



BIBLE CENTER | CHURCH

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*“ ...you will be My witnesses
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

ACTS 1:8

Our History



In the late 1930s, God moved upon the hearts of a small group of Christians in Charleston, WV to meet in homes for Bible study and encouragement.

In 1943, this intrepid group of believers became formally organized as The City Bible Center and began worshiping in a store-front location in downtown Charleston. As God continued to bless us, we moved into a refurbished home on Broad Street. Then in 1956, we constructed the first designated

church structure on Kanawha Blvd. Bible Center's third relocation took place in 1976, when the congregation began meeting in what is now Bible Center School on Corridor G. As growth continued, and after introducing two Sunday morning services, church leadership recognized the need for additional expansion, and in 2008 we celebrated with the opening of our new worship facilities on a 96-acre campus in Charleston's Southridge area. In January 2016, Bible Center called Pastor Matt Friend as the sixth Senior Pastor in church history. The chronicle of Bible Center Church is a story of God's faithfulness. In all things, we seek to give Him glory!

Our Mission & Strategy

Our Mission

Glorifying God by producing more maturing followers of Jesus

Our Vision

For the gospel and for the city

Our Discipleship Strategy

Worship – Join us for a Sunday worship service.

Belong – Find deep community in one of our many groups.

Serve – Enjoy using your God-given gifts to serve others.

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History of the Constitution

The original constitution was presented and accepted by the congregation at the annual meeting in 1950. An extensive revision with additions was confirmed in March 1958, and revisions were confirmed in November 1993 and February 2005. This present revision went into effect on July 13, 2014.



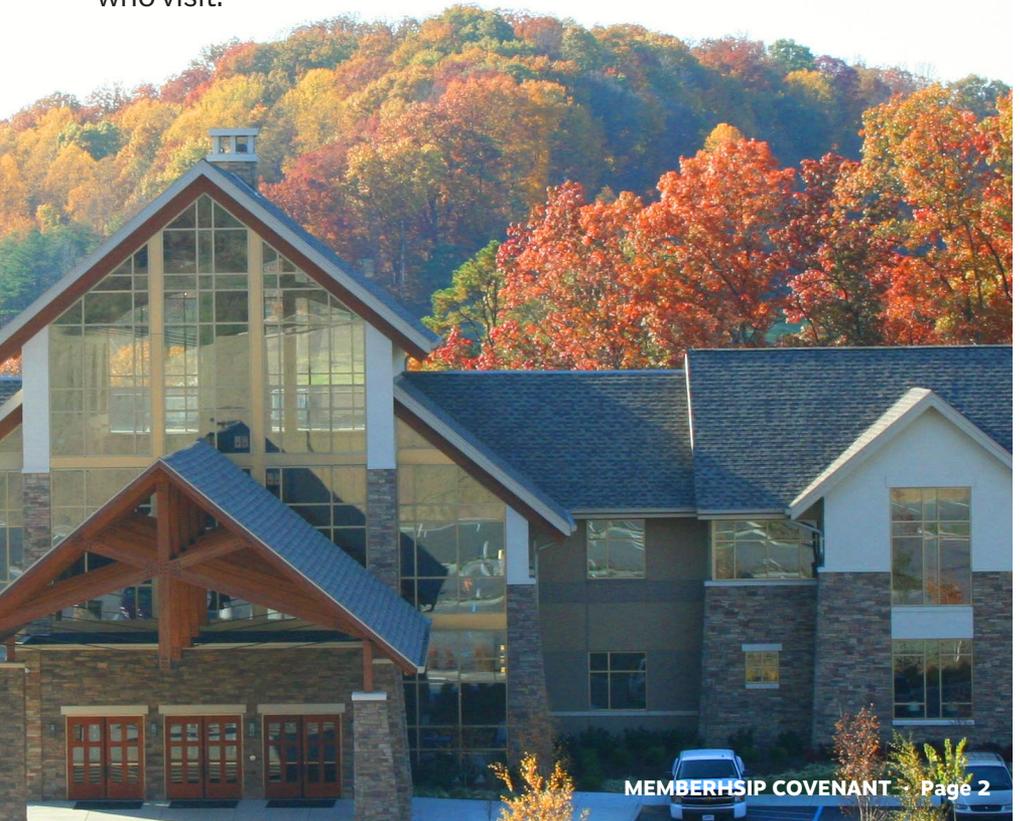
Membership Covenant

Confessing Jesus Christ as our Savior, and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves, in the presence of God and each other, to share the responsibilities of our church by praying for its growth, supporting our leaders, and giving regularly and generously.

We will honor our Lord by discovering and using our gifts and talents, being equipped to serve, and developing a servant's heart.

With God's help, we will support the testimony of Christ by regular prayer and Bible reading, attending faithfully, living a godly life, and developing relationships with unbelievers and sharing Jesus with them.

We will protect the church's unity by acting in love toward others, refusing to gossip, and warmly welcoming those who visit.



Constitution

Article I. Name

All true believers in Christ make up the body of Christ on earth. One local manifestation of His body is The Bible Center Church in Charleston, West Virginia. The Bible Center Church is nondenominational, independent, and evangelical.

Article II. Purpose

As set forth in the New Testament, the purpose of Bible Center Church is:

- A. The maintenance of the public worship of the True and Living God (John 4:23) and the practice of church ordinances.
- B. The building up of the body of Christ by teaching God's Word and the practice of righteousness in daily living (2 Timothy 2:16 and Romans 12:1-2).
- C. The promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world in obedience to Christ's Great Commission (Acts 1:8).

Article III. Doctrine

We believe the whole Bible (66 books) to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant (in the original manuscripts) Word of God. The Bible is the final source of authority in matters of faith, principle, and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We subscribe to the dispensational interpretation of Scripture (Ephesians 1:10). We abide by the following statement of faith:

- A. God (Deuteronomy 6:4). The Triune God...one God existing in three persons: Father (Isaiah 64:8), Son (John 1:1,2,14), and Holy Spirit (John 14:16-26).

- B. Jesus Christ
His virgin birth and deity (Luke 1:35); His death, burial, and bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 2:32-36).

- C. Holy Spirit
He is a divine person. He strives with and convicts the unsaved. He regenerates, indwells at the time of salvation, seals, enlightens, guides, and comforts the believer (John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

- D. Satan
The personality of the Devil as the enemy of Christ, saints, and angels (Job 1:6-7).

- E. Creation
The literal seven-day Genesis account of creation (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17).

- F. Man
He was created in the moral image of God. He fell (Genesis 3). The universal depravity of the human race. By nature, man is separated from God by sin and is therefore lost (Romans 3:19-23).

- G. Salvation
Man is saved by the grace of God through faith in the sacrificial death and blood atonement of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:25; 10:9-13). Justification and eternal life according to Acts 13:38-39; Romans 6:23; and John 10: 28-29. We believe that all who are truly born again are kept eternally secure by the power of God through the sealing of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Christ (Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:9-13).

- H. The Church
We believe that all believers in this age comprise the Church in

its universal and invisible aspect and are a part of the Body and bride of Christ. We further believe in the local manifestation of the church, which is the center of God's methods and plans for this age. The local church consists of a group of born again, baptized believers who have organized themselves according to the Scriptures for the purpose of edification, fellowship, observance of the ordinances, and evangelization of the world (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27). There are two ordinances given to the local church by its Head, Jesus Christ. These ordinances give witness to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and our identification with Him by faith.

1. Baptism

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, showing forth in a solemn and beautiful picture our identification with a crucified, buried, and risen Savior (Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:36-39).

2. Lord's Supper

This symbolic communion of Christians with Christ at the Lord's Table is open to all born again believers who are in fellowship with God. The Lord's Supper shall be commemorated at least once a quarter (Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32).

- I. The Second Coming

We believe in a pre-tribulational rapture (catching away) of the Church. We believe in the personal and pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth. We believe in the establishment of the Kingdom or Millennium during which Christ will reign for one thousand years on and over the earth in fulfillment of the promises to God's Old Testament covenant people, Israel (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21; Acts 1:9-11; Zechariah 12:10; 14:4-9; Revelation 20:4-6; Isaiah 9: 6-7).

J. Heaven and Hell

1. Heaven

The eternal home of bliss and glory for all who through faith have been made righteous before God. We believe that those who trust Jesus Christ as Savior are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, and will be eternally with Christ. We further believe that all of the righteous will be raised from the dead to reign with Christ and share in His glory (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Romans 8:16-18; Philippians 1:23; Revelation 21-22).

2. Hell

The eternal punishment of all the lost and guilty without Christ. We believe that the lost, because of their unbelief and sin, are under the just condemnation of God and will suffer everlasting, conscious punishment for sin. We further believe that they will be raised from the dead to stand before the Great White Throne Judgment of God to receive their final judgment (John 3:18; Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 20:11-15).

K. Separation and Service

1. All believers are called unto a life of separation to God from the world, sinful habits and practices (Romans 12:1-2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 6:14).
2. Every believer is obligated to witness by deed and word, to intercede for others in prayer, and to proclaim the Gospel to all the world (Philippians 1:29; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 1:8).

L. God Established the Church at Pentecost in the First Century

1. We believe God used the apostles to establish the church (Ephesians 2:20; Acts 2:1-41). He gave them gifts (including raising the dead, Acts 20:7-12) unique to the

apostolic era which authenticated the message of the gospel (2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4). After the church was established, God continues to authenticate the gospel through the transformed lives of followers of Christ and their love for one another (John 13:35).

2. God is active in the world through His church. We believe God is free and is bound only by His integrity to Himself. God can do whatever He wants, and He does. He is good, just, immutable, and holy.
3. We believe God heals when He chooses to heal. He is honored when we ask and, in His pleasure, chooses to heal to glorify His Son.

M. Human Sexuality

As a wonderful gift from God, sexual intimacy is to be expressed between a man and woman within the commitment and love of a marital relationship (Genesis 2:24-25; Proverbs 5:18; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4). Therefore, we believe that any other form of sexual intimacy is both immoral and a perversion of God's perfect gift (Leviticus 18:1-30; Proverbs 6:32; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 1:26-27).

Article IV. Membership

Membership at Bible Center is based upon salvation through faith alone in Jesus Christ and the profession of that faith through believer's baptism by immersion.

Membership at Bible Center is a mutual commitment between the church and the member. The church commits to care for, nurture, and challenge the member. The member commits to participate in the life, mission, and financial support of the church's ministry.

A. Admission to Membership

Those who express a desire to join with Bible Center in membership will engage in the following process:

1. Applicant completes a multi-session orientation class that explains the church's beliefs and ministries.
2. Applicant submits a completed Membership Application.
3. Applicant interviews with at least one (1) member of the church's Pastoral Team and at least two (2) Elders to:
 - a. Give a testimony of faith in Christ and demonstrate a desire for a devout life.
 - b. Affirm agreement with Bible Center's Doctrinal Statement (Article III).
4. The Board of Elders presents the Applicant to the congregation on at least two (2) consecutive Sundays. Active church members are then invited to provide affirmations or concerns to the Elders regarding the Applicant's character and walk with the Lord.
5. The Board of Elders votes on whether to admit the Applicant to membership.
6. The Congregation welcomes the new member.

B. Privileges and Responsibilities of Active Membership

Active members encourage, support, and exhort fellow members, attendees, and visitors in our mission together to produce maturing followers of Jesus Christ. Specifically, active members will:

1. Participate in the life and activities of Bible Center's ministries, including attendance at worship services.
2. Keep the Membership Covenant.
3. Financially support Bible Center's mission and ministries.

4. Upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age, exercise voting privileges during church business meetings. Active church membership votes on:
 - a. The call of a Senior Pastor.
 - b. The annual budget.
 - c. An unbudgeted expenditure that exceeds two percent (2%) of the total annual budget.
 - d. Any revisions to the church's constitution.
 - e. The dismissal of an unrepentant member after the exhaustion of the church's loving and restorative efforts as outlined in Article IV.D.

C. Record of Membership

1. The Board of Elders, in conjunction with the Pastoral Team, is responsible for maintaining the church's membership record, including an annual review.
2. Bible Center will have an Active Membership Record and an Inactive Membership Record.
 - a. Active Membership Record
 - i. Membership at Bible Center is a privilege to be valued and acknowledged through engagement, giving, and service unto our Lord.
 - ii. Other than as set forth in Article IV.C.2.b., members will be removed from the Active Membership Record after one of the following events:
 - a. A member's written request.
 - b. A vote of dismissal (as described in Article IV.B.4.e).
 - c. A member's death.

b. Inactive Membership Record

- i. Any member who does not share in the life of Bible Center's mission and ministries as outlined in the Membership Covenant will be placed on the Inactive Membership Record, except for one of the following reasons:
 - a. A member's temporary (less than one (1) year) absence from the local community. Temporary absences longer than one (1) year for military service and educational commitments will be considered by the Board of Elders on a case-by-case basis at the member's request.
 - b. A member's physical condition that prevents attendance at worship services. This exception is provided for those members in the local community who desire to participate in the life of Bible Center's mission but are physically unable to do so.
- ii. A member placed on the Inactive Membership Record may petition the Board of Elders for return to the Active Membership Record. The Elders may act to reinstate the petitioning member to the Active Membership Record.
- iii. Members listed on the Inactive Membership Record for one (1) year will be removed from all membership records.

D. Restoration of Members

Any member who breaks Bible Center's Membership Covenant or walks away from the practice of the life of Jesus Christ will be prayed for and sought out to be restored.

1. It is our individual responsibility as members to take restorative initiative to address known sin as confirmed by two (2) witnesses or acknowledged by the erring

- member. This initial restorative effort will be made in private and in a spirit of love (Matthew 18:15).
2. If the erring member does not respond to the initial exhortation of the fellow member, then two (2) members will meet with the erring member to call him or her to repentance (Matthew 18:16).
 3. In the continued absence of repentance, the Elders and Pastors will address the matter with the erring member, again inviting the member to a path of restoration (Matthew 18:16-17; Galatians 6:1-2).
 4. Upon the erring member's repentance and restoration, church leadership and knowledgeable members will quietly celebrate the member's reconciliation (Luke 15:24).
 5. In the absence of repentance in due time and at a closed business meeting, the Board of Elders will announce the erring and unrepentant member and call on church membership for a vote of dismissal (1 Corinthians 5:1-12). The purpose of church discipline is always restorative and redemptive, designed by God to preserve the unique holiness of God's people (Matthew 18:15).

Article V. Governance

Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the source of all authority (Matthew 28:18). He vests His authority through the Holy Spirit into the lives of each member of the body of Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 2:4-5).

In submission to our Head, the leadership and oversight of Bible Center Church are entrusted to maturing followers of Jesus Christ who are recognized with scriptural qualification for church office. The Senior Pastor, with the Pastoral Team, Elders, and Deacons, leads the church with the consent and cooperation of church members (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1).

A. Senior Pastor

The Senior Pastor will shepherd, love, and feed the flock of God. With the active support and participation of the Elders and the Pastoral Team, the Senior Pastor is chiefly responsible to oversee the spiritual life of the church body, including its regular services and the administration of church ordinances.

1. The Senior Pastor will be called to serve upon receiving a three-fourths (3/4) vote of active membership present at a specially called business meeting upon recommendation by the Board of Elders. An appointed Search Committee is responsible to seek God's will in the church's search for a senior pastor through prayer, research, and discussion of prospective candidates, and then to present a recommendation to the Board of Elders for consideration.

The Search Committee is appointed by the Board of Elders and is comprised of the following individuals:

- a. At least three (3) Elders.
 - b. The Chairman of the Deacon Board.
 - c. At least one (1) additional Deacon as recommended by the Chairman of the Deacon Board.
 - d. At least four (4) active members, including at least three (3) females and at least one (1) single individual.
2. The Senior Pastor will faithfully serve until his pastorate is terminated by resignation or by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of active membership present at a specially called business meeting. If active membership votes for his service to be terminated immediately, his full compensation shall continue at least thirty (30) days. In any business meeting wherein the Senior Pastor is the subject of the meeting, the Chairman of the Board of Elders, or a person designated by the Elders, shall preside.

B. Pastoral Team

1. The Senior Pastor has the authority to call or dismiss members of the Pastoral Team. Such action is to be in consultation with the Elders and subject to the approval of a majority of three-fourths (3/4) of Elders present at a Board of Elders meeting.
2. The Elders will establish the compensation of the Senior Pastor.
3. The Deacon Board will authorize the total amount of the salaries for the Pastoral Team as included in the church's annual budget. By voting to approve the church's annual budget, the congregation will approve this total salary amount as indicated in the appropriate line item of the budget. Judicious care will be taken to review salaries on an annual basis while maintaining the confidentiality of individual salaries.

C. Lay Leadership

Following the biblical pattern, Bible Center Church recognizes two (2) offices of the local church: Elder and Deacon (Philippians 1:1-2, 1 Timothy 3:1-13). Scripturally qualified men will be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon (1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9).

1. Elders

Elders exercise spiritual leadership of this local body of Christ, praying (Acts 6:4; James 5:16-21), protecting its doctrine, overseeing discipline of its members, establishing policies pursuant to its mission, and assisting in the administration of church ordinances. The term Elder is synonymous with Pastor and Overseer (1 Peter 5:1-3).

Elders are expected to shepherd the flock of God and seek to encourage, remedy, and restore the lives of church members.

- a. The Board of Elders will be comprised of at least five (5) scripturally qualified men who are active church members (1 Timothy 3:1-7).
- b. The Elders and the Senior Pastor will meet once a month to pray and give themselves to the oversight of the church (Acts 6:4). These men will serve as the sole voting members of the Board. At their discretion, the Elders and the Senior Pastor may include other members of the Pastoral Team at such Board meetings. The Board of Elders will elect a Chairman and Secretary at its first meeting of the service year.
- c. The Board of Elders will appoint a Church Clerk for a one-year (1-year) term to maintain a record of minutes of all annual and business meetings. The Church Clerk may serve an indefinite number of terms at the will and pleasure of the Elders.
- d. The Board of Elders will appoint members of all church committees and approve all quasi-church groups and functions.
- e. Any accusations against an Elder, the Senior Pastor, or a member of the Pastoral Team will be heard by the Board of Elders if it is brought by two (2) or three (3) witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19). Petitions must be made in writing, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Elders and the Senior Pastor.

2. Deacons

Deacons serve the physical needs of the church. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, acting as caretakers of physical properties, overseeing the church's finances, administering church ordinances, and overseeing the ushering of all regular and special services.

- a. The Deacon Board will be comprised of at least five

(5) spiritually qualified men who are active church members (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

- b. The Deacons and the Senior Pastor will meet once a month. These men will serve as the sole voting members of the Board. At their discretion, the Deacons and the Senior Pastor may include other members of the Pastoral Team at such Board meetings. The Deacon Board will elect a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Head Usher at its first meeting of the service year.
- c. The Deacons will be responsible for the appointment and removal of trustees, as necessary.
- d. The Treasurer, in conjunction with church financial staff, will oversee the counting and deposit of received monies and present a monthly report of the receipts and expenditures of all church ministries to the Deacon Board. Special care will be given to maintain the trust of the congregation in the handling of monies received, including having at least two (2) Deacons present to check and verify the amount contributed. Confidentiality and integrity will be hallmarks of this sacred duty.
- e. All Deacon nominees who have not previously served on the Deacon Board will be eligible to serve for an initial term of one (1) year, after which he may be eligible to serve an additional two (2) years to complete a regular term of three (3) years (see 1 Timothy 3:10).

3. Service Terms

- a. Elders and Deacons will serve a term of three (3) years and may be re-nominated to serve an additional three-year (3-year) term, for a total of six (6) consecutive years of service in the same office. A sabbatical of at least one (1) year from the

same office must then be taken. The maintenance of scriptural qualification for the offices is assumed and required.

- b. A service year begins on July 1 and concludes on June 30 of the following calendar year.
- c. A sitting Elder and Deacon will not qualify for re-nomination for any church office until his current term of service is completed in its entirety.
- d. The terms for both Elders and Deacons are to be staggered to provide a level of continuity of board membership across service years.

4. Nominations

Church members play an important and vital role in identifying lay leaders to serve as Elders and Deacons.

- a. Each January, the Elders will appoint a Nominating Committee comprised of the following individuals:
 - i. The Senior Pastor, who will serve as the Chairman.
 - ii. All Elders.
 - iii. Chairman of the Deacon Board.
 - iv. At least one (1) additional Deacon as chosen by the Chairman of the Deacon Board.
 - v. At least three (3) active members, including at least two (2) females.
 - vi. At their discretion, the Elders and the Senior Pastor may include other members of the staff at Nominating Committee meetings. Any invited members of the staff will not be voting members of the Nominating Committee.
- b. Each February, active members are urged to “look out among themselves” (Acts 6:3) for those who are scripturally qualified for church office

(1 Timothy 3:1-15; Titus 1:5-9) and submit names to the Nominating Committee for consideration.

- c. Each March, the Nominating Committee will meet to prayerfully consider the nominees, acting as a second source of vetting and screening. After prayerful consideration, the Nominating Committee will recommend candidates for the consideration of the offices of Elder and Deacon to the Board of Elders.
- d. The Board of Elders will meet to vote and extend invitations to nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon. The Board of Elders will determine the size of each Board, considering function, order, and service to the body.
- e. Each June, the Elders and Deacons appointed to serve for the following term will be announced and set apart for service at the church's annual business meeting.

5. Discontinuation of Service

- a. An officer may resign at any time by writing an explanatory letter to the Senior Pastor and Chairman of his respective Board. The letter will then be read to the respective Board and may be read to the congregation.
- b. Any officer unable or unwilling to participate within his respective Board will be lovingly approached and encouraged to continue joyful and willing service or asked to tender a resignation.
- c. Any vacancies incurred will be filled at the next annual business meeting.

D. Business Meetings

1. The church will have an annual business meeting each

June to vote on the budget and set apart all Elders and Deacons for the following fiscal and service year beginning July 1.

2. The Chairman of the Board of Elders or the Senior Pastor, in consultation with the Board of Elders, may call a special business meeting.
3. All business meetings must be announced to the congregation for at least two (2) consecutive Sundays prior to the meeting, which may include the Sunday on which the meeting takes place.
4. The Senior Pastor will chair all business and special meetings, except as provided in Article V.A.2. In the absence of the Senior Pastor, the Chairman of the Board of Elders or his appointee will chair the meetings.
5. The number of active members present at a duly called business or special business meeting will constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Ministry, Property, and Revision

A. Ministry

The Elders shall be tasked with maintaining policies which govern and shepherd all ministries associated with our mission at Bible Center Church.

B. Mission

The Elders shall encourage the development of a church culture in which all feel the responsibility and privilege of ministry and are presented with opportunities of service. Our leadership at Bible Center, with the congregation, will pray for God to raise up workers for ministry and look for those gifted by God and with maturing character to encourage their pursuit of vocational ministry (Matthew 9:37-38).

C. Properties and Assets

1. All properties, both real estate and collateral, held in the name of The Bible Center Church shall be owned by the membership and administered by the Deacons with any necessary trustees appointed by the Deacons. Any purchase or sale of real property by this church shall be recommended by the Senior Pastor, Elders, and Deacons and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of active members present at a duly called business meeting. Notice of such transactions shall be given pursuant to Article V.D. of this constitution or otherwise as required by law.
2. Should conditions arise requiring the dissolution of this body, the Elders shall appoint a committee composed of the Chairman of the Elders and one (1) additional Elder, the Chairman of the Deacons and one (1) additional Deacon, and three (3) active members. This committee shall present to the membership a plan for liquidation and distribution of assets. The assets shall be transferred to or divided among one (1) or more institutions, churches, mission boards, or other groups whose purpose and beliefs are consistent with the mission and doctrinal statement of Bible Center Church. Approval of the plan is subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all active members in attendance at a duly called business meeting.

D. Constitutional Revision

1. Constitutional revisions, amendments, annulment, or the adoption of a new constitution shall be approved by the Elders and submitted to the congregation for ratification by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of active members present at a special business meeting.
2. Draft copies of proposed constitutional changes shall be posted and made available to the congregation during a three (3)-week review period. At least three (3) Elders shall be available at specified times during

the review period for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes with the congregation. Following the three (3)-week review period, the Elders shall consider congregational comments and submit the final revision for ratification at a special business meeting. Notice of the special business meeting shall be given pursuant to Article V.D. of this constitution.

Application

For membership as a believer in fellowship at:

THE BIBLE CENTER CHURCH in Charleston, WV.

Desiring to be one with the believers of Bible Center Church,
I affirm the following:

- I have attended a Belong: Membership Weekend.
- I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I accepted Christ on or about _____.
(YOUR BEST APPROXIMATION)
- After my salvation, I was baptized by immersion as a public identification with Christ. I was baptized on or about _____.
(YOUR BEST APPROXIMATION)
- I have read the Church Constitution, and as far as I understand Scripture, I can agree to the Church Covenant (pg. 1) and Doctrinal Statement (pgs. 2-6).
- With respect to the organizational function of this local church, I agree to abide by the operational procedures outlined in the Church Constitution.
- I am not currently under any form of church discipline from any other Bible-believing church.
- I am willing to share my salvation story with a Pastor and an Elder.
- In the space provided on the back of this application, write 2-3 sentences describing how you came to receive Christ as Savior.

My Testimony of Receiving Christ

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
 (MO) (DAY) (YR)

If you are currently a member of another church, please list it here:

City _____ State _____

Submit this application by giving it to a pastor
or the church Info Desk, or by mailing it to:

Bible Center Church
100 Bible Center Drive, Charleston, WV 25309

Only 1 application needs to be filled out per applicant.

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