

Constitution of NorthPointe Church of Adairsville, Inc.

We establish this constitution for the preservation of our faith and for the orderly government of this body called NorthPointe Church.

ARTICLE I

Name

This church is to be incorporated under the name of NorthPointe Church of Adairsville, Inc., but the work and business of this church is to be carried on, as much as possible, under the name of NorthPointe Church.

ARTICLE II

Statement of Faith

In order to clearly articulate the elements of our faith, we agree to the following essential doctrines:

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Gen. 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Ps. 90:2; Matt 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matt.1:22-23; Is 9:6; John 1:1-5,14:10-30; Titus 2:13 Heb. 4:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom. 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Tim. 6:14-15

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Cor. 3:17; John 16: 7-13, 14: 16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:12, 3:16, 12:11; Eph. 1:13; Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:1

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's word to all men. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:13; Ps. 119:105, 160, 12:6; Pro. 30:5

5. ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in the image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. However, the image of God in man was marred through sin and he is now a sinner alienated from God. Within himself, man has no ability or desire to belong to God.

Gen. 1:27; Ps. 8:3-6; Is. 53:6a; Rom. 3:23; Is. 59:1-2

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Rom. 6:23; Eph 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Gal.3:26; Rom. 5:1

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.

John 10:29; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 7:25; 10: 10, 14; 1 Peter 1: 3-5

8. ABOUT ETERNITY

People are created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; 2:25; 5:11-13; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20:15; Matt. 1:8

ARTICLE III **Church Covenant**

We have been led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and have professed our faith in Him. We have demonstrated this faith by being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We enter into the fellowship of this church and we prayerfully and joyfully make this covenant with each other and our Savior, Jesus Christ:

We will represent Jesus Christ as a way of life by placing Him at the center of our lives, following Christ's example in our dealings with others, and following our Lord in the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We will respond to the needs for spiritual growth within the body of Christ by offering training in Christian discipleship and providing a place and time for corporate worship.

We will work to restore God's plan for Biblical values and relationships by committing ourselves to personal and family Bible study and prayer and supporting the members of this church in Christian love.

We will reach others with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ by seeking to lead others to a saving knowledge of Him, by supporting local and world missions, and by reaching out to others through the ministries of this church.

We will risk deep commitment to others within the body of Christ by pledging to actively participate in the ministries of this church and pledging our faithful support of the activities and services of this church.

ARTICLE IV **Government**

The primary decision making group is the body of Elders. The members of the Church will vote on the annual budget, the calling or removal of a pastor, the acquisition of real property and related indebtedness, and amendments to the constitution or bylaws of the Church.

ARTICLE V **Amendment**

This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Church, provided proper notice has been given as outlined in ARTICLE III Section 3 of the Church Bylaws. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Elder body. If the Elder body agrees the amendment should be brought before the Church membership, it will be presented at the next business meeting or a meeting will be called for that purpose. The amendment will be considered adopted when it is approved by 75% of those members present and voting.