage as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman in which the union is a lifetime commitment<sup>[99]</sup>. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the church only to the extent that it is consistent with this definition of marriage<sup>[100]</sup>. Only marriages that meet the biblical definition will be performed by CenterPoint."

## **ARTICLE VI ORGANIZATION**

Under the headship of Jesus Christ, this church shall be both served and led by a Pastor-Elder Team selected and affirmed by the congregation.

### **A. Pastor-Elder Team**

This group of spiritually qualified men will serve at CenterPoint Bible Church to protect, feed, lead, and care for the body of believers that they would be equipped to do the work of the ministry so that the body will be built up to the fullness of Christ.



## ***Vocational Pastor-Elder Team Members***

### ***1. Pastoral Team Leader***

- a. The Pastoral Team Leader will be the primary teacher of the Word of God. He is responsible for casting and maintaining the vision for the church and providing spiritual oversight of the overall ministry with the Pastor-Elder Team. His calling to CenterPoint Bible Church shall be recommended by the Pastor-Elder Team and be affirmed by the congregation by at least three-fourths of the ballots cast.
- b. The Pastoral Team Leader shall maintain a specific job description which will be approved by the Pastor-Elder Team. The Pastoral Team Leader shall serve as the leader of and be directly accountable to the Pastor-Elder Team.
- c. The Pastoral Team Leader shall be an ex-officio officer of all committees of the church and is responsible for the moderation of all Congregational meetings of the church. This responsibility may be delegated to another member of the Pastor Elder Team.
- d. The Pastoral Team Leader shall serve as long as it is mutually agreeable to the Pastoral Team Leader and the Pastor-Elder Team. However, forty-five days notice shall be necessary for the Pastoral Team Leader to terminate the agreement.

### ***2. Pastor-Elder Team Members (Associate Pastors)***

- a. Associate Pastors shall be appointed by the Pastoral Team Leader with the approval of the Pastor-Elder Team and will serve as a member of the Pastor-Elder Team. If he is not already a member of the Pastor-Elder Team, his calling to CenterPoint Bible Church shall be affirmed by the congregation by at least three-fourths of the ballots cast.
- b. The Associate Pastor's Job Description will be developed and approved by the Pastor-Elder Team.
- c. The Associate Pastor is directly accountable to the Pastoral Team Leader and the Pastor-Elder Team.
- d. Associate Pastors shall serve as long as it is mutually agreeable to the Associate Pastor and the Pastor-Elder Team. However, forty-five days notice shall be necessary for the Associate Pastor to terminate the agreement.

### ***Non-Vocational Pastor-Elder Team Members***

1. Other Pastor-Elder Team Members (non-vocational) shall be recommended by the Pastor-Elder Team and be affirmed by the congregation by at least three-fourths of the ballots cast.
2. The Pastor-Elder Team Member's Job Description shall be developed and approved by the Pastor-Elder Team.
3. Pastor-Elder Team Members shall serve as long as it is mutually agreeable to the Pastor-Elder and the Pastor-Elder Team.

### **B. Deacons**

1. The number of deacons shall be determined by ministry needs.
2. They shall meet the qualifications of 1 Tim 3:8-13 and Acts 6:3.
3. The Deacons shall be responsible for the oversight and care of the church body. This allows the Pastor-Elders to give priority to prayer and ministry of the Word. (Acts 6:3-4)
4. They shall be chosen from among the faithful membership of our church; examined in heart, life, and servant leadership.
5. Showing themselves as men of character (I Timothy 3:10), they shall be approved by the Pastor-Elder Team, and affirmed by the congregation. (Acts 6:5)
6. They shall constitute a Board and shall elect annually their own Chairman and Secretary, who shall file a copy of the minutes of each meeting with the Pastor-Elder Team within two weeks after the meeting?
7. If a Deacon desires or is required to be released from his call to serve as a Deacon, his removal shall require consultation with and approval by the Pastor-Elder team.

### **C. Congregational Meetings**

#### **1. Purpose**

The Purpose of Congregational Meetings is to provide information and to vote and affirm on issues such as the annual budget, missionary support, constitutional amendments and the purchase and/or selling of land or facilities.

#### **2. Times**

- a. The Annual Meeting of the Church shall be held during the month of January each year, the exact date to be determined by the Pastor-Elder Board. In addition, monthly meetings will be held as needed.
  - b. Special meetings may be called by the Pastor-Elder Board to address any items or to respond to concerns of the congregation.
3. **Announcement**  
The Annual Meeting and any Special Congregation Meeting must be announced at least two Sundays prior to the meeting.
4. **Voting**
- a. Any active member of the Church is eligible to vote (except as limited by Article VI.D).
  - b. All voting shall be by written ballot or by the raise of hands.
  - c. At all meetings, a simple majority of the membership (50% + 1) shall constitute a quorum
  - d. At the Pastor-Elder Board's discretion, absentee ballots will be made available for those active members unable to attend.

## **ARTICLE VII TRUSTEES**

- 1. The number of Trustees shall be at a minimum of 3 in number.
- 2. The Trustees shall be members of CenterPoint Bible Church.
- 3. The Trustees shall hold in trust all the property belonging to CenterPoint Bible Church and take all necessary measures for its protection. All deeds, mortgage, and other legal written documents binding the church or affecting church property shall be executed by the trustees in accordance with the leadership of the Pastoral Team.
- 4. The Trustees shall be recommended by the Pastoral Team and approved by a simple majority vote (50% + 1) of the church membership.
- 5. The Trustees shall hold office until death, resignation, or removal by a simple majority vote (50% +1) of the church membership.

## **ARTICLE VIII GOVERNMENT**

### **A. Type of Government**

Pastor- Elder Team led with Congregational Involvement. It shall not be under the jurisdiction of any other ecclesiastical body.

## **B. Requirements**

Any person who has confessed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and shall have been baptized after salvation and who willingly agrees with the Constitution and Bylaws may request membership.

## **C. Process**

1. Any person who desires to be a member of this church shall make application to the Pastor-Elder Team using the "Membership Application Form".
2. All applications will be reviewed by the Pastor-Elder Team, and if deemed necessary the applicants will be interviewed by the Pastor-Elder Team.
3. The applicants are approved by the Pastor-Elder Team. They will be received into membership by public welcome during a Sunday service.
4. All active members of this church who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote in all Business Meetings of the church.

## **D. Termination**

1. Members may be terminated by letter of request, or by disciplinary removal.
2. The Pastor-Elder Team may vote to remove the names of individuals for nonattendance who, through lack of attendance fail to give evidence of their desire to remain within the membership of the church. After due efforts have been made the Pastor-Elder will inform the individual of their removal from membership. The congregation will also be informed of such removal so that they may pray for the individual.

## **E. Membership Discipline**

1. Believers are called to lovingly address unrepentant sin in another believer's life with a desire for God honoring restoration and sanctification.
2. In these matters, authority and specific direction is given to the Church and its leaders in the Word of God.
3. When a professing Christian, after being reproved in accordance with Scriptural principles, still refuses to repent, the decision of the Church to exercise biblical discipline reflects the will of God in heaven.

4. As to discipline and restoration, the Scriptural model in Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2; and I Corinthians 5 will be followed.

## **F. Finances**

### **1. Offerings**

All offerings shall be voluntary and nothing of a secular or commercial character shall be allowed for the purpose of raising money to carry on the work of the Church.

### **2. Finance Committee**

- a. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Church Administrator and other CBC members deemed necessary by the Pastor -Elder Team.
- b. The Finance Committee shall supply envelopes to any persons desiring them. A record of all gifts received through the envelope system shall be overseen by the Church Administrator or a person designated by the Pastor-Elder Team.

### **3. Budget**

- a. A budget will be prepared each year by the Finance Committee and, after approval by the Pastor-Elder Team, will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Church Business Meeting for acceptance by a majority vote
- b. The Pastor-Elder Team will have authority to operate the ministry of the Church within the budget. Any expenditure not in the budget and 1.5% of the total budget must have the approval of the Congregation.

## **ARTICLE IX COVENANT**

As members of CenterPoint Bible Church, we make the following promise or covenant with each other regarding our relationships with the Lord, one another, and the church.

**Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having agreed to the Statement of Faith and Practice of this church, we now enter into covenant with each other as one body in Christ. Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with God's Word, we promise to Pursue Intimacy with God, Demonstrate Love for One Another, Maintain a God-Honoring Testimony, Live a Strong Witness for Christ, and Support this Church and its Leadership.**

***We will pursue personal and family Intimacy With God by:***

- “continuing to live in Christ, rooted and built up in him” (Colossians 2:6-7)
- “obeying the Father’s commands” (John 15:10)
- “bringing up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4)

***We will demonstrate Love for One Another by:***

- “comforting those in any trouble, bearing each other’s burdens, caring for, and forgiving whatever grievances you may have against one another” (2 Cor. 1:4; 1 Cor. 12:25; Gal. 6:2; Col. 3:13)
- “accepting, encouraging, and praying for one another” (Romans 15:7; James 5:16; 1 Thes. 5:11)
- “imparting to [each other] our own lives and spurring one another on toward love and good deeds” (1 Thes. 2:8; Hebrews 10:24)

***We will maintain God-Honoring Testimony by:***

- “living self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age” (Titus 2:12)
- “putting to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature” (Colossians 3:5)
- “not putting a stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way” (Romans 14:13)

***We will live a Strong Witness for Christ by:***

- “being wise in the way you act toward outsiders; making the most of every opportunity” (Colossians 3:5)
- “being prepared to give the reason for the hope you have” (1 Peter 3:15)
- “being [Christ’s] witnesses” (Acts 1:18)

***We will Support this Church and Its Leadership by:***

- “persevering in our life and doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:16)
- “making every effort to keep unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace and not giving up meeting together” (Ephesians 4:3, Hebrews 10:25)
- “praying for and obeying your leaders and submitting to their authority” (Colossians 4:3; Hebrews 13:17)
- “giving what he has decided in his heart to give...not reluctantly..for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

## **Appendix #1**

### Endnotes

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- [6] Psalm 139:7-12
- [7] Matthew 19:26
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- [9] Deuteronomy 6:4
- [10] Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14
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## Appendix #2

### Church Government Document

#### How is CenterPoint Bible Church Governed?

What is a Pastor - Elder?

A spiritually mature man (1 Timothy 3:1-7) who is called by God to protect (Acts 20:28), feed (Titus 1:9), lead (1 Peter 5:2), and care (Acts 20:35) for a local body of believers in order that they would be equipped to do the work of the ministry so that the body will be built up to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

The best way to describe the CenterPoint government structure is...  
“Pastor - Elder Team led with Congregational Involvement”

What role does the membership play?

- Affirming of new Pastor – Elders (as needed) (75%)
- Ratifying Constitution Amendments and By-laws (50% + 1)
- Approving Annual Budget (50% + 1)
- Approving Missionary support (50% + 1)
- Purchasing and Selling of Land and / or Facilities (50% + 1)

The Pastor-Elder Team is given the responsibility to:

- Demonstrate Spiritual Maturity (Elder) – Described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9
- Shepherd the Flock – Described in Acts 20:28 and Ephesians 4:11-13
- Lead and Manage the Church – Described in 1 Timothy 5:17 and 1 Peter 5:1-3
- Test & approve potential members of the Pastor-Elder and Deacon Team.
- Operate the ministry of the church within the budget.  
**Note:** Any expenditure not in the budget that exceeds 1½% of the total budget must have the simple majority of congregation.