

**CONSTITUTION
OF
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
DELTA, COLORADO**

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PREAMBLE

Whereas God admonishes His followers to do all things decently and in order, we, the members of Calvary Baptist Church, Delta, Colorado (church), in order to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, carry out the commandments given by Jesus Christ to His Churches, and provide for the governing of this body in an orderly manner, do now declare and establish this Constitution and Bylaws as the basic governing instrument of this Church, as in accordance with Holy Scripture.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The corporate name of this organization, as registered with the Secretary of State, of the State of Colorado, is Calvary Baptist Church of Delta, Colorado.

ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this church will be to preach and propagate the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: to seek the salvation of all persons everywhere: to make, grow, multiply reproducing disciples of Jesus Christ: to provide regular opportunities for public worship: to sustain the ordinances, doctrinal principles, and ethics as set forth in the New Testament: and to study and practice Christian discipleship, in obedience to the teaching of the Scriptures-the Holy Bible.

Our Mission & Ministry Process Motto states that we are to: *Reach Seekers • Build Believers • Release Leaders*. This motto is based upon the following verses in the Bible: Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:16-20, 2 Timothy 2:2

ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF FAITH

As a New Testament Church, with Jesus Christ as its head, acknowledges the Holy Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God and as the sole authority and basis for our faith and practice. We subscribe to the doctrinal statement of the Baptist Faith and Message, drawn from Scripture and adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000, as a summary statement of our articles of faith.

The basis of our beliefs, as confirmed by Scripture are: salvation by grace and apart from works, baptism by immersion after the salvation experience, verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, and the Christ-like walk of believers after salvation and in obedience to the Word of God-the Holy Bible.

ARTICLE IV: CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Holy Spirit, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and, on the public profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant relationship with one another as one body in Christ.

We commit, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to serve together in Christian love: to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through local, home and foreign missions; to strive for the advancement of the Church of Jesus Christ in knowledge, wisdom and holiness; to promote its prosperity, spirituality and principles of faith; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrine, and discipline; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministries and expenses of this Church.

ARTICLE V: POLITY AND AFFILIATION

This Church is autonomous and its government is vested in the pastoral-elders of the body of believers who compose it. This Church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body. However, recognizing the benefits of cooperation with other churches of like faith and order, this Church, as is practical and creating no violation of our doctrinal beliefs as defined in Article III of this Constitution, voluntarily affiliates with the Uncompahgre Baptist Association of Southern Baptist Churches, the Colorado Baptist General Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

This Church will be conservative in its view of Scripture and seek to fellowship and cooperate with those who share like views. Affiliation and cooperation with any local, state, or national body rests solely with this Church's membership as decided by majority vote of the membership in any business meeting. This Church will immediately withdraw affiliation and support from any organization, which holds, espouses, or acts upon a position contrary to the faith, practice, and views of this Church as identified in Article III, The Statement of Faith, of this Constitution.

The property and assets of this Church are irrevocably dedicated to charitable Christian purposes. No part of the net income or assets of this organization will inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person. (Justly due salaries and compensation excluded)

Calvary Baptist Church, though autonomous, is affiliated with and cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Colorado Baptist General Convention. The real property and the buildings owned by the church were purchased and constructed with Southern Baptist money. Therefore:

- A. Any decision to disaffiliate from or terminate cooperation with the SBC and / or the CBGC must be approved by a (3/4) vote of those resident members present and voting at a meeting of the congregation called for that purpose.
- B. If the church were ever to disband, or upon dissolution of the church corporation, the real property and buildings owned by the church will be conveyed to and become the property of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. The trustees serving at that time will execute a quit-claim deed to accomplish that objective.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Approval

This Constitution was accepted and adopted by the attending membership of Calvary Baptist Church of Delta, Colorado in a Regularly Scheduled Quarterly Assembly held on July 22nd, 2009; location: 1290 A Street, Delta, Colorado.

Section 2: History of AMENDMENTS

DATE

AMENDMENT: