

Bayview Bible Chapel Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in the plenary, verbal, inerrant inspiration of the Scriptures, including both Old and New Testament, by which we understand that the Holy Spirit not only inspired the thoughts of the writers, but also formulated the very words into which the thoughts were cast in the original documents. Consequently, the Bible is the only authority in faith and practice. Psalm 119; Exodus 24:4; Matthew 5:18; John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 5:16.

2. We believe in one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit having precisely the same nature, attributes, perfections, and worthy of precisely the same worship and obedience. Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 28:18-19; John 1:1-14; Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 1:1-8; Colossians 2:9; John 15:26.

3. We believe in the Deity, pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven, present position as our advocate and High Priest, and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:5-6; Luke 2:40; John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Colossians 2:9; Romans 3:25-26; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 4:15 Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:1-3.

4. We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is truly personal and fully God and that He indwells, seals unto the day of redemption which is for the preservation of the Saints, and baptizes into the body of Christ every true believer at the moment of salvation; that He is the provider of all Godly power, acceptable worship and service from the moment of salvation and will always glorify and uplift the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; that it is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and thus be sanctified wholly (this is a positional truth, but practically is a continuous process of growth) being separated from sin and the world and fully consecrated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. Romans 6:8; 1 Corinthians 2:9-12; Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 5:18-20; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17; John 4:24; John 10; John 14:16-17; John 15:26-27; John 16:5-15.

5. We believe man was originally created in the likeness and image of God, but that he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death; that all men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ; that the portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence

forever in conscious torment and that of the believing in everlasting joy and bliss. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; 2:15-25; 3:1-24; Romans 1:3; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 10:28; 25:31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Revelation 20:11-15.

6. We believe Satan is a personal and real being, the adversary to the holy will of God, and the salvation of men; that he is called in the Scriptures the "god of this world" who transforms himself into an "angel of light" and has taken captive at his will the unbelieving and disobedient Genesis-7; Isaiah 14:14; John 3:44; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 4:3-6; 11:3, 14-15; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:11; Revelations 20:10

7. We believe salvation has, by the love and grace of God, been provided through Jesus Christ for all men and those who receive Him as their personal Savior, by an act of simple faith apart from works of any kind. They are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive divine forgiveness of sins, obtain the gift of eternal life and become the children of God created in Christ Jesus unto good works, having been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son; that each person must truly repent of his sins and receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior; that the inward evidence of salvation is the witness of the Spirit; that the outward evidence is a life of righteousness and true holiness maintained by confession of sins, prayer, study of the Bible, and regular fellowship with the saints. John 1:12; 3:3-21; 6:44-51; 12:32; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 4:10, 12; 16:31; Romans 2:3-5, 29; 3:21-30; 5:11-15.

8. We believe there will be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the former a resurrection unto life, the latter a resurrection unto judgment; that the saved shall appear in Heaven at the judgment seat of Christ to receive rewards and to dwell with Him for all eternity; that the lost shall be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the lake of fire to suffer eternal conscious punishment. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; 15; Romans 14:9-12; 2 Corinthian 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

9. We believe the Church consists of all those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, are purged from their sins by His blood, and have been born again of the Holy Spirit; that it has been commissioned of the Lord to witness in His name, make disciples, comfort and build up it's members in

the holy faith, especially to fulfill the terms of the Great Commission to go forth into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations. Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4: 11-16; Colossians 1:24-29; 1 Peter 1:3-5,22-23.

10. We believe the pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is a practical truth which should be preached, showing its relation to the personal life and the service of the believer Acts 1:9-11; Psalm 96:13; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:19; 3:11-13.

PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT

Purpose and Mission: Bayview Bible Chapel is dedicated to defending and teaching the word of God and to equipping saints for works of service. We are established to disciple individuals to personal, spiritual maturity, to preach God's message of salvation to the lost and to provide and encourage fellowship among believers.

“I'd Rather Have Jesus Than Anything!”

By-Laws Of Bayview Bible Chapel

1. Bayview Bible Chapel is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. No substantial part of the activities of Bayview Bible Chapel shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and the organization shall **not** participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Bayview Bible Chapel shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).
4. The property of Bayview Bible Chapel is irrevocably dedicated to section 501 (c) (3) exempt purposes and no part of the net income or assets of Bayview Bible Chapel shall ever insure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
5. No part of any net income or assets of this Organization shall ever insure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any person. Upon the dissolution of the Organization, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts and obligations, including missionary support, of Bayview Bible Chapel , the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, association, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section, and which lines up with Bayview Bible Chapel's mission and stance as determined by the existing active membership at the time of dissolution.

Articles of Association For Bayview Bible Chapel

ARTICLE 1 Membership

Section 1:1-The members of the body shall be all those on the rolls when this document is approved. Membership is open to those who agree with the doctrine and abide with the convictions of the church, and to those who are committed to be under church protection, being committed to one another in love. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 18:15-22; Acts 11:22-26; Acts 12:1-5; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Galatians 5:13-26; Ephesians 4:2,32; Colossians 3:9-16.

Section 1:2- Members may be added by the request of a letter from their previous church or by their own request. They shall approach any Elder and the Pastor and testify that they are new creatures in Christ and sign the membership covenant.

Section 1:3-If at any time any member is found to live consistently out of harmony with Scripture, it will be the responsibility of the church to correct the situation for the primary purpose of the restoration of the offender to God and the secondary purpose of cleansing the church. Once the Board of Elders has determined that the steps of Matthew 18:15-17 have been lovingly carried through and the offender refuses to truly repent, he shall be removed from the church membership rolls. Galatians 6:1; 1 Corinthians 5.

Section 1:4-When an active member desires to unite with some other fundamental evangelical body, he shall be given a letter of recommendation addressed to the body with which he wishes to unite. Acts 18:27.

Section 1:5-Age is not a factor of membership, but voting is reserved for those who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Section 1:6-In order to keep membership updated, six weeks before each annual membership meeting each inactive member shall be contacted by mail and asked if they wish to remain on the church membership roll or be dropped from it. Their answer must be by letter and be received by the board prior to the meeting. Failure to respond will result in the inactive

member being dropped from the rolls. In order to remain on the roll, the inactive member must give adequate reason for his inactivity and state his desire to become active again as soon as it is reasonably possible. (An inactive member is one who has consistently failed to support Bayview Bible Chapel by his/her attendance and participation in church activities for six (6) months.)

ARTICLE II **Governing Rules**

Ephesians 4:13- *"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"*

Section 2:1- Any and all authority of a local church is delegated by God through His Word. No institution, denomination, government or individual outside the membership of the local body shall have authority, power, or say over the local church; however, Bayview Bible Chapel is in fellowship with InFaith, formerly American Missionary Fellowship. All organizational structure and leadership that God has selected for Bayview Bible Chapel is acknowledged by the active members.

Section 2:1A-The whole membership shall meet annually on the last Sunday in February for the purpose of celebrating God's goodness and voting on the ordination of new Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses. The time and place of meeting shall be announced in the church bulletin for at least two weeks prior thereto.

John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12; Acts 6:1-5; Acts 15.

Section 2:2- If it is not covered in the Scriptures, Robert's Rules of Order, the latest revised edition, shall be the final parliamentary authority where questions of law and procedure not otherwise covered herein arise. Active members eighteen (18) years of age or older are eligible to vote. Each eligible member is entitled to one vote and voting by proxy is not permitted.

Section 2:3- A quorum to conduct business in any membership meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the active voting membership.

Section 2:4- A special meeting of the membership shall be called by the Board of Elders anytime within twenty-one days of the date on which a petition of ten or more voting members of the church is presented to the Board of Elders, calling for an action or after request of such a meeting is made by the Board of Elders. The business of the meeting shall be restricted to the purpose for which it is called. The time and place of the meeting shall be announced at least two weeks prior thereto. Any decision made by the

church membership will be final. (Refer to Section 2:1)

Section 2:5- Any expenditures in excess of \$1500.00 (outside of the normal business of building maintenance, missions, etc.) shall be done with the careful consideration and counsel of the congregation at a special membership meeting.

Section 2:6- Calling/Retaining a senior Pastor or an assistant Pastor shall require an eighty percent (80%) favorable vote by the active, eligible voters present at an official membership meeting.

Section 2:7- Seventy Five Percent (75%) of the elder board is a quorum and shall meet once a month in open session for the purpose of general church business. The Deacons and Deaconess Boards shall meet in conjunction. All three boards may meet in executive session as they deem necessary for the fulfillment of their respective tasks and areas of authority. Fifty Percent (50%) of Deacons and Deaconesses is required for a quorum. No project, program, or other proposal or activity involving expenditures of money shall be undertaken without the specific authorization and approval of the Board of Elders. The purpose of the open session is to encourage the counsel and participation of every individual of the body. Final authority for such expenditures still remains with the members of the church.

Section 2:8-Board selection process:

Section 2:8A-The members of the Board of Elders are selected by God as witnessed by the church membership and the existing Elder Board. The Pastor or another Elder shall read and explain qualifications for the office from 1 Timothy 3, and Titus 1. This is to be done prior to the actual selection. The Elders shall receive nominations for the office from members. The candidate is to be contacted and given time to pray and consider whether or not God would want him to serve in this capacity.

Any candidates must have been in regular attendance and a member of the body for at least one year and have exhibited faithfulness toward the body. Anyone wishing the position of Elder may attend the men's meetings and will be given the opportunity to exercise limited leadership capacities as designated by the Elder board. After completion of the training the Board shall then pray over these nominations and must unanimously approve of the qualified members to present to the church membership.

The candidate is then voted on by the church membership at the following annual meeting. An eighty percent (80%) approval of those in attendance is needed to finalize the selection process. The new Elder shall be received into office after a special dedication during a worship service or the annual meeting. Elders will serve a three year term, then may be re-elected for as many terms as they and the body desire them to serve.
Acts 13:1-3; 14:26-27; 15:40.

Section 2:8B- This process is to be used whenever there is a need for a new Elder as prompted by the Spirit. Acts 13:1-3.

Section 2:8C- Deacons and Deaconesses are selected by the same process as Elders. Qualifications are first explained from Scripture then nominations are accepted from the church or the various boards. The Elders pray and must unanimously approve of a candidate along with the approval of the pertinent board. The candidate is asked to seek God's will and finally the church membership approves the candidate by an eighty percent (80%) vote of those in attendance at the following annual meeting.

Section 2:8D- Pastoral candidates are selected following the same procedure as that for an Elder.

Section 2:8E-The treasurer and secretary are selected following the same procedure as that for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses. They will serve a three year term and may be re-elected for as many terms as they and the body desire them to serve.

ARTICLE III

Organization and Government

Section 3:1- The entire local body is under the headship of Jesus Christ, God's Only Son; its guide is the Holy Bible, and its instructor is the Holy Spirit. The final authority and basis for all is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Bible, His Holy Word. Ephesians 5:23; John 17:17; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.

Section 3:2- The Board of Elders consists of qualified male members who are recognized by the local body to serve as Elders in the guarding, directing, and administering of the work of God at Bayview. The board size shall consist of as many members as are qualified for the office, desire the office and deemed necessary by God and witnessed by the Board and the church membership. There shall be a Chairman elected annually from the Board. The Elder Board shall be considered Trustees for purpose of incorporation. The church secretary and treasurer may be elected from the board of Elders, Deacons, or Deaconesses. Their duties shall be those consistent with Scripture including oversight of all church ministries, activities, and programs; and the Spiritual and physical care and direction of Bayview Bible Chapel under God's prompting. More specific areas of care and oversight for Elders include worship, ministries to men, families, youth, church fellowship, music, education, finances, prayer, outreach, missions, widows, orphans, and the needy.

Section 3:3- The Board of Deacons consists of qualified male church members who are recognized by the Elders and membership as Deacons. Their function under the Elder Board shall be to provide various service and leadership needs as are necessary within the church. There shall be a Chairman elected annually by the board and various other officers as expediency requires. Areas of responsibility and administration may include leading and training in: ushering, greeting visitors, preparation of communion, care of buildings and property, fellowship dinners and potlucks, service to the poor, needy, sick, widows, orphans, etc., along with delegated responsibilities from the Elder Board. Deacons will serve a three year term, they may be re-elected for as many terms as they and the body desire them to serve. 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Section 3:4- The Board of Deaconesses consists of qualified female church members who are recognized by the local body and the Elders as Deaconesses. They shall be under the direction of the Board of Elders and

will in cooperation with the Deacons provide for various areas of service and leadership in the church. There shall be a Chairwoman elected annually by the board and various other officers as expediency requires. Areas of responsibility and administration includes: visitation of the sick, help in preparation of communion, help in fellowship dinners, service to the poor, widows, orphans, needy, and other such delegated duties from the Elder Board. Deaconesses will serve a three year term, then may be re-elected for as many terms as they and the body desire them to serve. 1 Timothy 2:9-16; Acts 9:36; 1 Timothy 3:11; Titus 2:3-5.

ARTICLE IV Offices and Qualifications

Section 4- Elders: Those who have the spiritual and administrative responsibility to govern the church as directed by God and His Holy Word. The Elders are a representative of the church membership.

Section 4:1- Blameless: One who is free from public charges of wrongdoing, possessing a clear conscience with God and men, and knows how to make things right.

Section 4:2-Husband of one wife: One who is a one woman man.

Section 4:3- Manages his own family well, so that his children obey with proper respect: The children living in his household see, admire, and follow his example of godliness. He is able to lovingly lead them in the Christian faith. The children living in his household are not open to public charges of excessive and shameful behavior.

Section 4:4- Hospitable: He has an interest in all people, is able to sense and meet the needs of strangers, and is friendly toward all.

Section 4:5-Loving what is good: One who delights in and cherishes godly character, and the attributes of Christ. He is friendly toward all.

Section 4:6-Sensible, self-controlled: One whose sober transformed mind enables him to face trials and come out victorious.

Section 4:7-Just, upright: One who has based his life and convictions on the unchangeable standards of God's Holy Word.

Section 4:8-Devout, holy: One whose personal private relationship with Christ is marked by deep intimacy and fellowship. He knows how to worship God in his spirit.

Section 4:9-Disciplined: One who possesses the inner power of humility to face false accusations graciously, and who abstains from questionable activities.

Section 4:10- Holds firmly the faithful Word: One who holds the Bible as God's Holy awesome and inspired Word. He listens to, handles, and follows it with all due respect. He is a man of the Word.

Section 4:11-Temperate: He does not drink alcoholic beverages in excess, take drugs, or fill his life with worldly pleasures. He finds rest and security in the living presence of Christ.

Section 4:12-Respectable: One who is modest, orderly, and honorable both in his inner life and outward demeanor.

Section 4:13-Able to teach: One who is able to share with others what God has taught him so that others understand and are encouraged.

Section 4:14-Gentle: One who has a balanced Christian life through yielding his rights and expectations to God. He is aware of his own failures and so is able to be sensitive to and deal with others.

Section 4:15-A good reputation with outsiders: One who has the respect of those outside the church as an honest, good, and respectable Christian.

MUST NOT BE:

Section 4:16-Overbearing: One who is self-willed, stubborn, inconsiderate, and will not accept rebuke.

Section 4:17-Quick tempered: One who is prone to anger and fits of rage.

Section 4:18-Given to much wine: One who is addicted to wine or drugs. While the taking of medicine in moderation is acceptable, an Elder must not abuse these items or use them socially.

Section 4:19-Violent: A bully, one who tries to intimidate people by his anger, words, or presence.

Section 4:20-Pursuing dishonest gain: One who is eager for the pleasure and power of the moment by various schemes which violate God's Word; shameful money from shameful sources.

Section 4:21-Quarrelsome: One who is controversial and argumentative, thus causing divisions and splits among brethren.

Section 4:22-A recent convert: A man who is a brand new Christian, immature in the Christian faith.

DEACONS

Those who serve and assist

Section 4:23-Worthy of respect: His personal communion with God must lead him to be honorable, dignified, and serious with a grace and soberness that comes from God.

Section 4:24-Sincere: One who is not deceitful (that is, saying one thing to one person and another to others), speaking the same thing to all.

Section 4:25-Not indulging in much wine: One who does not abuse alcohol socially.

Section 4:26-Not pursuing dishonest gain: Not eager for the pleasure of money and the world. violating God's Word.

Section 4:27-Holding the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience: One who knows and holds the doctrines of the faith and has a conscience void of offense before God and men.

Section 4:28-Must first be tested: One who has gone through a testing period to see if he is ready for service. Has he developed a servant's heart and attitude?

Section 4:29-Husband of one wife: One who is a one woman man.

Section 4:30-Manages his children and household well: He is one who by word, example and administration leads his family in all respect and godliness. He is able to lovingly lead his family in spiritual growth.

DEACONESS:

Women who serve and assist church Deacons and Elders

Section 4:31-Worthy of respect: They have a modesty, grace, submission, and dignity that comes from fellowship with and obedience to God and His Word. They inspire respect and honor because of their character.

Section 4:32-Not malicious talkers: They are not given to slander, gossip, accusations and negative talk against others, husbands, or authority. They have control of their tongue in this area.

Section 4:33-Temperate: They don't abuse alcohol socially. They are not filled with worldly pleasures or amusements. They find their rest, pleasure, and joy in Christ, not in the world.

Section 4:34-Trustworthy in everything: They are faithful, loyal and true servants of God, the church, and those over them.

ARTICLE V

Procedure for Amendments

Section 5:1-Any three members of the church may propose an amendment to these By-laws by submitting the proposed amendment to the Board of Elders. If the proposed amendment meets with the unanimous approval of said Board, said amendment shall be reduced to writing and shall be made available to every member of the church. Said amendment shall be voted upon at the next membership meeting, taking place more than seven (7) days after the amendment has been presented to the membership, provided that notice of the meeting has noted that an amendment to the By-laws will be considered. It shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) majority of those present and voting in a membership meeting to adopt an amendment to these By-laws.

Section 5:2-An amendment may also be proposed by vote of the official Board of Elders in the regular meeting. Such proposed amendments shall otherwise follow the procedure of notice to the membership as set forth in Section 5:1 for adoption.

Section 5:3- Amendments shall become forthwith effective upon adoption by the vote of the membership, unless the amendment by it's term states otherwise.

PARTICULARS OF PRACTICE

Government- Church business is under the government of the plurality of Elders which are a representative of the members, with open monthly meetings and an annual congregational meeting, (refer to Article II Section 2-7). Acts 11:30; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:2,4,6,22-23; Acts 16:4; Acts 20:17,28; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-2; Titus 1:5,7; Philippians 1:1; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1.

Services- According to the direction of God's Word, utmost simplicity pervades all our services, and the freedom and freshness of the Holy Spirit's direction are ever sought. "*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*". 2 Corinthians 3:6-18;
1 Corinthians 2:9-13; John 4:23-24; John 17:17.

Communion- In obedience to Christ's command: "This do in remembrance of Me...", the Lord's Supper is administered to all who know Him as Savior. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

Baptism- We recognize and administer immersion as the Scriptural mode of water baptism to be received by the believer subsequent to the intelligent profession of faith; however, baptism is not a prerequisite for salvation. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 8:38;
Acts 10:47-48.

Family Dedication- In the Spirit of Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4, we encourage families by providing an opportunity to publicly dedicate themselves one to another, especially recognizing that children are a gift from God. We encourage the whole body to participate in prayer and a dedication service and recognize our corporate responsibility to the care and protection of the entire family. Hebrews 10:24-25; Deuteronomy 6:4-7.

Divine Healing- We subscribe to the fact that God heals physically according to His sovereign will, to intercessory prayer for brothers, and to the anointing and laying on of hands as outlined in James 5. Moreover, we believe that the greatest miracle of healing is the cleansing of sin and subsequent fellowship with God in an intimate way through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Since this is God's priority for every person He may, according to His sovereign will, sacrifice a person's physical well-being in

order to develop his spiritual walk with Him, Hebrews 12:6-8; Corinthians 12:7-10; Matthew 4:24; Luke 8:36.

Marriage- We consider marriage to be sacred and inviolate, a picture of the union of the Lord Jesus Christ and His bride the Church. We believe men and women are joined in marriage to serve God, one another, their families, the local body, and in an expanded sense, the world. While being convinced of the sanctity of marriage, the church also realizes the rebuilding power, mercy, and grace of God. Thus as Christ, the church accepts, forgives and loves partners from broken marriages, realizing the great potential in becoming re-builders of God's foundations.

The Financial System- The finances of the church are fixed upon the faith principle and are dependent on the faithfulness of God's people in the free-will rendering of their tithes and offering as unto the Lord. Giving cheerfully that we might reach out to all men with the love that God has placed in our hearts. Worldly or unworthy methods of raising money are not permitted in any department of the work.

Matthew 6:30, 33-34; Matthew 17:20-21; Romans 10:17; Romans 14:23; 1 Corinthians 13:2, 13; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 2 Corinthians 9:5-7, 12-13; Galatians 2:20-21; Galatians 5:5-6; Ephesians 6:16, 23.

Dissolution- No part of any net income or assets of this Organization shall ever insure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any person. Upon the dissolution of the Organization, it's assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts and obligations, including missionary support, of Bayview Bible Chapel, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, association, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section, and which lines up with Bayview Bible Chapel's mission and stance as determined by the existing active membership at the time of dissolution.

BAYVIEW BIBLE CHAPEL MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

1. Must be a member of the congregation or related to a member of the congregation.
2. Requires a minimum of 4 two-hour sessions of Pre-Marital counseling with the material and length of schedule being determined at the discretion of the Pastor or Youth Pastor- Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 8:15; Proverbs 15:22
3. The primary source of counsel will be from God’s Word- 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 73:24; Psalm 16:7
4. The Pastor is held accountable before God to “**yoke**” together people of the same belief- 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. In other words, the pastors of Bayview Bible Chapel who perform the Marriage ceremony are only permitted to marry non-believers with non-believers and believers with believers. They are not allowed by scripture to marry “**unequally yoked**” people (*a believer with a non-believer*). This would be in direct disobedience to God’s Word.
5. Applicants must be faithful in their homework and in showing up to the scheduled marriage counseling sessions.
6. The applicants must recognize that these vows they are making are vows to the Lord God. Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:9; Numbers 30:2; Psalm 116:14; Ecclesiastes 5:4-6
7. Any marriage counseling tools that the pastor wants to use are the obligation of the applicants to purchase.
8. The applicants must sign the agreement below. If at anytime they are in disagreement with these requirements or fail to be faithful in showing up to the scheduled marriage counseling sessions, the board may terminate the pastor’s involvement in the marriage proceedings.
9. The church reserves the right to deny the pastor’s services to any applicant.

Groom’s Signature _____ Date _____

Bride’s Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor’s Signature _____ Date _____

(Each applicant will be given a copy of this agreement with the original to be placed in the church records.)