

Bylaws 2026

The First Christian Church of Texhoma, Oklahoma

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Bylaws

Preamble

WHEREAS it is the express purpose of God our Heavenly Father to call out of the world a saved people who shall contribute to the Body of Christ, built and established on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the Chief Cornerstone.

WHEREAS the members of the Body of Christ are enjoined to assemble themselves together for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God and the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we recognize ourselves as a body of Christian believers working together for the common purpose of spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that under the laws of the state of Insert State we may exercise all the rights and privileges granted to religious bodies.

Language

The masculine gender stated within this document shall refer to both men and women.

Article I Name

The name of this corporation shall be The First Christian Church of Texhoma, Oklahoma

Article II Purpose

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is to establish and oversee places of worship; to teach and preach the gospel to all people; to conduct evangelistic and humanitarian outreach; to promote health, education, and development; to license and ordain ministers of the gospel; to support missions; and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.**

Article III Statement of Faith

The human phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all the truth in the Bible, only that it covers orthodox fundamental matters.

The Scriptures Inspired

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to men, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12).

The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM," and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, by simultaneously existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10, 11; Matt. 28:19).

Man's Fall and Redemption

Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness." Man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31; Gen. 3:17; Rom. 5:12-21).

The Salvation of Man Conditions of Salvation

The Grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, and being justified by grace, has become heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Rom. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47).

Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of holiness (1 Thess. 4:7, 2 Tim. 1:9).

The Promise of the Father

All believers should ardently expect and earnestly seek the Promise of the Father, which is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. With it comes the infilling of power for life and service, and the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This experience may be distinct from and after the experience of the New Birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

Sanctification Process

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word (Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 1 John 2:6).

The Church

The church is the holy Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer is an integral part of the church, and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (I Thess. 2:4)

Ministry

Divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a two-fold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edification of the Body of Christ (Mark 16:15, 20; Eph. 4:11-13).

Marriage

God created marriage. It is a covenant made between a man and a woman that makes them one (Gen 2: 22,24; Matt 19: 5-6).

Divine Healing

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16:18; John 5:14).

The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the Lord, is imminent and is the blessed hope of the church (1 Thess. 4:16; Rom. 6:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51,52).

The Millennial Reign of Jesus

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the millennial reign of Christ on the earth are Scriptural promises and our hope (2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; Rom. 11:25; Rev. 20:1-7).

The Lake of Fire

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

The New Heavens and New Earth

We, as promised in the Scriptures, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1)

Article IV Ordinances

Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed (as commanded in the Scriptures) by all that have repented of their sins and in their hearts have believed on Christ as their Savior and Lord. In doing so, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been released to walk with Him in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4).

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing in a memorial to His suffering and death, and a prophecy of His second coming, and is enjoined to all believers "until He comes" (John 6:48,51,53-57; Luke 22:19,20; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 11:25).

Article V Membership

Section 1 Membership Process

Prerequisites for being eligible for membership are: The individual must give evidence of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by living a life congruent with scripture and the increase of the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives, voluntarily subscribe to The First Christian Church of Texhoma, Oklahoma's Statement of Faith, agree to strive to conduct himself in accordance with Biblical practices.

This church is a fellowship of believers participating in the labors of the Holy Spirit in this community.

Section 2 Termination of Membership

The Church Board reserves the right to remove, without warning, any member or adherent which is deemed to be harming the community of church or to be in purpose and willful contention with the church's vision. Reasons for removal include:

- A. Voluntary withdrawal from the church
- B. Deceased
- C. Propagation of doctrines and practices contrary to the Tenets of Faith (Romans 16:17,18; Galatians 1:8,9; Titus 3:9-11; II Thessalonians 3:6).
- D. Living in sin or in a manner which is inconsistent with Biblical standards of holiness and is unwilling to repent or beyond correction and causing disunity (I Corinthians 5:11; Galatians 5:19-21; Hebrews 12:14).

The Church Board shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the corporation as needed.

Any person who may have been terminated as a church member shall be notified of this action.

The Church Board may restore to membership any person previously excluded, upon request of the excluded person, and upon evidence of the excluded person's repentance and reformation. This should be done in the Spirit of forgiveness and love (II Corinthians 2:6-8).

Section 3 Voting Rights

Each member shall be entitled to one vote as a member of this church on approved issues. Approved issues to be determined by the Board of Directors. Voting in this corporation is limited to those individuals that have been regular attendees and call this church their home. There are no other requirements for membership.

Binding decisions made by this corporation shall be by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.

The only issues that members are permitted to vote on are as follows:

1. Installation of members of the Church Board; Prospective Board members are sought out and selected by the Elders, based upon observable and faithful service within the church.
2. Appointment of Senior Pastor; Prospective candidates for Senior Pastor shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be approved as Senior Pastor by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.

All other governing and financial decisions shall be made and carried out by the Church Board.

Article VI Government

Section 1 Church Board

1. There shall be a Chairman.
2. There shall be a Senior Pastor.
3. There shall be a Secretary.
4. There shall be a Treasurer.
5. There may be Elders.
6. There may be Deacons.
7. Other individuals may be added as needed.

Section 2 Official Church Board and Voting Power

1. The Church Board is that group of persons vested with the management of the business and affairs of the corporation.
2. The official Church Board shall consist of individuals listed above and those added by official action of the Church Board.
3. The majority of the Church Board shall serve without remuneration. The majority shall also not be comprised of one group whose members are related by blood, business or marriage.
4. Each member of the Church Board shall have equal voting power among all the other members.
5. Board members can vote in absentia and/or choose a proxy if they are unable to attend a board meeting for any reason.
6. A decision by the Church Board is considered valid with a simple majority vote, unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws.
7. The Church Board shall adopt a Conflict-of-Interest Policy to prevent voting by disqualified individuals. All members who are disqualified with respect to a decision shall recuse themselves from the vote.
8. The Church Board shall be authorized to create any additional committees as may be deemed necessary for the management corporation.
9. The Senior Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of every committee and can, at their discretion, be the chair of church committees at the time of their creation.

Section 3 Succession of the Senior Pastor

The Senior Pastor may appoint a successor at any time.

Should the Senior Pastor be legally removed or fail to appoint a successor, the following shall serve as an order of succession:

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer

The successor will automatically and immediately become acting Senior Pastor should the Senior Pastor:

1. resign,
2. pass away,
3. become incapable of holding office,

Within 60 days the members of the congregation must hold a special meeting to confirm the acting Senior Pastor to office by a simple majority vote. The acting Senior Pastor may not attend this meeting, no other items may be voted on during this meeting, and no other meetings of the members of the congregation may take place prior to this meeting.

Section 4 Succession of the Chairman

The Chairman may appoint a successor at any time.

Should the Chairman be legally removed or fail to appoint a successor, the following shall serve as an order of succession:

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer

The successor will automatically and immediately become acting Chairman should the Chairman:

1. resign,
2. pass away,
3. become incapable of holding office,

Within 60 days the Church Board must hold a special board meeting to confirm the acting Chairman to office by a simple majority vote. The acting Chairman may not attend this meeting, no other items may be voted on during this meeting, and no other meetings of the Church Board may take place prior to this meeting.

Section 5 Removal from the Church Board

Any Church Board member may be removed from office with or without cause by a simple majority vote of the Church Board.

The Senior Pastor may be removed from office only with cause by a simple majority vote of the Church Board including the Chairman's approval. Wherein there are issues of moral failing, the Board will assume the spiritual direction of the church and vote whether to work toward restoration of the Senior Pastor or outright dismissal.

The Chairman may be removed from office with cause by a simple majority vote of the Church Board including the Senior Pastor's approval.

The following reasons are considered just cause for Church Board member removal by the Church Board:

1. Violation of the mutual interest clause of Article XI.
2. Not acting in the best interests of the organization.
3. Willful nondisclosure of a conflict of interest as interpreted by a majority of the Church Board.
4. Willful disclosure of information deemed classified and private by the Church Board.

Section 6 Vacancies

In the event of a Church Board member vacancy, whether due to resignation or removal, the Church Board shall be given a reasonable amount of time to nominate an individual deemed qualified in accordance with these Bylaws. The nomination must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Church Board.

Section 7 Resignation

Any Church Board member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Church Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice and, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Article VII Official Functions

The officers listed below are ultimately responsible to oversee that all listed duties are properly executed. The actual carrying out of necessary actions may be accomplished by any individual whom the Church Board sees fit.

Section 1 Chairman Qualifications

The Chairman shall have wisdom in handling the corporation's affairs. He shall be of sound doctrine and good judgment.

Duties

The Chairman shall preside over all corporation meetings.

Manner of Appointment

The Chairman shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Chairman shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that he may serve is unlimited. He is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Section 2 Senior Pastor

Qualifications

The Senior Pastor shall have wisdom in handling the corporation's affairs. He shall be of sound doctrine and good judgment.

The Senior Pastor shall hold the Ecclesiastical (**pertains to the Christian Church, its clergy, and its established organization, governing structures, and traditions**) Authority and be responsible for the day-today decisions.

Duties

The Senior Pastor shall be the leader of the church as provided by the Holy Scriptures.

Manner of Appointment

The Senior Pastor shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Senior Pastor shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that he may serve is unlimited. He is subject to removal with cause at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Section 3 Secretary

Qualifications

The Secretary shall be a spiritually minded person and of sound judgment. He must be administratively minded with the ability to multi-task.

Duties

By virtue of his office, the Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings, including business meetings of the corporation. He shall perform clerical duties and shall be the custodian of all legal documents.

Manner of Appointment

The Secretary shall be nominated by any member of the Church Board and appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Secretary shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that he may serve is unlimited. He is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Section 4 Treasurer Qualifications

The Treasurer shall be a spiritually minded person, and of sound business judgment. He shall be capable of doing the accounting required to maintain the corporation books.

Duties

By virtue of his office, the Treasurer shall keep, in a business-like manner, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements of moneys committed to his trust and shall make reports to be presented during the official Church Board meetings. He shall deposit and make withdrawals in a manner prescribed in Article XVIII.

Manner of Appointment

The Treasurer shall be nominated by any member of the Church Board and appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Treasurer shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that he may serve is unlimited. He is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Section 5 Elders Qualifications

All Elders must qualify by exemplifying the following in their lives:

1. Above reproach (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6-7)
2. The husband of one wife (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6-7)
3. Temperate, sober, vigilant (1 Tim. 3:2)
4. Sober-minded, prudent (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
5. Of good behavior; orderly, respectable (1 Tim. 3:2)
6. Hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)

7. Able to teach (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9)
8. Not a drunkard (1 Tim. 3:3,8; Titus 1:7)
9. Not violent; not pugnacious (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
10. Patient, moderate, forbearing, gentle (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
11. Not a brawler; not contentious, not quick tempered (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
12. Not covetous; not a lover of money; not greedy for money (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
13. Rules his own house well; his children are faithful (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6)
14. Not a new convert (1 Tim. 3:6)
15. Well thought of, has a good reputation with outsiders (1 Tim. 3:7)
16. Not self-willed (Titus 1:7)
17. A lover of good (Titus 1:8)
18. Just, upright (Titus 1:8)
19. Holy, devout (Titus 1:8)
20. Self-controlled (Titus 1:8)

Duties

The Elders shall devote their time to prayer, the ministry of the Word (by teaching and encouraging sound doctrine), and shepherding God's Clock. The Elders shall take responsibility to examine and instruct prospective Members, equip the Membership for the work of the ministry, encourage sound doctrine and practice, Assist the Church Board to admonish and correct error, coordinate and promote the ministries of the church, and mobilize the church for world missions. The Elders are further to ensure that all who minister the Word to the congregation, including outside speakers, share our fundamental convictions. They shall work closely with the Church Board to ensure a healthy spiritual atmosphere within the fellowship.

Manner of Appointment

Elders shall be nominated by any member of the Church Board and appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Elders shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that an Elder may serve is unlimited. Directors are subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Section 6 Deacons Qualifications

Deacons shall be spiritually minded persons, and of sound business judgment.

Duties

By virtue of their office, Deacons shall carry out the responsibilities that the Chairman or Church Board delegate to them.

Manner of Appointment

Deacons shall be nominated by any member of the Church Board and appointed by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

Term of Office

The term of office of the Deacons shall be reviewed every two years. The number of consecutive terms that a Deacons may serve is unlimited. Directors are subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI.

Article VIII Meetings

Section 1 Church Services

In any established place of worship, the appointed Pastor will be responsible for regular church services.

Section 2 Corporation Meetings

The corporation year shall coincide with the calendar year beginning on January 1st and running through December 31st.

Proper notice of ten days shall be given to all Directors prior to any Corporation Meeting.

The Chairman will call the official Church Board meeting to discuss the direction of the corporation. The Chairman shall set dates and times for Church Board meetings. The Church Board may have invited guests to present at any meeting so long as all Church Board members have agreed to it.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of the minutes that were discussed at any Church Board meeting. He then must submit them at the next Church Board meeting for discussion by the official Church Board and approval by the Chairman. Upon approval by the majority of the Church Board, the minutes shall be adopted, and all policy and procedure in them will continue to be enforced.

Section 3 Corporate Membership Meetings

Proper notice of ten days shall be given to all members prior to any Corporate Membership Meeting.

This is a limited voting membership church. Each corporate member shall be entitled to one vote as a member of this church on approved issues. Voting in this corporation is limited to those individuals that have been fully accepted into membership and whose status as a corporate member is active.

Binding decisions made by this corporation shall be by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.

Section 4 Waiver of Notice

Attendance of a Director at any meeting of the Church Board will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where such Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 5 Meetings by Remote Communications Technology

Subject to the notice provision aforementioned in this Article, the Directors may also hold meetings by means of a remote electronic communications system, including video or telephone conferencing technology or the Internet, or any combination, only if each person entitled to participate in the meeting consents to the meeting being held by means of that system, and the system provides access to the meeting in a manner or using a method by which each person participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with each other participant. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except participation for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 6 Action by Unanimous Written Consent Without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Church Board under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Church Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be cited with the minutes of the proceedings of the Church Board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document cited under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Church Board without a meeting and that the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

Article IX Quorum

A simple majority of the Church Board members (including the Chairman) at an official Church Board meeting constitutes a quorum.

A simple majority of the corporate membership (including the Chairman) at an official corporate membership meeting constitutes a quorum.

Article X Ecclesiastical Authority

(Ecclesiastical pertains to the Christian Church, its clergy, and its established organization, governing structures, and authority)

This church is theocratic in government. In any growing congregation, there will be people at all stages of spiritual growth and maturity. For that reason, it is not proper to submit the affairs of the church to a democratic vote, for the purpose of the church is not to do the will of the majority, but the will of God.

Any disputes that arise over the interpretation of these Bylaws, doctrine, or matters of faith, shall be deferred to the highest ecclesiastical authority of this church. In this case it would be the Senior Pastor, with the advice of the Church Board.

In *Watson v. Jones*, the court ruled that: "Whenever the questions of discipline, or of faith, of ecclesiastical rule, custom, or law have been decided by the highest church judicatory to which the matter has been carried, the legal tribunals must accept such decisions as final, and as binding on them . . ."

Article XI Mutual Interest

The behavior of anyone in fellowship with this church is of common interest to the Church Board and membership. (Gal. 6:1) This church requires every Church Board member and Congregational member to adhere to a Lifestyle that is consistent with the doctrines of this church as taught in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, this church reserves the right to refuse service to any individual, whether member or not, that is not submitting their Lifestyle to this Scriptural mode of conduct. This refusal would include services, benefits and any use of church assets.

Article XII Prohibited Activities

This church is prohibited from engaging in activities which violate its written doctrines. This church is also prohibited from condoning, promoting or allowing any of its assets to be used for activities that violate its written doctrines.

Article XIII Vision

To establish an efficient leadership infrastructure, the Senior Pastor shall be responsible to articulate in clear, concise and simple language the vision of the church. The purpose of this is to create a consistent and logical framework which empowers staff and volunteers to participate in the decision-making processes that reflects the Senior Pastor's heart and vision for the church.

Article XIV Ministry of Helps

To help ensure the protection, security and safety of congregants, guest and volunteers during church functions, this church recognizes the Ministry of Helps. The Church Board may establish teams and committees who are trained in the policy and procedures of the church to carry out this ministry.

Article XV Review of Church Records

Section 1 Requests Made by Congregant

To ensure the trust of the congregants and to also ensure that a public interest is being served, church records and basic financial information may be available for congregational inspection and review. At no time may information be supplied that would violate Section 4 of this Article or Article XVII. Any questions by any congregant shall be addressed to the treasurer either in writing or by scheduled appointment.

Section 2 Required Provisions of the Request

The request must state the name of the individual, the reason for the request and that the information shall in no way be made public or shared with any other congregant in a way that will jeopardize the church.

Section 3 Required Fee

This corporation may require a reasonable per page fee for any copies that are required to accommodate approved records requests.

Section 4 Confidentiality

In order to keep the records of the church confidential, records shall not be released to any outside agency, person or entity unless due process has been served and a certified subpoena has been personally delivered. This includes the IRS, except under the provisions of Section 7611 which shall be limited only to information deemed to be relevant to the inquiry being made. At all times the IRS will be expected to comply with all the provisions of Section 7611.

Section 5 Denying a Request

The Church Board reserves the right to deny such a request for any of the following reasons:

1. The request is considered by the Church Board and deemed to be frivolous.
2. The individual making the request has a history of being divisive.
3. The individual does not adequately provide the required information on the request as stated in this Article.
4. The person making a request is not a regular attendee or tither.

Article XVI Privacy

This church shall diligently watch to keep private all records concerning polity, doctrine, counseling and information on individuals in fellowship with this church. This church must

not disclose any records that may compromise information about a member's attendance, membership status, giving and counseling records.

Article XVII Order

For the purpose of conducting business, the Chairman shall, in an orderly manner, preside over all the affairs of the corporation.

Article XVIII Finances

Section 1 Audit

The Treasurer and or other Church Board appointed person shall complete an internal audit. This audit of all financial records shall be made after the close of the calendar year, prior to the end of February.

Section 2 Checks, Payments and Withdrawals

The Church Board of The First Christian Church of Texhoma, Oklahoma shall adopt a Corporate Expenditures Policy detailing the procedure for properly executing checks, payments and withdrawals.

Section 3 Salaries

All salaries shall be determined in the following manner:

The Church Board shall consider each candidate, create a compensation package and vote on the package.

Only uncompensated individuals of the Church Board shall vote on any recommended compensation package.

All salaries shall be reviewed each year during the last meeting of the calendar year.

Article XIX Property Rights

All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred or conveyed in the corporation's name.

No real or chattel property of the corporation shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without authorization of the Chairman.

The Chairman of the corporation shall certify in such conveyances, leases, or mortgages.

his addendum clarifies the conditions and limitations for the use of First Christian Church of Texhoma facilities by members, adherents, and others, ensuring that all activities conducted within church property align with the mission of bringing people closer to Jesus, building church community, and serving in times of need.

Article XX Building Use

1. **Non-Public Use** – Church facilities are not available for public rental. Use of the premises is a privilege extended only to members and adherents of First Christian Church of Texhoma.
2. **Permitted Activities** – Members and adherents may request use of the facilities for personal social occasions such as birthday parties, baby showers, and similar gatherings, provided they are not for profit and align with the church's values.
3. **Board Approval Requirement** – The church will not lease, rent, or otherwise allow use of its facilities by organizations, companies, or individuals without express permission from the Board of Directors.

Restrictions

1. **For-Profit Prohibition** – No for-profit business, venture, or commercial activity may operate from within the church premises.
2. **Sanctuary Use Limitations** – Except for weddings, funerals, and memorial services, the sanctuary is off-limits for non-church events. It is reserved solely for church worship services, Bible studies, and other ministry activities that glorify God.
3. **Merchandise & Sales** – No merchandise sales, promotional sales, or commercial advertising will be permitted in the sanctuary at any time.
4. **Alignment with Mission** – The church reserves the right to disallow any use of its facilities that does not:
 - Bring people closer to Jesus
 - Build and strengthen the church community
 - Serve its members and adherents
 - Provide a specific blessing in a time of need (e.g., funerals, memorials)

Article XXI Dissolution

If the corporation ceases to exist, all assets of this church shall, at the discretion of the Church Board be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any

future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the church is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such church or churches, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article XXI Ministers of the Gospel

The Senior Pastor of this ministry shall by virtue of his office automatically be recognized as an ordained minister.

Section 1 Classes of Ministers

This ministry shall have a set number of classes of ministers, as set forth below. Each class of minister will have distinct rights and privileges; they are listed below:

Commissioned Minister:

This recognition is automatically given to all believers in fellowship with this ministry. They are not authorized to perform any sacerdotal services but primarily assist others in the Body of Christ. Individuals in this category may include, but are not limited to teachers, worship leaders, instructors, hospital and jail visitation, ministerial assistance, and lay persons.

Chaplain:

This recognition is for ministers of the gospel that are called by God and recognized by the Church Board to minister primarily in prisons, hospitals and government agencies.

Minister's Apprentice:

This recognition is given by the Church Board of this ministry. This recognition is for those who are starting out in the ministry but need extensive training. They are to work closely with a licensed or ordained minister. Such persons are not authorized to perform any sacerdotal services.

Licensed Minister:

This recognition is given by the Church Board of this ministry. This recognition is for those who are somewhat seasoned in the ministry but need further experience. Many of these are individuals that have been working in their chosen vocation, but for some reason or another have never entered full-time ministry or have only been in full-time ministry for less than three (3) years. Such persons are authorized to perform the following religious functions:

1. Conduct religious worship
2. Religious instruction
3. Administer communion

4. Provide spiritual counseling
5. Serve on the Church Board of a church
6. And other sacerdotal functions including
 - A. Conduct baby dedication ceremonies
 - B. Perform baptisms
 - C. Perform weddings
 - D. Conduct funerals
 - E. Visit the sick and shut-in
 - F. Minister in prisons

However, this person is not in charge of a congregation. Limited authority is granted to run the affairs of the ministry.

Ordained Pastor/ Minister:

This recognition is given by the Church Board to those persons who have an "established" or "proven" ministry. Ordained ministers are authorized to perform all functions of the Christian ministry and religious functions and must be capable of doing so. Ordained ministers are authorized to perform all religious functions:

1. Conduct religious worship
2. Religious instruction
3. Administer communion
4. Provide spiritual counseling
5. Serve on the Church Board of a church
6. Ministry administration
7. And other sacerdotal functions including
 - A. Conduct baby dedication ceremonies
 - B. Perform baptisms
 - C. Perform weddings
 - D. Conduct funerals
 - E. Visit the sick and shut-in
 - F. Minister in prisons

He must be capable, as determined by the Church Board, to take charge of a congregation.

Section 2 Senior Pastor's Authority

The Senior Pastor of this ministry shall have ecclesiastical authority (Ecclesiastical pertains to the Christian Church, its clergy, and its established organization, governing structures, and authority) to decide who, how or if a person will be licensed by this ministry to hold any of the classes mentioned above (Matt. 16:13-19). The Senior Pastor is given responsibility to oversee the leadership of this church, and work with the Elders toward its growth, health, and spiritual well-being.

Article XXII Indemnification

This church shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, director, or employee of the church against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the corporation; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

Article XXIII Other Considerations

Anything that has not been discussed in these Bylaws shall be discussed and decided upon at an official Church Board meeting.

Article XXIV Amendments

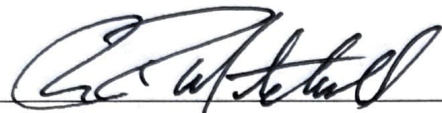
Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership.

These Bylaws adopted on this the 25th day of March 2026 make null and void all prior addenda, and these Bylaws supersede and replace all previous Bylaws voted on prior to this day.

Signed and certified, to be effective immediately.



Shaun Crawford, Chairman of First Christian Church of Texhoma



Jamey Mitchell, Vice-Chairman of First Christian Church of Texhoma



Earl Buchan, Senior Pastor of First Christian Church of Texhoma



Ben Mitchell, Treasurer of First Christian Church of Texhoma