

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
DOOR CREEK CHURCH
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Article I Name and Affiliation

The name of the Church shall be DOOR CREEK CHURCH. This Church shall be affiliated with the Forest Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Church of America and shall cooperate by sending delegates to district and national conferences, aiding in the support of home and foreign missions, and uniting in mutual efforts for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Article II Church Governance

The governance of Door Creek Church shall be Congregational; its members shall have the privileges and responsibilities consistent with congregational governance, this Constitution and the Bylaws and applicable law.

**Article III Articles of Faith
Adopted by the Conference on June 26, 2008**

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

God

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus-Israel's promised Messiah-was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate..

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Article IV Purpose

The purpose of this Church shall be to worship and glorify God; to preach and teach the Word of God to the mutual edification and instruction of its members and other believers; to win the unsaved to Christ; to help those who are young in the faith to develop spiritually; to instruct children in the Word of God; and to aid in the furtherance of the Gospel on the mission fields at home and abroad.

Article V Members

1. Members of this Church shall be true Christians through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior who strive to live in accordance with the Word of God.
2. Any member who persists in sin and/or living an ungodly life that is contrary to the teaching of Scripture, shall be subject to discipline, with the objective of repentance and restoration, in accordance with the pattern given in Matt. 18:15-17, and the apostolic admonition in I Cor. 5:11-13.
3. Members shall be admitted or released as described in the Bylaws

Article VI Property

1. The Church shall have the power to receive, either by gift or purchase, and to hold such real, personal or mixed property as is authorized by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and as is deemed necessary for the business of the Church, and shall have the power to dispose of such property by mortgage, deed, or otherwise. All such property shall be held in the name of the Church.
2. In case of a division of the Church (from which we pray God by His mercy to preserve us), the property of the Church shall belong to those who abide by its constitution and by-laws.
3. In case of dissolution of the Church organization, the property shall be assigned to the Forest Lakes District Conference of the Evangelical Free Church of America to enable said conference to renew the work or use the values thereof for further Gospel enterprises. The Church shall be considered dissolved if so decided by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Members present at any Regular Meeting, or at any Special Meeting called for the purpose of dissolving the Church, provided that Notice as set forth in the Bylaws has been duly given.

Article VII Registered Office and Registered Agent

The Registered Office shall be located at the principle office of the Church, *6602 Dominion Drive, Madison, WI 53718*. The Stewardship Board shall appoint a Registered Agent whose business office is also located there.

Article VIII Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended, modified, altered or repealed at any Regular Meeting of the Members or Special Meeting called for the purpose of such amendment.

- 1 . Notice. Notice of the meeting shall be given as required by the Bylaws.
2. Quorum and vote. The quorum for such meeting is over 50% of the voting members. Vote shall be by written ballot, and the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting is required.

REVISION DATES

Amended June 23, 2002

Amended August 29, 2009