



CHURCH CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Tradewind Community Church (TCC) of Amarillo, Texas, a church which is duly organized and existing as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Texas, do declare and establish this constitution:

- To preserve and secure the principles of our faith;
- To preserve the liberties of each individual member of the church; and
- To preserve the freedom of action of the church to govern itself and establish its relation to other churches and to the world, for the glory of God.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this church shall be “Tradewind Community Church”. The church presently is located at 1585 S.E. 58th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79118. Because TCC gathers in a rental property, the address is subject to change.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of Tradewind Community Church are:

- To worship and obey the Triune God as revealed in The Holy Bible (Scripture);
- To believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaim it in fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20);
- To love and serve church members and others in the community and in the world as the church is able to do so;
- To do any and all things related to and in connection with carrying out the purpose herein above set forth.

ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

The Holy Bible is the inspired, inerrant, all-sufficient Word of God and is the basis for Tradewind Community Church's statement of beliefs.

In summary, TCC believes that the true and only God eternally exists as One God in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; that God created humans in His image; that humanity has sinned against God and is under the condemnation of death; that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Only Begotten Son of God who was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary; and that by His death and resurrection, Jesus saves sinners who repent of sin and believe in Him from sin and death and gives them new and eternal life by God the Spirit, for God's glory.

TCC accepts and subscribes to the full doctrinal statement with Scripture references of "The Baptist Faith and Message" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) on June 14, 2000.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT

Tradewind Community Church is an autonomous and democratic baptist church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The government of TCC is vested in its members. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute membership. All organizations created and empowered by the church shall report to and be accountable to the church. TCC is subject to no other ecclesiastical body; however, TCC, in so far as is practical, will cooperate with and support the Amarillo Area Baptist Association (AABA), the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

ARTICLE V: NONPROFIT STATUS

Tradewind Community Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious purposes in accordance with the church's Statement of Beliefs (Article III), for charitable purposes, and for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, unless any law shall be repressive in scope and/or nature and it becomes our duty to democratically oppose it on the basis of the right of free exercise of religious beliefs and peaceable assembly.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT

Tradewind Community Church's Church Constitution may be amended, modified, or repealed by an affirmative majority vote of members at a Members Meeting, provided the proposed amendment(s), modification(s), or repeal(s):

- have first been presented to the Church Council for review and consideration;
- have been presented to the church in writing as a recommendation from the Church Council at least 30 days prior to the Members Meeting.

Any amendments to the Church Constitution shall immediately go into full force and effect from and after their adoption.

ARTICLE VII: ADOPTION

Tradewind Community Church's Church Constitution was formally adopted during a Members Meeting on August 29, 2021. It was amended during a Members Meeting on July 23, 2023.