

Good News Church, Inc. Proposed Bylaws 2022 (version 1)

Article 1- NAME & MISSION

We are a non-profit incorporated church known as Good News Church whose mission is to glorify God and make disciples.

Article II – AFFILIATION

We are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma Baptists, and local Southern Baptist Associations. We also develop and maintain other ministry partnerships so together we can fulfill the great commission.

Article III – STATEMENT OF FAITH

The 2000 Baptist Faith and Message serves as our statement of faith.

Article IV – MEMBERSHIP

Members are those who publicly confess and faithfully follow Jesus as Savior and Lord, have been baptized, willingly join in gospel partnership with this local church, and agree with and adhere to the Statement of Faith.

Marks of a member – engaged in the life of the church through regular participation in worship, small groups, service, and giving.

Voting rights of members are as specified in these Bylaws. Only active members aged 18 and over may vote.

Inactive Membership – members who haven't been actively involved for a period of six months, i.e., members whose health, work, school or military service keeps them from current active involvement will remain active members unless otherwise notified.

The Executive Leadership Team will make final determinations about the status of all members, whether approving, denying, or revoking active membership status.

Article V – EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM (Board of Elders)

Qualifications – The Lead Pastor and at least two other men who meet the Scriptural requirements listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9, and who fully subscribe to the church's Statement of Faith and are actively engage in the ministry of the church.

Duties - Conducts and oversees the business of the church. Serves the church and its mission by overseeing and working with leaders and teams of the church in all matters of business and ministry. The Executive Leadership Team will also oversee the operations manual that establishes ministry teams, policies, and processes for the church. Church members are encouraged to bring their questions, ideas, and concerns to a Leadership Team meeting.

The team's members shall serve until their resignation, removal, or death. In the case of a vacancy in the Executive Leadership Team or if the team wishes to add individuals to the Team, the team will interview and recommend candidate(s) to fill the vacancy. The new Team members will be elected by majority vote of the church's voting members in attendance at a special church business meeting.

The Lead Pastor and any member of the Executive Leadership Team may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the church in attendance at a special church business meeting.

Article VI – PERSONNEL

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Lead Pastor, the Executive Leadership Team will develop and communicate to the church's members the process for replacing the Lead Pastor. A new Lead Pastor will be approved by a majority vote of the church's voting members in attendance at a special business meeting.

All other church offices and positions whether paid or unpaid, may be filled by the Executive Leadership Team or through a process/team they oversee.

Article VII – BUSINESS MEETINGS

The special business meetings referred to under Articles V, VI, and VIII will be called by the Executive Leadership Team, who will announce the date, time, place, and purpose of the meetings to the church membership at least 30 days before the date of the meeting. The Executive Leadership Team may also call other meetings of the church's members as the Team deems necessary. They will announce such meetings to the church membership at least 14 days before the date of the meeting.

In the event the congregation is seeking to take removal action of one or all Board Members, then they could call a business meeting by first gathering a petition signed by more than 50% of the voting membership. Then a special business meeting date, time, location, and purpose must be announced at least 30 days before the date of the meeting.

Article VIII – AMENDING THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the voting members in attendance at a special business meeting. The proposed amendments must be made available to the members for at least 30 days prior to the business meeting.