

# CONSTITUTION OF KING COVE BIBLE CHURCH

## SECTION I - NAME

King Cove Bible Church

## SECTION II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this local Church, as part of the Body of Christ, is to promote the worship of and service to God in King Cove and beyond: through evangelism, teaching, discipleship, prayer, fellowship with God, and with one another in obedience to God's Word.

## SECTION III - WELCOME

King Cove Bible Church welcomes anyone to attend and fellowship without becoming a member. However, we believe that local church membership is an important step of commitment and spiritual growth.

## SECTION IV - MEMBERSHIP

A. Persons desiring membership must meet the following qualifications:

1. Those who have received Jesus Christ, and are striving to live in obedience to the Word of God.
2. Those who agree to abide by the constitution of the King Cove Church.

B. Reception of Members

1. Contact the Pastor and obtain a copy of the constitution.
2. Meet with the Pastor and Deacons to request acceptance as a member of the church.
3. Give a public testimony of their faith in Christ as Savior at a worship service and read aloud before the church at a worship service the following covenant: "I believe in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord. I have been Scripturally baptized by immersion. I agree to abide by the church constitution and doctrinal statement. I intend, with God's help, to live my life in obedience to God's Word."
4. Be presented to the church for the reception as a member by the Pastor with the recommendation of the Deacons.
5. Upon the recommendation of the pastor and deacons, the candidate shall be presented to the church for a vote.
6. Members may be received in one of four ways:
  - a. By baptism following salvation.
  - b. By letter from a church of like faith and order.
  - c. By confession of faith (when impossible to secure a letter), having been saved and immersed.
  - d. By restoration.

C. Members in good standing and of 18 years of age will have a voting voice in all church business meetings.

D. Any member who does not attend a worship service for a period of three months will be considered not in good standing for voting purposes. If unavoidable circumstances are present, the Pastor and Deacons may grant an exception.

## SECTION V - DISCIPLINE

A. The Pastor and Deacons shall constitute the discipline committee.

B. All disciplinary matters will be handled according to Scriptural guidelines. (Matthew 18)

C. In the case of severe and continual differences with the constitution or unscriptural practices in life, the Deacons and Pastor may recommend to the church to remove from membership.

## SECTION VI - BUSINESS

A. An Annual Business Meeting will be held each January. Members shall be notified of the meeting two

Sundays prior to the meeting.

- B. A simple majority of the voting members present shall constitute a quorum for conducting all church business except the calling of a pastor.
- C. The Pastor or Deacons may call business meetings whenever they deem it necessary.

#### **SECTION VII - PASTOR**

##### **A. Qualification**

- 1. Meets the qualification of Pastor according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9.

##### **B. Responsibilities**

- 1. He shall shepherd the Church (Acts 20:26 - 28; John 21:17; 1 Peter 5:2-3)
- 2. He shall be ex officio on all boards and committees of the church.

##### **C. Term of office shall be for an indefinite period,**

D. The Pastor will be called to serve the Church with a recommendation of the Deacons and a special business meeting shall be called for and announced the Sunday before this meeting. The church will call a pastor with a 70% vote of the active members present.

E. The Pastor's services may also be terminated at the request of the Deacons and a special business meeting shall be called for announce the Sunday before this meeting. The church will terminate a pastor with a 70% vote of the active members present.

F. The pastor shall be ex officio member of all boards and committees of the church.

#### **SECTION VIII - DEACONS**

A. The church will elect men to serve as deacons who qualify for the office according to 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

B. Deacons must be members of the Church, and at least 21 years of age. Deacons will be elected to 2-year terms at the annual meeting. Consecutive terms may be served.

C. The purpose of the Deacons will be to assist the Pastor in providing spiritual and practical leadership for the Church.

#### **SECTION IX THE CHURCH CLERK**

A. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the minutes of all regular and special members' meetings of the church, to preserve an accurate roll of the membership, and to render reports as requested by the pastor, the deacons, or the church.

B. The clerk shall be nominated by the deacons and elected by the congregation to serve a term of one year.

C. In the absence or incapacity of the clerk the elders shall appoint a member to perform the duties of the church clerk.

#### **SECTION X THE CHURCH TREASURER**

The treasurer shall:

A. Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the corporation, and oversees the deposit of all funds in the name of the church in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Pastor or the Board of Deacons.

B. Receive, and give receipts for all contributions, gifts, and donations to the church.

C. Disburse the funds of the church as may be directed by the Pastor, the Board of Deacons, or the budget adopted by the members of the church at the annual church business meeting, taking proper vouchers for the disbursements.

D. When and as requested, render to the Pastor and the Board of Deacons accounts of all his/her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the church.

E. Present a written report of itemized disbursements at church business meetings.

### **SECTION XI - CORPORATIONS DIRECTORS**

A. The church will elect of three members to be listed as corporate directors with the state of Alaska.

1. Term of office is indefinite.
2. The directors must my 19 years of age.

B. The directors will maintain their current corporation status with the State of Alaska in accordance with the requirements of the state.

### **SECTION XII- AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting at any business meeting. Notice of such amendments must be given two Sundays prior to the meeting.

### **SECTION XIII - ARTICLES OF FAITH**

These articles of faith are not designed to be the foundation or the defense of our faith. They simply define and declare what we believe the Word of God teaches on these vital doctrines.

#### **ARTICLE 1—SCRIPTURES**

We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testaments; it is without error as originally written, and the final authority for our faith and practice.

#### **ARTICLE 2—GOD**

We believe that the one true God exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are equal in essence, yet distinct in personality.

#### **ARTICLE 3—CHRIST**

We believe in the Deity of Christ; His Virgin Birth; His shed blood for Atonement for the sins of man and His bodily resurrection and His ascension to Heaven.

#### **ARTICLE 4—HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, and makes believers children of God through the new birth, assuring them of Heaven, and by His indwelling power enables Christians to live a godly life

#### **ARTICLE 5—MAN**

We believe that God created man in His own image; that man disobeyed God an became a sinner The resulting effect of sin on man touches his entire being, leaving him completely unable to earn God's favor or contribute to his own salvation.

#### **ARTICLE 6—SALVATION**

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone and that believers are eternally secure in Him.

#### **ARTICLE 7—LOCAL CHURCH**

We believe in the local church as God's autonomous institution of regenerate, immersed believers practicing the two ordinances; Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and has two Scriptural offices—pastor and deacon.

#### **ARTICLE 8—RETURN OF CHRIST**

We believe in the personal pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, and His millennial reign

on the earth.

**ARTICLE 9—RESURRECTION**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

**ARTICLE 10—GOSPEL**

We believe in the spreading of the Gospel as Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

(An expanded and detailed doctrinal statement is available upon request)

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