

BYLAWS OF BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH – ERIE, COLORADO

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

This organization shall be known as Bible Baptist Church – Erie, Colorado (hereinafter referred to as “the Church”). The principal office shall be located in Erie, Colorado, or at such other location as determined by the Church membership.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Church is to glorify God through the public worship of Jesus Christ, the preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures, the advancement of the Gospel, the edification of believers, and the service of the local community in accordance with the Word of God.

ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF FAITH

This Church affirms the Holy Bible as the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. The Church further affirms:

1. The doctrine of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. The deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary atonement, bodily resurrection, and ascension.
3. Salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.
4. The necessity of personal repentance and faith for salvation.
5. The ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper as symbolic acts of obedience.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualification for Membership

Membership in the Church shall be granted to individuals who:

- a. Profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- b. Have been baptized by immersion as a believer; and
- c. Accept and agree to support the doctrine, practices, and governance of the Church.

Section 2 – Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- a. Faithfully attend regular services;
- b. Support the Church through prayer, service, and financial giving;
- c. Conduct themselves in a manner consistent with biblical standards; and
- d. Participate in the life and ministry of the Church.

Section 3 – Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated by:

- a. Voluntary request of the member;
- b. Transfer to another Bible-believing church; or
- c. Church discipline in accordance with biblical principles, including but not limited to Matthew 18:15–17.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNANCE

This Church shall operate under a congregational form of government. Ultimate authority rests in the membership of the Church, subject to the authority of Scripture.

ARTICLE VI – PASTOR

Section 1 – Authority and Duties

The Pastor shall serve as the spiritual overseer of the Church and shall be responsible for preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and general spiritual leadership.

Section 2 – Call of Pastor

The Pastor shall be called by a majority vote of the membership at a duly called business meeting, following appropriate notice.

Section 3 – Removal or Resignation

The Pastor may resign at any time or may be removed by a majority vote of the membership at a duly called business meeting.

ARTICLE VII – DEACONS (IF APPLICABLE)

Section 1 – Purpose

Deacons shall serve the Church by assisting the Pastor in ministerial, practical, and service-related matters.

Section 2 – Qualifications

Deacons shall meet the biblical qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:8–13.

Section 3 – Selection

Deacons shall be nominated and elected by majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Worship Services

The Church shall conduct regular worship services as determined by the leadership.

Section 2 – Business Meetings

Business meetings shall be held as needed and shall require prior notice to the membership.

Decisions shall be determined by majority vote unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES

All financial support shall be derived from tithes, offerings, and designated gifts. All funds shall be administered under the oversight of the Church leadership and reported regularly to the membership.

The Church shall maintain accurate financial records and operate with integrity and transparency.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a majority vote of the membership at any duly called business meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been given in advance.