

BayLife Community Church Constitution

I. NAME

The name of this organization, a nonprofit corporation, shall be “BayLife Community Church.”

II. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith of this Church shall be the same as that of The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA).

III. STANDING

This church shall maintain membership with The Evangelical Free Church of America and its branches.

IV. PURPOSE

The purpose of this church is to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) of Jesus Christ. We shall reach lives, share lives, touch lives, and build lives for the glory of God. In order to glorify God, we “reach lives” by making disciples of all people through the gospel of Jesus Christ and helping them to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. We “share lives” by developing Christian fellowship among church members. We “touch lives” by loving, serving, and financially or materially assisting one another as the Bible teaches us. We “build lives” by equipping believers of Christ for godly living and ministry in obedience to Christ and the Scripture through holistic discipleship. Ultimately, we glorify God through Christ-like living and corporate worship as the body of Christ.

V. MEMBERSHIP

The church shall receive as members those who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior as taught in the Bible. As such, they are born again Christians who manifest the fruits of the Spirit in their lives, and are in agreement with the doctrine and polity of this church as stated in the bylaws of this church.

VI. PROPERTY RIGHTS

If the church membership votes to dissolve, and cease to function as a church of like faith and practice, or if the membership should dissolve through some disaster, the property rights shall be assigned to EFCA and its branches to enable said district to renew the work or use the assets thereof for further Gospel enterprises.

VII. GOVERNMENT

Ultimate authority lies in Jesus Christ as the head of the Church and in the Scripture as the basis for all faith and practice. This church shall remain free and self-governing. The government is vested in its membership and administered by its officers. In function, final authority shall reside in the membership. They shall approve and/or affirm Biblically qualified leadership to carry out Christ's purposes.

VIII. OFFICERS

The officers of this church shall be the Church Board, and other officers as deemed necessary by the church as described in the bylaws.

IX. PROVISION FOR BYLAWS

A supplement to this constitution known as the bylaws shall embody the stated qualifications for church leaders and officers. The bylaws shall also include officers' duties, provisions for appointment of additional leaders and teachers, conditions for membership, method by which members are received, along with other rules and regulations for church activities as needed.

X. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any business meeting when said proposed Amendments have been presented to the membership in writing via U.S. Mail to the member's address on file and posted it on our church website for at least four weeks prior to the business meeting. A two-thirds majority of those present at the business meeting is required for passage.