

By Laws and Constitution Sagmount Baptist Camp, Inc. Joplin, Missouri

Article I Name and Office

Section 1 – The name of this corporation shall be Sagmount Baptist Camp, Inc., a non-profit organization.

Section 2 – Principal Office. The principal office of the corporation in the state of Missouri shall be located in the county of Jasper.

Article II Purpose

To provide fellowship for Bible-believing Baptist churches in doctrine; promote evangelism, missions, the teaching of Christian ethics and morals, social conduct, and the study of the Bible. It is our purpose to educate and train God-called people for Gospel service.

Article III Members

Section 1 – Membership

Any duly constituted pastor of a contributing Baptist church, who is in agreement with the camp's purpose, vision, and articles of faith, shall be a member of the corporation.

Section 2 – Contributing Church

A contributing church shall be defined as a church that makes a monthly or yearly financial contribution to the corporation for its corporate purposes. Such contributions must be made and accepted by the corporation within the fiscal year. Such contributions may be either cash or property acceptable to the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Membership Records

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain a list of the names and addresses of all members of the corporation based on contributions received by the Treasurer and shall furnish a copy of said list to the Secretary and/or Board of Directors upon request.

Section 4 – Voting Rights

Each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Only the person whose name is listed on the books of the corporation shall be entitled to vote. Members shall vote on those who will serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Termination of Membership

The member representing a church that fails to make a contribution as above set forth shall be dropped from membership for the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which a contribution was made. Any member of the Board of Directors that is part of the church that fails to contribute to the camp shall not serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a fiscal year.

Article IV

Meetings of Members

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of members shall be held on the first Tuesday following the second Sunday of the month of September for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors, for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, and for the Board of Directors to receive input from the members about improvements, upgrades, repairs, and other needs of the camp. If the election of the Board of Directors shall not be held on the designated day for the annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board shall call the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as convenient.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise described by statute, may be called by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Place of Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held at the Sagmount Baptist Camp in the county of Jasper Missouri. Other meetings besides the annual meeting may be held away for the campgrounds.

Section 4 – Notice of Meeting

Written, printed, or electronic notice stating the place, day, time of the meeting, and purpose of the meeting shall be delivered not less than five (5) nor more than forty (40) days before the date of the meeting, either personally, by mail, or electronic communication to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. It is each member's duty to insure that their contact information is current with the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Quorum

One-twentieth (1/20th) or a minimum of 5 members (whichever number is greater) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of membership. The act of the majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall

be the act of the membership. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Article V Board of Directors (Property Sub-Committee)

Section 1 – General Power

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Number and Term of Directors

The number of Directors shall not exceed nine (9). The number of Directors may be further increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the By-Laws, but at no time the number be less than three (3). The vote on Directors shall be held at the annual meeting in September of each year. Each member shall be able to vote on the Directors but must be in attendance at the annual meeting to vote. The term of office for a member of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years or until their successor shall be elected and qualified. Directors may succeed themselves. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining Directors until a successor or successors shall be qualified and elected. Failure to hold the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the designated time and place shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the corporation.

Section 3 – Board of Directors Offices

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of a President (Chairman of the Property Sub-Committee), a Vice-President (Vice-Chairman), a Treasurer, a Secretary, and other such offices as the Board of Directors shall authorize and appoint. A member of the Board of Directors may only hold one office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary. The offices of President and Vice-President may only be held a Senior Pastor serving a MOBFF church in the state of Missouri.

Section 4 – Nominations of the Board of the Directors

Any pastor holding a membership in the corporation (Article III, Section I) may submit a nomination to the full Board of Directors. Such nominations shall be only those who qualify as a member of the corporation. A nomination may be submitted in writing, e-mail, fax, person, or from the floor of the annual meeting.

Section 5 – Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings as unanimously agreed upon by the Board of Directors. These meetings may also be called by the President as special needs may arise. All members of the Board of Directors shall be notified of the time and place of such meeting. These meetings are open to all members and friends of the corporation, but voting on business and affairs of the corporation shall be limited to the Board of Directors. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct regular business of the corporation.

Section 6 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or any two members of the Board of Directors. The person, or persons, authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place within the state of Missouri for the holding of any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them or at such other time and place as may be unanimously agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 7 – Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If less than a majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from the time to time with further notice.

Section 8 – Action by Written or Electronic Consent

If the Board of Directors unanimously consent in written or electronic communication to any resolution or action to be taken by the Board of Directors, such consent, or consents, shall have same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors at a meeting duly held.

Section 9 – Removal of a Member of the Board of Directors from Office

A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a meeting of the members, provided notice of such proposed action shall have been duly given in the notice of the meeting and provided the said member of the Board of Directors has been informed in written or electronic communication of the charges presented against him at least ten (10) days before such meeting. The said member of the Board of Directors involved shall be given an opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

Section 10 – Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. An individual elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 11 – Compensation

The Board of Directors and members of the corporation, as such, shall not receive any salaries for their services. The Board of Directors may, however, determine the compensation to be received by officers and agents of the corporations.

Article VI

Duties of Board of Directors and Offices

Section 1 – Election of the Board of Directors

The offices of the Board of Directors of the corporation (President, Vice President, and etc...) shall be elected by the members of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting and after new members have been voted onto the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – President

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of members. He shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall oversee all employees of the camp and shall oversee their work and duties. He serves as Chairman of the Property Sub-Committee.

Section 3 – Vice-President

The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers delegated to him by the Board of Directors or the President of the corporation. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. He serves as Vice-President of the Property Sub-Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of members and shall record votes and keep minutes of such meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose. He shall give all notices in the manner required by the By-Laws of the corporation or by law. He serves as the Secretary of the Property Sub-Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and securities and shall keep records of the corporation and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. He shall deposit all monies and valuables effected of the corporation in the name of the corporation in such depositories of the corporation as may be directed by the Board of Directors from time to time taking proper vouchers therefore. He shall make an accounting of the financial condition of the corporation at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall, upon request of the Board of Directors, furnish a bond for the faithful performances of his duties in such a month and with surety as the Board of Directors may require. He serves as the Treasurer of the Property Sub-Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Article VII Execution of Instruments

Section 1 – Checks, Drafts, Notes, Etc...

Checks, drafts, notes, or other orders for the payment of money or evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of corporation shall be signed by such officer, or officers, agent, or agents, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose.

Section 2 – Contracts

When the execution of any contract, conveyance, or other instrument has been authorized without specifications of the executing officers, the President or Vice-President, and the Secretary may execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate any officer or officers or agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the corporation.

Section 3 – Loans

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 4 – Deposits

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such bank, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 5 – Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation. Any and all articles donated to this corporation become, upon donation, the property of this corporation.

Section 6 – Improvements

All improvements to the corporation properties by renters and other parties must be approved by the President or Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of September of each year and end on the last day of August.

Article IX Employees of the Corporation

Section 1 – Hiring and Dismissing Employees

The Board of Directors has the power to hire or dismiss employees of the corporation. A 75% vote is needed to hire or dismiss a full-time employee. The President of the Board of Directors may hire seasonal employees with the approval of the full Board of Directors. Employees are directly accountable to the President of the Board of Directors. Employees of the corporation are to have a testimony of salvation, be an active member of a Baptist church, and be in agreement with the articles of faith and purpose of the camp. A review of benefits and salaries of employees shall be conducted at the annual meeting and as needed throughout the year.

Section 2 – Conduct of Employees

Employees of the corporation are to conduct themselves in a godly, God-honoring manner at all times and refrain from any activity or conduct that would bring shame upon the Lord or camp.

Sections 3 – Dismissal

Only after prayerful consideration may an employee be dismissed from employment. Causes for dismissal are failure to perform needed duties, insubordination, actions or conduct that is a deterrent to the camp and or the cause of Christ, and discord with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must conduct the dismissal preceding and an employee shall be given an opportunity to be heard at such meeting. Such employee will be given either an immediate dismissal with 2 weeks pay or a 30-day notice or whatever is agreed upon at the time of dismissal.

Article X Amendments

The By-Laws of the corporation may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted with a one-month notice to all members of the Board of Directors of such action. A 75% vote by the Board of Directors is needed for any changes or amendments to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI Disposition of Property

Section 1

Any and all articles donated to this corporation become, upon donation, the property of this corporation. All items, equipment, or properties that are left at the camp shall become the property of the corporation unless such items are placed in storage and approved by the President of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

In the case of the dissolution of this corporation, upon payment of all indebtedness, all remaining assets and holdings shall become the property of the Missouri Baptist Bible Fellowship.

Article XII **Articles of Faith**

The Articles of Faith is for the Board of Directors and members of the corporation for the purpose of unity and focus. These Articles of Faith shall not limit who the camp is rented to or who is used as contractors or subcontractors and/or vendors.

SECTION 1: OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any admixture of error for its matter and, therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

1. By "The Holy Bible" we mean that collection of 66 books, from Genesis to Revelation, which as originally written does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but IS the very Word of God.
2. By "inspiration" we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21; Acts 1:16; Acts 28:25; Psalm 119:160; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:130; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17; Luke 24:44-45; Psalm 119:89; Proverbs 30:5-6; Romans 3:4; I Peter 1:23; Revelation 22:19; John 12:48; Isaiah 8:20; Ephesians 6:17; Romans 15:4; Luke 16:31; Psalm 19:7-11; John 5:45-47; John 5:39.

SECTION 2: OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, and infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct, but harmonious, offices in the great work of redemption.

Exodus 20:2-3; Genesis 17:1; I Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; John 4:24; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 83:18; Psalm 90:2; Jeremiah 10:10; Exodus 15:11; Revelation 4:11; I Timothy 1:17; Romans 11:33; Mark 12:30; Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; I Corinthians 12:4-6; I John 5:7; John 10:30; John 17:5; I Corinthians 2:10-11; Philippians 2:5-6; Ephesians 2:18; II Corinthians 13:14

SECTION 3: OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth: that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

John 14: 16-17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Genesis 1:1-3; II Thessalonians 2:7; John 16:8-11; John 15:26-27; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5-6; Ephesians 1:13-14; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; Luke 24:49; John 16:13; Romans 8:14; Romans 8:16; II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:2; Romans 8:26-27.

SECTION 4: OF THE DEVIL, OR SATAN

We believe that Satan was once holy and enjoyed heavenly honors, but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, and the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy, the lord of the antichrist, and the author of all the powers of darkness -- destined, however, to final defeat at the hands of God's own Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17; Revelation 12:9; Jude 6; II Peter 2:4; Ephesians 2:2; John 14:30; I Thessalonians 3:5; Matthew 4:1-3; I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Matthew 13:39; Luke 22:3-4; Revelation 12:10; II Corinthians 11:13-15; Mark 13:21-22; I John 4:3; II John 7; I John 2:22; Revelation 19:11; 16, 20; Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 20:1-3; Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41.

SECTION 5: OF CREATION AND HUMAN LIFE

We believe in the Genesis account of creation and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly and God's established law was that they should bring for only "after their kind."

Since God created mankind into genders distinctly male and female, we believe that the only legitimate marriage is that between a man and a woman. He has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful

perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God rejects any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.

We believe that all human life is sacred from fertilization throughout the entire natural human life; that human beings are created in God's image. We believe that abortion and/or any form of euthanasia constitutes the unjustified and unexcused taking of a human life. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother are acceptable.

Genesis 1:1,11,24,26-27; 2:21-23;9;6; 19:5,13; 26:8-9; Exodus 20:11; Deuteronomy 23:17-18; Lev. 18:1-30; Nehemiah 9:6; Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 82:3-4; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; 10:12; Luke 1:44; John 1:3; Acts 4:24; 17:23-26; Romans 1:20-32; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 10:6

SECTION 6: OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Genesis 3:1-6, 24; Romans 5:12; Romans 5:19; Romans 3:10-19; Ephesians 2:1,3; Romans 1:18; Ezekiel 18:19-20; Romans 1:32; Romans 1:20; Romans 1:28.

SECTION 7: OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost, in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was even born or can even be born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son.

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:14; Psalm 2:7; Galatians 4:4; I John 5:20; I Corinthians 15:47.

SECTION 8: OF THE ATONEMENT OF SIN

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who, by appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

Ephesians 2:8; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; John 3:16; Matthew 18:11; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:14; Isaiah 53:4-7; Romans 3:25; I John 4:10; I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21; John 10:18; Philippians 2:8; Galatians 1:4; I Peter 2:24; I Peter 3:18; Isaiah 53:11; Hebrews 12:2; I Corinthians 15:20; Isaiah 53:12; Hebrews 9:12-15; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:2.

SECTION 9: OF GRACE IN THE NEW CREATION

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth, the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension: not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with the divine truth, in order to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

John 3:3; II Corinthians 5:17; Luke 5:27; I John 5:1; John 3:6-7; Acts 2:41; II Peter 1:4; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1; II Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 2:13; John 1:12-13; Galatians 5:22, 23; Ephesians 5:9.

SECTION 10: OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and an obedient faith; and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

I Thessalonians 1:4; Colossians 3:12; I Peter 1:2; Titus 1:1; Romans 8:29-30; Matthew 11:28; Isaiah 55:1; Revelation 22:17; Romans 10:13; John 6:37; Isaiah 55:6; Acts 2: 38; Isaiah 55:7; John 3:15-16; I Timothy 1:15; I Corinthians 15:10; Ephesians 2:4-5; John 5:40; John 3:18; John 3:36.

SECTION 11: OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us.

Acts 13:39; Isaiah 53:11; Zechariah 13:1; Romans 8:1; Romans 5:9; Romans 5:1; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4; Galatians 3:11; Romans 4:1-8; Hebrews 10:38.

SECTION 12: OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe that Repentance and Faith are solemn obligations, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; thereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Savior.

Acts 20:21; Mark 1:15; Acts 2:37-38; Luke 18:13; Romans 10:13; Psalm 51:1-4; Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 55:6-7; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9-11.

SECTION 13: OF THE CHURCH

We believe that a Baptist church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel, said church being understood to be the citadel and propagator of the Divine and Eternal Grace; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers of ordination are pastors or elders whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the scriptures; we believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: First, to make individual disciples; Second, to build up the church; Third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order; we hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

Acts 2:41; Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:11; I Corinthians 12:4, 8-11; Acts 14:23; Acts 6:5-6; Acts 15:23; Acts 20:17-28; I Timothy 3:1-13; Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23-24; I Peter 5:1-4; Acts 15:222; Jude 3,4; II Corinthians 8:23-24; I Corinthians 16:1; Malachi 3:10; Leviticus 27:32; I Corinthians 16:2; I Corinthians 6:1-3; I Corinthians 5:11-13.

SECTION 14: OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, with the authority of the local church, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper; in which the members of the church, by the sacred use

of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Acts 8:36-39; Matthew 3:6; John 3:23; Romans 6:4-5; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19, 20; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:41-42; I Corinthians 11:23-28.

SECTION 15: OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

John 8:31-32; Colossians 1:21-23; I John 2:19; Matthew 13:19-21; Romans 8:28; Psalm 121:3; Hebrews 1:14; I Peter 1:5; Philippians 1:6; John 10:28, 29; Romans 8:35-39.

SECTION 16: OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

Malachi 3:18; Genesis 18:23; Romans 6:17-18; Proverbs 11:31; I Peter 1:18; Romans 1:17; I Corinthians 15:22; Acts 10:34-35; I John 2:29; Romans 6:16; I John 5:19; Galatians 3:10; Romans 7:6; Romans 6:23; Proverbs 14:32; Luke 16:25; Matthew 25:34, 41; John 8:21; Luke 9:26; John 12:25; Matthew 7:13-14.

SECTION 17: OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth.

Romans 13:7; II Samuel 23:3; Exodus 18:21-22; Acts 23:5; Matthew 22:21; Titus 3:1; I Peter 2:13, 14; I Peter 2:17; Acts 4:19-20; Daniel 3:17-18; Matthew 10:28; Matthew 23:10; Philippians 2:1011; Psalm 72:11.

SECTION 18: OF THE RESURRECTION AND RETURN OF CHRIST AND RELATED EVENTS

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value. Of the Resurrection, we believe that Christ rose bodily "The third day according to the Scriptures;" that He alone is our "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God;" "that this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven"-- bodily, personally, and visible; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first," that the living saints "shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump," "that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David:" and that "Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

Matthew 28: 6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; I Corinthians 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-7; Acts 1:9, 11; Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Revelation 3:21; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 12:2; Hebrews 8:6; I Timothy 2:5; I John 2:1; Hebrew 2:17; Hebrews 5:9-10; John 14:3; I Thessalonians 4:16; Matthew 24:27; Matthew 24:42; Hebrews 9:28; I Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-53; I Thessalonians 4:17; Philippians 3:20, 21; Luke 1:32; I Corinthians 15:25; Isaiah 11:4-5; Psalm 72:8; Revelation 20:1-4; Revelation 20:6.

SECTION 19: OF MISSIONS

The command to give the gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this commission was given to the churches.

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Romans 10:13-15

SECTION 20: OF THE GRACE OF GIVING

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the faith. We are commanded to bring our gifts into the storehouse (common treasury of the church) upon the first day of the week. We are commanded to bring the tithe into the common treasury of the church. In the New Testament it was the common treasury of the church.

II Corinthians 8:7; I Corinthians 16:2; Hebrews 7:2,4; Matthew 23:23; Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34, 35, 37.