

MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CHURCH CONSTITUTION

We, the members, of Mountain View Bible Church do ordain and establish the following articles to which we voluntarily submit ourselves.

ARTICLE I

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as Mountain View Bible Church of LaVerkin, Utah.

ARTICLE II

- 2.1 Mission Statement - The mission of Mountain View Bible Church is to glorify God through a growing, Bible-centered ministry where each person can accept Christ as Savior, mature spiritually and be involved in serving others in a family atmosphere where all are loved and nurtured.
- 2.2 Goals of Ministry
 - 2.2.1 To preach the gospel for the salvation of souls
 - 2.2.2 To equip believers with the truth of God's Word for a personal walk with Jesus Christ and for corporate worship and Christian fellowship
 - 2.2.3 To encourage, prepare and direct people in the outreach of the gospel and to fellowship with other churches of like precious faith
 - 2.2.4 To seek to establish other local churches as growth requires expansion under the leading of the Holy Spirit
- 2.3 Principles of Ministry
 - 2.3.1 The Church Does Not Operate Like a Business - We want to stress the issue of faith, trusting in God to bless and provide for our ministry. We seek to support this work through the faithful giving of God's people.
 - 2.3.2 Quality Instead of Quantity Membership - We are open to anyone attending our fellowship, but our determination is to help people grow in spiritual discernment and maturity more than it is to fill our building.
 - 2.3.3 Fully Equipped Leadership – We have a Board of Elders and Deacons comprised of godly servants who will guide the ministry and engage in all facets of pastoral work.
 - 2.3.4 Bible Teaching in Place of Entertainment - We preach and teach God's Word above all else. We will be Biblically relevant in our style of worship, teaching and outreach.
 - 2.3.5 Purity in the Body - We want our members to live pure, holy lives, and we will maintain loving discipline among our members and regular attendees in reference to doctrine, morality, and attitudes.
 - 2.3.6 Training to Serve - We seek to train all our people to serve in the church, community

and beyond with a heart for the lost. We will encourage full-time Christian service upon all of our people.

- 2.3.7 Support of Adjunct Ministries As God Provides - We desire to support and endorse those organizations that promote our beliefs and goals. We specifically want to help those who desire to see churches planted around the world.

ARTICLE III: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

3.1 The Scriptures

- 3.1.1 We believe the Bible, containing the sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation, to be the complete Word of God.
- 3.1.2 We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible.
- 3.1.3 We believe that the Bible was written by Spirit-controlled men; therefore, it is inerrant in its original documents and is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- 3.1.4 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures:
II Timothy 3:16-17, Revelation 22:18-19, and II Peter 1:20-21.

3.2 The Godhead

- 3.2.1 We believe that there is one, and only one, true and living God; He is an infinite, intelligent Spirit, maker of the heavens and the earth; He is inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three equal Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; each being equal in every divine perfection, each executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great works of Creation and Redemption.
- 3.2.2 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 44:6 and 1 John 5:7.

3.3 Concerning the Father

- 3.3.1 We believe Him to be perfect, wise and measureless in power.
- 3.3.2 We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 3.3.3 The preceding beliefs are based in Romans 11:33-36.

3.4 Concerning the Son

- 3.4.1 We believe in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son, begotten of the Father from all eternity to all eternity, very God; begotten, not made, being one with the Father; Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was made man, born of a virgin, having an absolutely sinless life.
- 3.4.2 We believe in His sacrificial and substitutionary death for all men, His bodily

resurrection on the third day, His ascension into heaven, His presence at the Father's right hand as our great High Priest and as Head over all things concerning the Church, which is His Body.

3.4.3 We further believe in His personal pre-millennial return to Earth at His 2nd Coming.

3.4.4 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Matthew 1:23, I Corinthians 15:3-4, and John 1:1-3,14.

3.5 Concerning the Holy Spirit

3.5.1 We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, equal with the Father and with the Son and of the same nature. He restrains the Evil One until God's purposes are fulfilled; He convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgment; He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel through preaching and testimony.

3.5.2 We believe that each person is regenerated, baptized, indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit upon believing in and accepting Christ as Savior.

3.5.3 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: John 16:13-14, John 14:16-17, and Romans 8:9, Eph. 1:13

3.6 Concerning God's Sovereignty and Man's Free Will - We believe in the sovereignty of God and the free will of man based in the following Scriptures: Daniel 4:35, I Peter 2:16 and John 3:16.

3.7 Salvation

3.7.1 We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is now by nature lost and totally depraved; that only through the sacrifice of Christ can man be saved; that in this dispensation of Grace, God is offering full, free and perfect salvation by grace, apart from any human effort or merit to all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We believe the sole condition for receiving everlasting life is faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died a substitutionary death on the cross for the sins of the whole world and rose bodily from the grave. Jesus Christ's atonement is made effectual for the individual through faith in His sacrifice. No act of obedience, such as commitment to obey, sorrow for sin, turning from one's sin, baptism or submission to the Lordship of Christ, may be added to, or considered part of faith as a condition for receiving eternal life. We believe that when saved, the believer is the possessor of eternal life, being kept secure forever by the power of God and is the possessor of two natures; that he may be victorious on a daily basis over the old nature and walk in the power of the new nature through the guidance of the Holy Spirit; that he is called to a life of separation from all religious apostasy and worldly practices and is responsible to be a witness to all men by his life and words of the saving power of Christ.

3.7.2 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Romans 3:23, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, I John 5:13 and John 10:28.

3.8 The Church

- 3.8.1 We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ; that it had its earthly origin on the day of Pentecost and is composed of all who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are united in one body, whether Jew or Gentile, with Christ as our living head, and we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and to love one another with a pure heart. The hope of the Church is the rapture of all saints, which is our gathering together unto Him before the time of the Tribulation. We believe that the establishment of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament.
- 3.8.2 We believe that both the Lord's Supper and water baptism are proper and scripturally in order for this church age.
- 3.8.3 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Matthew 28:19, I Corinthians 10:16-17, Romans 12:5, I Corinthians 11:17-34, Acts 19:5, I Corinthians 12:12-14, I Corinthians 1:10-17 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

3.9 Spiritual Gifts

- 3.9.1 We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts such as the gifts of evangelists, pastors and teachers; that His gifts are sufficient for the perfecting of saints today; that the gift of tongues was the ability to speak in existing human languages without prior training; and that the gift of tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established.
- 3.9.2 We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith in accord with His own will for the sick and afflicted.
- 3.9.3 The preceding beliefs are based in the following passages: I Corinthians 12:4-11; 13:8-13; Acts 2:1-11; II Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-12; John 15:7; and I John 5:14-15.

3.10 Satan

- 3.10.1 We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the Fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire.
- 3.10.2 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Job 1:6-7, Isaiah 14:12-17, Ezek. 28:11-19, II Corinthians 11:14, Ephesians 2:2 and Revelation 20:10.

3.11 The Eternal State

- 3.11.1 We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men--the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to everlasting punishment. At death the souls of the redeemed are now absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss, they await the resurrection when spirit, soul and body will be reunited. The souls of the unbelievers will remain in conscious misery until the last resurrection when soul

- and body are reunited. They appear at the Great White Throne and are cast into the Lake of Fire to suffer everlasting, conscious punishment.
- 3.11.2 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Luke 16:19-26, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, II Corinthians 5:8 and Revelation 20:11-15.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership Qualifications for Each Candidate

- 4.1.1 Must give clear testimony to the elders of his personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior
- 4.1.2 Must agree fully with the doctrinal statement of this Constitution, Article III
- 4.1.3 Must agree to be governed by this Constitution
- 4.1.4 After having attended membership classes, must be approved by the elders

4.2 Types of Members

4.2.1 Active Members

- 4.2.1.a Active members are those who faithfully attend church and congregational business meetings.
- 4.2.1.b Those who are at least 18 years of age or older may vote on issues placed before the congregation by the Elder Board.

4.2.2 Associate Members

- 4.2.2.a Associate members are those no longer residing in the area, such as students or missionaries, who desire to hold their membership in this church.
- 4.2.2.b Associate members may attend congregational business meetings but may not vote.

4.3 Church Discipline

- 4.3.1 Members of Mountain View Bible Church will agree to abide by the church's constitution and the precepts of Christianity dealing with immorality, false doctrine and contentious spirit.
- 4.3.2 The purpose of church discipline is to restore and reconcile the sinner, to maintain church purity and unity, and to serve as a deterrent to sin.
- 4.3.3 The method of church discipline will be administered as written in Matthew 18:15-17.
- 4.3.4 We recognize that if the sin is already publicly known, it must be dealt with in a public manner.
- 4.3.5 The preceding beliefs are based in the following Scriptures: Romans 1:26-27, II Thessalonians 3:6, Romans 16:17, I Timothy 5:20, I Corinthians 5:5-11,

I Timothy 6:3, I Thessalonians 5:14 and Titus 3:10.

- 4.3.6 The Elder Board, by majority vote, shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine whether a person qualifies as an active member or associate member or whether a person's membership should be terminated.

ARTICLE V: FORM OF GOVERNMENT

- 5.1 The form of church government will be Elder Rule.
- 5.2 The Annual Meeting of the Membership shall be held at such time and place during the first quarter of each calendar year as is specified by the pastor and elders and announced in the bulletin or from the pulpit at the regular Sunday morning service(s) at least two weeks immediately preceding the meeting.
- 5.3 The agenda at the Annual Meeting shall include any elections of officers which are to take place at such meeting pursuant to this Constitution and any other matters appropriately raised by any active member in attendance at the meeting. However, any proposed call for termination of a pastor, the sale of real property of this church, dissolution of this church, or amendment of this Constitution may be raised at an Annual Meeting only if such matter is announced in writing or from the pulpit at the regular morning service(s) on the three consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting.
- 5.4 Special Meetings of the Membership may be held at any time and place upon call of the pastor or elders. The time, place and purpose of any special meeting shall be announced in the bulletin or from the pulpit at the regular morning service(s) on the two consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting.
- 5.5 A quorum at the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting of the Membership shall be one-third of all active members. Actions of the membership may be taken only by a majority vote of those active members who are present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at all times; provided that whenever a provision of this Constitution requires a larger vote for a particular action, such larger vote shall be required instead of the majority vote specified earlier in this sentence. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- 5.6 At any Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership, the person presiding shall be the pastor or shall be an elder designated by the pastor and elders to preside at such meeting. At any Annual or Special meeting of the Membership, a majority of elders must be present.

PURPOSE OF THE BOARDS

- 5.7 Elders
- 5.7.1 The men on the Elder Board, which includes the pastor as a teaching elder, shall care for the spiritual welfare of the congregation. Examples of matters within the jurisdiction of the pastor and elders are the times, formats and general contents of the church's regular meetings held for worship, teaching and fellowship; the church's ministries of discipleship, Christian education, regular visitation, counseling, and missions; all rules of conduct and all cases of discipline within

the church; the relations between the church and other churches, organizations and groups; the spending of monies of the church; and all matters specified elsewhere in this Constitution as responsibilities of the pastor and elders. In these and other areas, the jurisdiction of the pastor and elders is limited by the provisions of this Constitution.

- 5.7.2 The number of elders shall be designated by the pastor and elders. All elders shall at all times be men who are active members of the church.
- 5.7.3 An elder may resign at any time by written notice to the pastor and elders. If an elder resigns or for any other reason does not serve his full term, the pastor and elders shall decide whether or not a successor shall be chosen. If they decide that a successor shall be chosen, they may appoint such successor to serve until the close of the next Annual Meeting of the Membership or may leave the position vacant until such meeting, and in either such case a successor to serve any balance of the former elder's term shall be elected at such meeting in the manner provided in this Constitution for the election of elders.
- 5.7.4 The pastor and elders shall hold at least one regular meeting each calendar quarter at such time and place as they decide for such quarter. Additional special meetings may be called by the pastor or the elders.
- 5.7.5 At any meeting of the pastor and elders, a majority of the group consisting of the pastor and elders then in office shall be a quorum. Actions of the pastor and elders may be taken only by a majority vote of those who are present at a duly-called meeting at which a quorum is present at all times. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- 5.7.6 At any meeting of the pastor and elders, the pastor or any elder designated by the pastor and elders shall preside.

5.8 Deacons

- 5.8.1 The persons on the Deacon Board shall administer all physical matters of the church. The pastor will also serve as an ex-officio member of this board.
- 5.8.2 The deacons shall care for the church's physical property and the personal needs of its congregation. Examples of matters within the jurisdiction of the deacons are the orderly provision and deployment of Bibles, hymnbooks, bulletins, other written materials, chairs, tables and other tangible items used at the church's regular meetings held for worship, teaching and fellowship; the church's ministries of building and grounds, hospitality, service, and hospital and other emergency visitation. The deacons shall function under the authority of the pastor and elders and all matters specified elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 5.8.3 The number of deacons shall be designated by the pastor and elders. All deacons shall at all times be persons who are active members of the church.
- 5.8.4 A deacon may resign at any time by written notice to the pastor and elders. If a deacon resigns or for any other reason does not serve his full term, the pastor and elders shall decide whether or not a successor shall be chosen. If they decide that a successor shall be chosen, they may appoint such successor to serve until the close of the next Annual Meeting of the Membership or may leave such position vacant until such Meeting, and in either such case a successor to serve any

- balance of the former deacon's term shall be elected at such meeting in the manner provided in this Constitution for the election of deacons.
- 5.8.5 The deacons shall hold at least one regular meeting each calendar quarter at such time and place as they decide for such quarter. Additional special meetings may be called by the pastor or the deacons.
- 5.8.6 At any meeting of the deacons, a majority of the deacons then in office shall be a quorum. Actions of the deacons may be taken only by a majority vote of the deacons who are present at a duly-called meeting at which a quorum is present at all times. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- 5.8.7 At any meeting of the deacons, a deacon designated by the deacons shall preside.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

- 5.9 Any elder may be elected or appointed under this Constitution only if he meets the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Any deacon who is elected or appointed under this Constitution must meet the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:8-13.
- 5.10 Terms of Office
- 5.10.1 Elders and deacons shall serve for a three year term or until the elder or deacon resigns or until the elder or deacon has breached duties to God, church, family or community, including the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 for elders and I Timothy 3:8-13 for deacons.
- 5.10.2 Elders and deacons may hold consecutive terms indefinitely (subject to the conditions of Articles 5.11.1 through 5.11.6).
- 5.10.3 The Elder Board shall meet to discuss and vote (subject to normal voting procedure set forth in Article 5.7.5) for the removal of any elder or deacon who does not meet the qualifications of his office and is unwilling to resign of his own volition. The said elder or deacon shall be notified prior to the meeting and immediately notified of the Elder Board's decision. The decision will take effect immediately.

SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 5.11 Elders and Deacons
- 5.11.1 Initial elders will be appointed by the pastor.
- 5.11.2 Initial deacons will be appointed by the Elder Board.
- 5.11.3 Elders and/or deacons will be nominated two months prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Membership as needed by the current Board of Elders.
- 5.11.4 Each nomination for the office of elder and/or deacon shall be posted in the church bulletin at least two weeks immediately preceding the next Annual Meeting of the Membership.
- 5.11.5 Each elder and/or deacon shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Membership for a term beginning at the close of such Meeting and lasting until

the close of the third succeeding Annual Meeting of the Membership unless the pastor and elders designate a shorter term for any elder and/or deacon before his election.

- 5.11.6 Voting for elders and/or deacons at any Annual Meeting of the Membership shall be by secret ballot from among the nominations. The vote for each nominee shall be a “yes” or “no” vote, not a choice between two or more nominees. The rules for the Annual meeting of the Membership and majority voting (subject to the conditions of Article 5.5 of this Constitution) shall be applied.

LEADERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE PASTOR

5.12 Qualifications

- 5.12.1 The pastor shall be a man who gives evidence of the call of God to the ministry of the Gospel and of adherence to the Scriptural principles governing church leadership. He shall be recognized as the God-appointed leader of the congregation.
- 5.12.2 Any man to be considered as a candidate for this pastorate shall have signified in writing his agreement with the doctrinal statement and all other matters contained in this Constitution and his willingness to have the church governed by this Constitution.

5.13 Call

- 5.13.1 The pastor and elders shall act as a Pulpit Committee to investigate possible candidates and arrange for them to speak at Sunday services. Investigation of a candidate shall include a questionnaire regarding training, pastoral experience and qualifications mentioned earlier (Article 5.7 & 5.12). A visit by one or more of the pastor and elders to his present pastorate is advisable where possible.
- 5.13.2 When a qualified candidate has spoken at two services at least, the pastor and elders shall decide whether or not his name shall be presented for a vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership. If his name is so presented by decision of the pastor and elders, a call shall be extended to him upon the approval of a three-quarters majority vote of the active members in attendance at such meeting. A quorum at such Annual or Special meeting shall be no less than one half of all active members. Only one candidate shall be voted on at any one Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership.

5.14 Duties

- 5.14.1 By virtue of his office as spiritual leader and shepherd of the flock, the pastor becomes an active member of this church, and so does his wife. His duties shall be those generally associated with his office, including the ministry of the Word, administration of the ordinances, and the care of the spiritual welfare of the members. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and organizations of the church.

5.14.2 The pastor's ministry of preaching, teaching and leading at the regular worship, study and fellowship meetings of the church is expected to occupy most of his working time. Accordingly, he does not have the primary responsibility for conducting the church's other ministries, although he is expected to participate in one or more of them (either informally or by belonging to one or more of the church's committees or ministry groups) in the same manner as any other active member. The pastor may delegate temporarily any of his pastoral functions (other than his right to vote at meetings of the pastor and elders) to any one or more elders, deacons or other qualified individuals selected by him.

5.15 Resignation or Termination

5.15.1 The pastor's term of office shall be indefinite. A notice of at least 60 days shall be given for resignation or termination with remuneration and services continuing through this period, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

5.15.2 At any Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership, a vote may be taken by the active members to terminate the pastor's services, subject to the following:

5.15.2.a If the meeting is a Special Meeting, it must have been called for the purpose of considering the proposed termination (subject to the conditions of Articles 5.3 & 5.4 of this Constitution).

5.15.2.b If the meeting is an Annual Meeting, the proposed termination must be placed on the agenda of the meeting (subject to the conditions of Articles 5.3 & 5.4 of this Constitution).

5.15.2.c A quorum at such Annual or Special meeting shall be no less than one half of all active members.

5.15.2.d A two-thirds majority vote of the active members at such Annual or Special Meeting shall be required to terminate the pastor's services.

5.15.3 However, in the event of neglect or misconduct, abdication of functions, or doctrinal or moral defection, Articles 5.15.1 and 5.15.2 are no longer requirements, and the pastor's services may be terminated immediately by action of the pastor and/or elders, subject to the ratification by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership within 30 days after such termination. A quorum at such Annual or Special Meeting shall be no less than one half of all active members.

5.16 Arbitration: An impasse reached between the pastor and the Board of Elders or the pastor and the church membership may be resolved by summoning board members of Tentmakers Bible Mission to arbitrate. Decisions made by Tentmakers Bible Mission in such cases will be final.

ARTICLE VI: TAX EXEMPT STATUS

- 6.1 This organization is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - 6.2.1 By an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Internal Revenue Law) or,
 - 6.2.2 By an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the ERC 1954.
- 6.3 Upon dissolution of this corporation, after adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be given first to the Tentmakers Bible Mission or second to other nonprofit Evangelical Christian organizations which are duly recognized by the IRS as such.
- 6.4 No part of the net assets of this corporation shall ever come into the private, personal use of any donor, member, or officer of this corporation, or any other private individual. Furthermore no donor, member, or officer of the corporation or any other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets.

ARTICLE VII: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS

- 7.1 No change can be made with respect to ARTICLE III - DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.
 - 7.1.1. Clarifications and/or additions to ARTICLE III – DOCTRINAL STATEMENT, can be made provided the clarifications and/or additions are not inconsistent with any part of the Doctrinal Statement.
 - 7.1.2. Clarifications and/or additions to ARTICLE III – DOCTRINAL STATEMENT, must follow the same amending process as all other amendments or changes to this Constitution.
- 7.2 Amendments or changes to this Constitution must be recommended by the pastor and a majority of the Elder Board. Following such a recommendation, there must be a meeting with no less than one half of all active members. A two-thirds majority vote of those active members present at the meeting is required to adopt the Constitutional amendment or change.
- 7.3 In order for such vote of the active members to be valid, the proposed amendment must be delivered in writing to each active member in hand or by mail to such member's current address (as shown in the church's records) at least two weeks before the meeting at which the vote is taken.
- 7.4 The meeting for the Constitutional amendment or change must be announced at three successive Sunday services preceding the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS

- 8.1 At any time, the pastor and elders may adopt By-Laws for the Church, and from time to time either the membership or the pastor and elders may alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws or adopt new ones. By-Laws may set forth any rules, procedures or other provisions for the regulation or management of the affairs of the church to the extent not inconsistent with this Constitution or with applicable law. For example, By-Laws may provide for any one or more of the following: the establishment of additional church officers, a set of principles governing the church's missionary support program, an organizational structure for the church's Sunday School and youth programs, a council of ordination, and a board of arbitration to resolve internal disputes within the church.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

- 9.1 Support - The financial program of this church and its sub-organizations shall be supported only through the free-will offerings of Christians and the unsolicited gifts of those interested in the church's ministry.
- 9.2 Loans - The incurring of indebtedness by the church in excess of \$2,000 must have approval of the membership, except where the church has funds or definite pledges of funds which the pastor and elders deem adequate for repayment of the new indebtedness.
- 9.3 Expenditures - The pastor and elders, as provided earlier in this Constitution, shall have sole authority to determine the expenditure of church funds, subject to any decisions made by the membership concerning such expenditures. All expenditures of church funds must be for purposes consistent with this Constitution.
- 9.4 Designated Gifts - Gifts designated through the church for a specific purpose or person shall be so used, unless the donor approves a change or the use is inconsistent with this Constitution. Otherwise, the gift shall be returned. Any temporary use of such funds for purposes other than designated must have approval of the pastor and elders.

ARTICLE X: PROPERTY

- 10.1 Title - The title to all property of Mountain View Bible Church, both real and personal, shall be and remain vested in the church as a non-profit corporation.
- 10.2 Acquisition and Sale of Property
- 10.2.1 This church shall have power to acquire and hold property, both real and personal, for the general purposes of the church. All property so acquired shall be held in the name of the church.
- 10.2.2 Any sale, exchange, mortgage or other transfer or encumbrance of any real property of this church shall occur only if approved in advance by the pastor and elders, and also approved in advance, at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Membership, by a three-quarters majority vote of all active members at

such meeting. A quorum at such Annual or Special meeting shall be no less than one half of all active members. In order for such vote of the active members to be valid, all documentation in connection with the proposed transaction must be delivered in writing to each active member in hand or by mail to his or her current address (as shown in the church's records) at least two weeks before the meeting at which the vote is taken.

- 10.3 Use of Property - All properties belonging to the church shall be available to the membership for purposes consistent with this Constitution, subject to regulation by the pastor, the elders, or the deacons as provided earlier in this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI: THE ACT (AND OTHER LAW)

- 11.1 This Constitution to Control - In any case where a meeting or voting procedure or other matter is provided for in this Constitution in a manner different from the Act (or other applicable law), the provision or provisions of this Constitution shall pre-empt such matter and govern it exclusively to the full extent permitted by law.
- 11.2 Identities of Directors and Officers - In any case where the Act or any other law requires the identification of one or more directors, a Board of Directors, a president, one or more vice presidents or a secretary of this church, the pastor and each elder shall be deemed a director. The pastor and elders shall be deemed the Board of Directors, the pastor shall be deemed the president, and each elder and each deacon shall be deemed a vice president.
- 11.3 Severance - If any provision or provisions of this Constitution are ever finally determined to be invalid under the Act or other applicable law, all other provisions of this Constitution shall remain in full force and effect as though the invalid provision or provisions had never been included in this Constitution.