

Bethel Assembly of God Ministries: Statement of Faith & Church Constitution

Article 1: Statement of Faith

1. Bible

We believe the Bible, consisting of 66 books, to be the inspired Word of God, without error, the revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

References: 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Peter 1:21

2. The Trinity

We believe in one God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

References: Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19

3. God

We believe that God is sovereign and has always been the only true God.

Reference: Ephesians 1:11

4. The Father

We believe that God the Father created all things and desires a personal relationship with each of us.

References: Genesis 1:1, John 3:16

5. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and that He lived a sinless life, died for our sins, and arose bodily from the dead.

References: Galatians 4:4, John 10:30, Romans 5:19, 1 Peter 2:24

6. The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit convicts, regenerates, guides, and empowers believers for godly living and service.

References: John 14:26, John 6:13

7. Salvation

We believe salvation is a free gift through Jesus' death on the cross and that it cannot be earned.

Reference: Ephesians 2:8-9

8. Accepting the Sinner, Denouncing the Sin

We believe God forgives all sin but calls Christians to live in holiness and reject sin.

References: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 John 1:9, Romans 3:23-24

9. Sanctification

We believe in the sanctification of believers, where they are renewed and empowered to live righteously.

References: 2 Thessalonians 2:13, Romans 8:1

10. The Church's Independence

We believe in the independence and autonomy of the local church.

Reference: Acts 14:23

11. Supernatural Miracles

We believe in the supernatural nature of miracles as recorded in Scripture.

Reference: Acts 2:22

12. The Three Ordinances

We observe Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Washing of Feet as symbolic acts.

References: Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 11:26

13. The Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, and the eternal fate of the saved and unsaved.

Reference: Matthew 25:31-46

Article 2: The Church's Purpose

Love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

Make disciples locally and globally, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection, worshiping God in spirit and truth.

Nurture each other through prayer, Bible study, and Christian service.

Serve others physically and spiritually to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Article 3: Incorporation

Incorporated as Bethel Assembly of God Ministries, Inc. on August 13, 2018, under the laws of the State of Florida.

Article 4: Affiliation

Independent, with a Holiness Pentecostal doctrinal position.

Article 5: Membership

Section 1: Requirements for Membership

- Personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- Desire to serve and use one's gifts in ministry.
- Agreement with the Church Constitution and commitment to its teachings.

Section 2: Removal from Membership Role

- Members absent for one year will be contacted and may be removed.

Section 3: Discipline of Members

- Members in error are subject to correction according to Matthew 18:15-18.

Article 6: Designation of Officers

Officers: Pastors, Board Members, and Team Leaders.

Pastors are nominated by the Board and elected by the congregation.

Officers must meet biblical qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-7).

Article 7: Meetings and Voting

Meetings are called as needed with prior announcements.

Members aged 17+ in good standing may vote.

Article 8: Property and Approval

Property decisions require congregational approval by a three-fourths majority vote.

Article 9: Amendments

Proposed amendments must be approved by the Board, followed by congregational approval.

Article 10: Special Services (Marriage)

Only a Bethel pastor may perform marriages, and the couple must be members for at least five months.