

BYLAWS
OF THE
NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE I
Offices

Section 1. The Registered Office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be at 4707 E CR 462, Wildwood, FL 34785, County of Sumter.

ARTICLE II
Members

Members of New Life Christian Church shall be considered members of the Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Church”. An individual who acknowledges the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who willingly submits to the oversight of the Elders of the Church and who expresses a desire to be a member of this church will be considered a member.

ARTICLE III
Meeting of Members

Section 1. MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH. Meetings of the members of the church shall be held when directed by the Board of Elders or when requested in writing by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of all the membership entitled to vote.

The meeting requested by the members shall be called for a date not less than ten (10), nor more than sixty (60) days after the request is made unless the members requesting the meeting designate a later date.

Section 2. PLACE: Meetings of members shall be held within the State of Florida. If no designation as to a particular place is made, the place of the meeting shall be the Registered Office of the Corporation.

Section 3. NOTICE: Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10), nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting, either personally, by the United States mail, by Sunday Church bulletin, or at the direction of the Board of Elders to each member of record entitled to vote or present that Sunday.

Section 4. MEMBER QUORUM AND VOTING: Members present and entitled to vote in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the current membership shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the members voting at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter shall be the act of the members unless otherwise provided by Law, these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation. No vote will be announced until all ballots have been counted. If a quorum is not reached, the vote will be rescheduled until a quorum can be obtained.

Section 5. VOTING: Members of the Church who have been in attendance within the past twelve months and attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall be entitled to vote at said meeting. Voting may be done by a show of hands, voice vote, or by written or secret ballot.

ARTICLE IV
Matters of Faith, Doctrine and Christian Practice

Section 1. THE BIBLE – The Bible is the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God.

Section 2. GOD – There is one God existing in three persons; God, the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

Section 3. JESUS – Jesus was the fully human, fully divine virgin born son of Mary. He lived a sinless life and died on a cross in payment for the sins of the world. He was resurrected from the dead three days after his death and currently resides at the right hand of God the Father and will return in triumph to receive his followers and judge the wicked.

Section 4. HOLY SPIRIT – The Holy Spirit is given at baptism (Acts 2:38) to everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Spirit resides in believers, thus making every Christian a temple of God. He provides power to believers, enabling them to overcome Satan and his temptations.

Section 5. SALVATION - Salvation is the free gift of God to everyone trusting Jesus. This faith is demonstrated by:

Believing in Jesus and that God raised him from the dead. – Mark 16:16;

Ephesians 2:5, 8; Romans 10:9

Repenting (a change of thinking) – Acts 2:38

Confessing Jesus is Lord – Romans 10:9

Baptism (Immersion in water) – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21

Remaining faithful to Jesus – Matthew 10:22

Section 6. THE CHURCH -The Church was established on the Day of Pentecost as a result of the Gospel being preached by the Apostles. It is God’s instrument of fellowship and growth. Elders are charged with the oversight of the church and are given the task of keeping the Church doctrinally pure and the members spiritually fed.

Section 7. ETERNAL DESTINY - There is a literal heaven and a literal hell. Those who are saved will spend eternity in a place prepared for them by God. Those not saved will spend eternity in the place of torment prepared for Satan.

ARTICLE V
Elders, Ministry Leaders (Deacon/Deaconess), Ministers

Section 1. FUNCTION: All corporate powers and the business affairs of the Church shall be exercised by the Board of Elders.

Section 2. PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT: An Elder of the Church who is present at a meeting of its Board of Elders at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless he votes against such action or abstains from voting in respect thereto because of an asserted conflict of interest.

Section 3. **ELDERS:** Elders shall have oversight of the spiritual welfare of the Church. They shall meet the scriptural criteria of their responsibility. (I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9; I Peter 5:1-3). They must be immersed believers and members of the Church.

Section 4. **MINISTRY LEADERS (DEACONS/DEACONESSES):** A Ministry Team Leader who is a member of the Church and has been approved by the Board of Elders shall be viewed as fulfilling the role of Deacon or Deaconess.

Section 5. **MINISTERS:** The Ministers shall be under the oversight of the Elders of the Church who shall be responsible for the performance of the duties of the Ministers and the character of their doctrinal teachings. They must be an immersed believer and agree to the doctrinal statements of Article IV.

The Elders are responsible for recommending all Ministers to the congregation who shall approve or disapprove the recommendation by means of a congregational vote. Approval will be by no less than seventy-five percent (75%) affirmative votes of members present and voting at a congregational meeting and valid absentee ballots.

In the event of a vacancy, the Elders shall appoint a search committee consisting of Elders and members of the Church at large. This committee shall receive applications and interview prospective candidates. The committee will make a recommendation of one candidate to the Elders. Upon approval, the candidate will be presented to the congregation for approval. Only one candidate will be presented to the Church at a time.

Section 6. **TERMS OF OFFICE:** Elders will serve a three-year term with possibility of a second three-year term followed by a mandatory one year off. If the office of any Elder is vacated the position may be filled in accordance with the existing selection process.

The number of elders will be determined by the existing elders based upon the needs of the church. The minimum number will be 2. There is no maximum number of elders required.

Ministry Team Leaders shall serve for a term of one year and may succeed themselves. Ministry Team Leaders may serve until they step down, are replaced or until the Ministry Team they lead is dissolved.

The continuing service of all Ministers is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Elders.

Section 7. **PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ELDERS.** Potential elders will be presented to the congregation in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Policy and Procedures manual.

Section 8. **REMOVAL OF ELDERS:** At a meeting of the Elders expressly for that purpose, any Elder may be removed for cause by vote of a majority of Elders. An Elder may also be removed by the Church upon a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the eligible members voting and valid absentee ballots at a special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VI
Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS: The officers of the Church shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be selected by the Board of Elders. Such other officers, assistant officers, and agents as may be deemed necessary may be selected or appointed by the Board of Elders from time to time. The Board of Elders shall select officers of the Church annually following the Annual Meeting of the Members. Each officer shall hold office until his successor has been duly selected or until his death, resignation, or until he is removed in the manner provided herein.

Section 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The officers of this Church shall have the following duties:

The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of this Church, shall have general and active management of the business affairs of the Church, shall be subject to the directions of the Board of Elders, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Elders.

The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in all matters directed by the Chairman and shall function in the office of the Chairman whenever the Chairman is unable to fulfill his duties or obligations as Chairman.

The Secretary shall have custody of, and maintain all the Church records except the financial records, shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Elders, shall oversee the sending out of all notices of meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders or the Chairman. The Treasurer shall have custody of Church funds and financial records, shall keep full accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements, and render accounts thereof at the Annual Meetings of the Members and whenever required by the Board of Elders or the Chairman. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders or the Chairman.

Section 3. REMOVAL: Any officer, agent, or staff member selected, appointed or hired by the Elders may be removed whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Church would be served thereby.

ARTICLE VII
Books and Records

Section 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS: This Church shall keep correct and complete books and records of this account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Members, Elders and committees of Elders. Any books, records and minutes may be in written form or in another form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time.

Section 2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION: The Church shall prepare a balance sheet showing in reasonable detail the financial condition of the Church as of the close of its fiscal year not later than two (2) months after the close of each fiscal year. The balance sheets shall be filed in the Registered Office of the Corporation in this state and shall be kept for at least five (5) years and shall be subject to inspection during business hours.

ARTICLE VIII
Nonprofit Operations

Section 1. NONPROFIT OPERATIONS: The Church shall not have or issue shares of stock. No dividend shall be paid, and no part of the income of the Corporation Church shall be distributed to its Members, Elders or Officers. The Church may, however, pay compensation in a reasonable amount to Members, Officers or Elders for services rendered.

ARTICLE IX
Corporate Seal

The Board of Elders shall provide a Corporate Seal which shall be in circular form and shall have inscribed thereon the following:

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
STATE OF FLORIDA
2005

ARTICLE X
Amendment

The members may adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws adopted by the members. New Bylaws may be adopted by the members. All such action shall be subject to approval by seventy-five percent (75%) of the members present and voting and valid absentee ballots at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting.

The Above bylaws of New Life Christian Church, Inc. were adopted by the members of the Church at a special meeting of the Church held on the 29nd day of January, 2017.

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Chairman

Certified Correct:

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Secretary