



ALLIANCE
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Bylaws

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ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this corporation is ALLIANCE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

ARTICLE II. Mission

Alliance Christian Fellowship is dedicated to the revelation of Christ and His kingdom through the preaching and sharing of His Word, the gifts of the Spirit, and an emphasis on personal relationships, Christian service, and exceptional benevolence towards both church members and the Bolivar community. This mission includes but is not limited to practical ministry, biblical teaching, the equipping of the saints for ministry, evangelism, and the facilitation of inner healing. Matthew 16:15-18

ARTICLE III. Offices

3.1 Board of Overseers

Alliance Christian Fellowship shall have a Board of Overseers, consisting of the Pastor (If there is a Pastor in office) who is an Overseer, and not less than one other Overseer nor more than a maximum total of seven Overseers, and the necessary staff to **maintain an efficient operation, to be agreed upon by the Board of Overseers.** The Board of Overseers shall constitute the directors of the corporation.

3.2 Employees

The Board of Overseers shall have full authority in hiring and releasing all employees. The Board of Overseers shall interview all prospective employees of the church. The Board of Overseers reserves the right to delegate to whomever it wills the responsibility for interviewing future

employees.

3.3 Majority Decision

No official action shall be taken by the Board of Overseers unless all board members have met for the purposes of deliberation. If a partial meeting is necessary, all members of the Board must be advised concerning the meeting and at least a majority of the members of the Board of Overseers are present.

3.4 Written Agreement

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Overseers may be taken without a meeting and notice of a meeting if all members of the Board of Overseers consent thereto in writing, and the writing is filed with the minutes of the Board of Overseers. Any meeting of the Board of Overseers may be conducted by telephonic communication and/or email as long as all those who participate can hear and be heard by all the others who are parties to the communication, written notices or written consents to any action of the Board of Overseers may be evidenced by fax transmission or e-mail to or from individual Board members.

3.5 Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the Board of Overseers shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Overseers may decide, in the first quarter of the calendar year.

ARTICLE IV. Duties and Authorities of Officers

4.1 Officer Authority

The Board of Overseers, recognizing God's call on each of their lives to minister to the Body of Christ and to be an example to the congregation, shall, individually, and together with the other Overseers, accept the responsibility for the effective ministering and functioning of the church, and shall have full authority to carry out these responsibilities.

4.2 Officer Responsibilities

The duty of the Pastor, who is responsible primarily to the Lord Jesus Christ and also to the Board of Overseers, shall be to preach the whole gospel of Jesus Christ and to exhort and teach the congregation to carry out God's plan for the Church in the present world, as revealed in the Bible, with all authority, love and patience. He shall warn those who have sinned and encourage all to live righteously and honestly and above reproach in this world. He shall conduct all meetings of public worship unless he shall designate a responsible person to act in his place and stead.

4.3 President/Pastor

The Pastor shall be a voting member of the Board of Overseers, and the Board of Overseers shall not officially meet without the Pastor being present. He shall preside at all meetings of the Overseers. The Pastor shall preside as president of the 501(c)3 organization.

4.4 Vice President/Associate Pastor

The Vice President shall serve as the senior member of the overseers. Should the President resign or be disqualified, the Vice President shall be the acting President until a new President is selected.

4.5 Overseer

The duty of the Overseer shall be to support and pray for the Pastor and each shall also exhort and encourage the congregation in all matters of spiritual concern at all times at the direction of the Holy Spirit. Each of the Overseers, including the Pastor, shall be mutually submitted to the other Overseers as directed by the Bible.

Romans 12:10

4.6 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the necessary books in order to provide records of all meetings and the proceedings of all meetings. At each meeting, he shall have available the minutes of the previous meetings.

4.7 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the Board of Overseers and shall submit such monthly reports as may be requested by the Board of Overseers. It shall be his duty to maintain records of the income and expenses of the church. He shall be responsible for deposit of receipts, as well as the timely disbursement of funds payable.

4.8 Deacon

As described in Acts chapter 6, deacons are committed members of the church fellowship who attend to physical needs of the church in order to free the Board of Overseers to minister to spiritual needs.

4.9 Worship Leader

The qualifications for worship leader are the same as the qualifications of the office of

Deacon. The worship leader is not necessarily an Overseer but can be if qualifications and calling are met and agreed upon. The worship leader shall be in charge of the facilitation, organization and administration of worship practice at ACF.

4.10 Ministering Congregants

All ministering congregants must also meet the qualifications of the office of deacon.

ARTICLE V. Qualifications of Officers

5.1 Officer Qualifications

All officers and Overseers shall be persons of good character and repute and shall be consecrated Christians who are eager to work with the total ministry of the church to the glory of God and who behave in a manner which does not bring reproach to the name of Jesus Christ. Each shall by his or her life demonstrate adherence to this organization's doctrinal statement as set forth in ARTICLE VII of these Bylaws before being considered for their respective office.

ARTICLE VI. Election, Appointment and Dismissal

6.1 Officer Election

New members of the Board of Overseers shall be selected by a unanimous vote of the Board of Overseers after the candidate is presented for consideration before the church body. The term of service for each member of the Board of Overseers is for life, provided the qualifications are maintained. Each Overseer shall retain the right to resign at whatever time he sees fit, should the need arise.

6.2 Church Body Considerations

All major decisions, including the selection of new Overseers, shall be presented to the body to solicit prayer and opinion which shall be taken into consideration by the Board of Overseers before a decision is made.

6.3 Officer Dismissal

Any member of the Board of Overseers who has disqualified himself shall be given an opportunity to resign. If he refuses to resign, the matter shall be brought before the Board of Overseers, and they shall have full authority to retain or dismiss him. Such member should be present at the meeting for a proper hearing. A unanimous vote by the remaining Overseers for a dismissal is required before an Overseer is dismissed,

6.4 Officer Vacancy

In the event there should occur a vacancy among the Board of Overseers, such vacancy shall be filled as provided hereinabove in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. Doctrinal Statement and Membership

7.1 Doctrinal Statement

This organization adopts the following as its doctrinal statement:

- We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- We believe that the Scriptures of the

Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

- We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- We believe in Jesus Christ God's only begotten son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercessions for His people and personal, visible return to earth. We believe in His first coming, when Jesus inaugurated the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; we believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the exercise of all Biblical gifts of the Spirit.
- We believe that all men are sinners by nature and choice and are therefore under condemnation, that God

regenerates and baptizes by the Holy Spirit those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

- We believe in the universal church, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members.
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in water baptism and communion open to all believers.
- We believe also in the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Holy Spirit, for the ordination of pastors, overseers, and deacons, for receiving gifts of the Spirit, and for healing.
- We believe in the personal, visible, appearing of Christ to Earth and the consummation of His Kingdom; in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous, and endless suffering of the wicked.
- We believe in what is termed "The Apostle's Creed" as embodying fundamental facts of Christian faith, and endorse the historic orthodox creeds of the church.

7.2 Membership

This organization adopts the following membership policy:

1. There shall be no formal membership roster at Alliance Christian Fellowship.

Instead, we choose to emphasize the preeminence of Christian enrollment in the Body of Christ. We believe that each Christian’s membership in the Body of Christ sufficiently informs any and all aspects of membership identity and conduct.

2. There are certain responsibilities that Scripture places upon those who have become members of the Body of Christ and committed to the fellowship of this congregation.

- (a) Submission to water baptism pursuant to Acts 2:38.
- (b) Submission to the overseers of the church pursuant to Hebrews 13:17.
- (c) Liberal giving of material substance in accordance with the principle of tithing pursuant to 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.
- (d) Wholehearted attendance and participation in the meetings of the church pursuant to Hebrews 10:25.
- (e) Wholehearted participation in the life of

service pursuant to Galatians 5:13.

- (f) A demonstrable and perceivable devotion to Christ.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

The Bylaws of Alliance Christian Fellowship are to be established by the Board of Overseers of Alliance Christian Fellowship, and if they are to be amended, altered, or rescinded, it shall be by a unanimous vote of the Board of Overseers

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

Adopted: August 1, 2018
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Joe Langford, Pastor (President)

Brett Stump, Overseer (Vice President)

Chris Kimberling, Overseer (Secretary & Treasurer)