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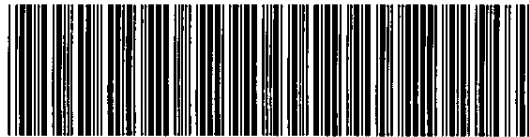
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Crosspointe Baptist Church, INC.

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this ***Florida Not For Profit Corporation*** adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**NEW CORPORATE NAME (if changing):**

(must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," or the abbreviation "corp." or "inc." or words of like import in language; "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name of a not for profit corporation)

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED- (OTHER THAN NAME CHANGE)** Indicate Article Number(s) and/or Article Title(s) being amended, added or deleted: **(BE SPECIFIC)**

See attached

## AMENDMENT CHANGES

Article I: No Amendment

Article II (Section I & II)

Article III

Article IV

Article V

Article VI

Article VII

Article VIII

Article IX

Article X

Article XI: No Amendment

Article XII

Article XIII

Article XIV

Article XV

# Crosspointe Baptist Church, Inc.

## Articles of Incorporation

### Proposed Amendments

#### Article I

##### *The Church Name*

This local assembly of believers shall be called Crosspointe Baptist Church, **INC**.  
No Amendment

#### Article II

##### *Officers and Administration Duties*

**Section I:** The administrative duties of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall be vested in a board of officers including the Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees.

**Section II:** The number of board members may be increased or decreased from time to time by majority vote of the congregation present at a regular meeting or a special meeting for which purpose the congregation has been notified in advance.

Amendment:

**Article II,** Officers and Administrative Duties shall be amended to read:

**Section I:** The administrative duties of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall be vested in a board of officers including the Pastors (Elders) and Deacons. At any time "Trustees" may be required for any legal transaction, or other business, they will be appointed by an elder presently serving on the board from one of the existing board members.

**Section II:** The number of board members may be increased or decreased from time to time by majority vote of the congregation present at a regular meeting or a special meeting for which purpose the congregation has been notified in advance.

#### Article III

##### *Election of Deacons and Trustees*

Members of the congregation shall have the privilege of presenting names as candidates for the office of Deacon or Trustee by submitting the same in writing to the church office during the month of November. The present board and the Pastor shall be empowered to also select names of other persons who meet the spiritual requirements. The names submitted by the congregation shall be referred to the Pastor to investigate and pass upon the spiritual fitness of each person for office. This report is then brought before the entire board of officers who will submit the same to the congregation for election of said officers at the church administration meeting in December.

Amendment:

**Article III,** Election of Deacons and Trustees shall be amended to read:

#### Article III

##### *Election of Deacons*

New candidates, for the office of Deacon, that meet scriptural requirements, shall be submitted by the existing board members at a regular board meeting. The names submitted shall be voted on by the present board members. If there are new candidates who receive 100% approval from the board, their names shall be presented to the congregation for a vote in December. New candidates who receive a majority approval from the congregation shall begin their service as Deacon in January of the new year.

#### Article IV

##### *Election Terms and Times*

**Section I:** Board members shall be elected for a term of two years.

**Section II:** The church year shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December.

**Section III:** The time of the election for board members shall be at the December church administration meeting. Those elected will take office at the beginning of the church year.

Amendment:

**Article IV**, shall be amended to read:

**Section I:** Deacons shall be elected for a term of two years.

**Section III:** When there are new candidates for Deacon, the time of election for them shall be in December, and upon their election by a majority vote, they will take office at the beginning of the church year.

## **Article V**

### *Duties of Pastor, Deacon and Trustee*

**Section I:** The Pastor and the Deacons shall look after the administrative affairs of the church, look after the spiritual welfare of the church, and perform such duties as is stipulated by the Scriptures.

**Section II:** The Trustees shall be responsible for the care of all church property, personal and real, and perform such other duties as the state law may provide and according to the instruction of the board.

Amendment:

**Article V**, Duties of Pastor, Deacon and Trustee shall be amended to read:

## **Article V**

### *Duties of Pastors and Deacons*

**Section I:** The Pastoral Staff shall be responsible to fulfill their scriptural duties in leading the congregation in all matters concerning every aspect of the Church.

**Section II:** The Deacons shall be responsible to fulfill their scriptural duties as set forth in God's Word. They are to serve the congregation and assist the Pastors in the care of all church property, personal and real, and perform such other duties as the state law may provide and according to the instruction of the board.

## **Article VI**

### *Board Secretary and Treasurer*

The Pastor and the board shall organize at their first meeting of the new church year and elect from its own members the following officers: Secretary and Treasurer.

Amendment:

**Article VI**, Board Secretary and Treasurer shall be amended to read:

The Pastor and Deacons shall organize at their first meeting of the new church year and elect, by a majority vote the following officers from its own members: Secretary and Treasurer. The board also may choose by a majority vote to retain the existing Secretary and Treasurer for another year.

**Section I:** The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings incorporating therein all important transactions.

**Section II:** The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received for their respective funds, same to be deposited in a bank or banks under the name of the church. An audit may be called for at the end of each church year.

## **Article VII**

### *Duties of the Pastor and Assistant Pastors*

**Section I:** The Pastor shall:

A) Preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and appoint any suitable member to officiate for any absent member.

B) He is to be a member ex-officio of all committees and boards operating under the board of officers.

C) In cases of resignation or removal of any office, the Pastor will appoint someone to fill said vacancy until the next regular election.

D) He will preach regularly at the church, or in his absence because of ministry else where, he will furnish qualified supply for the pulpit. He shall attend Bible conferences, conventions, and clinics as he feels necessary.

**E)** He shall faithfully preach and teach the whole counsel of God and shall take oversight of the church in all phases of its work and endeavors. He shall have the prerogative to bring to this church pulpit such special speakers as he feels will enhance the ministry of the church and will encourage the saints. All guest speakers and pulpit supply shall be determined by the Pastor and shall be of like faith and the Crosspointe Baptist Church.

**F)** The Pastor shall take oversight of the entire ministry of the church and shall appoint the Sunday school teachers for an indefinite period of time.

**G)** The Pastor shall select those to direct and take part in the musical program of the church. There shall be no class parties, programs, auxiliary meetings, etc. conducted or planned without prior consent from the Pastor, and confirmation via the church planning calendar.

**Section II:** An assistant Pastor shall perform the duties of the Pastor when the Pastor is unable to act.

**Section III:** The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings incorporating therein all important transactions.

**Section IV:** The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received for their respective funds, same to be deposited in a bank or banks under the name of the church. An audit may be called for at the end of each church year.

Amendment:

**Article VII,** Duties of the Pastor and Assistant Pastors shall be amended to read:

#### **Article VII**

##### **Duties of Executive and Lead Pastors**

**Section I:** An Executive Pastor shall:

**A)** Himself preside at or appoint another Pastor to preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and appoint any suitable member to officiate for any absent member.

**B)** He is to be a member ex-officio of all committees and boards operating under the board of officers.

**C)** In cases of resignation or removal of any office, he shall appoint someone to fill said vacancy until the next regular election.

**D)** He shall preach regularly at the church or in his absence because of ministry else where, he will furnish qualified supply for the pulpit. He shall attend Bible Conferences, conventions, as he feels necessary.

**E)** He shall faithfully preach and teach the whole counsel of God and shall take oversight of the church in all phases of its work and endeavors. He shall have the prerogative to bring to this church pulpit such special speakers as he feels will enhance the ministry of the church and will encourage the saints.

**F)** He shall take oversight of the entire ministry of the church.

**Section II:** An assistant Pastor shall perform the duties of the Pastor when the Pastor is unable to act or at the request of an Executive Pastor.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Amendments**

**Section I:** This Constitution may be amended by the congregation at a meeting called for that purpose for which an effort has been made to notify every member. A majority vote of those present is required for amendment.

**Section II:** The Pastor and Board shall submit the amendment to the congregation.

Amendment:

**Article VIII,** Amendments shall be amended to read:

**Section I:** The Pastors and Deacons shall submit the amendment to the congregation at a meeting called for that purpose or at a regular Church business meeting.

**Section II:** This constitution may then be amended by a majority vote of those present which is required for amendment.

## **Article IX**

### ***Membership Requirements***

**Section I:** Any person upon their confession of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, followed by the baptism of immersion in water may be received as a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church. They may be received as a member of said church also by a letter of transfer from some other Baptist church of like faith and order or by restoration. When a person becomes a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church all other memberships in any other church terminates. There are no dual memberships allowed to a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church and he willingly resigns all other memberships in any other church.

**Section II:** The members of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall subscribe to the church covenant, both in letter and in spirit, and are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to faithfully attend the services of the church, to give regularly for its support and benevolence, and to share in its organized work. In addition, members shall upon moving to another area, without delay, furnish the church their new address.

**Section III:** Membership of Crosspointe Baptist Church may be terminated or refused upon the recommendation of the Pastors and or Deacons by one of the following methods:

**A)** Granting a letter of transfer to another church of like faith and order.

**B)** A written request of the respective member.

**C)** Upon joining another church without requesting a letter of transfer.

**D)** By not attending weekly the regular scheduled services of Crosspointe Baptist Church for at least six (6) months, a member may be placed on an inactive list. They will upon being placed on the inactive list, forfeit all church voting rights.

**E)** Church membership may be terminated or refused to any persons who violate the principles of Christian faith and life which discredits the cause of Christ and the church as determined by the Pastors. It shall be the intent of the church to try and restore such an individual with love and tenderness, if possible.

**F)** Termination or refusal or membership will go into effect immediately after the board of Deacons and Pastors have received a majority vote for said termination or refusal with or without the notification of the person terminated or refused.

**Section IV:** The duties of the members of Crosspointe Baptist Church are as follows:

**A)** It shall be the duty of each member to honor, to esteem, and to love their Pastor; to pray for him frequently, and to manifest a tender regard for his reputation. Psalms 105:15 ; Hebrews 13:17.

**B)** All members should bring themselves to the realization that we are a part of the body of Jesus Christ and that in God's sight we are brothers and sisters. It is therefore our duty to love each other as such, to love and pray for this church as our earthly home, and to strive to honor our Lord in all we do, say, or act, bearing in mind that we are epistles of Christ, known and read by men.

**C)** This church accepts the scriptural method of "Tithes and Offerings" as its plan of finance. Because our church depends upon the tithes and offerings of our members, we assert our conviction that proportionate giving is a distinct and positive command in the Scriptures and pledge ourselves to a systematic contribution for the support of the church of such a portion of our income as we believe God requires of us according to the principles laid down in I Corinthians 16:2 and Malachi 3:8-10. All members will be encouraged to underwrite the church budget by giving at least 10% of their income into the Church budget. Upon approvable of the membership, at either a regular or special meeting, the church may borrow money from any individual, corporation, or banking institution and may execute such notes, bonds, or other documents as may be necessary or proper to evidence any such loans, and to secure the payment thereof and to renew and extend any such evidence of indebtedness and security thereof from time to time, and to pledge and assign to such individual, corporation, banking institution trustee, or other act or acts as may be necessary to properly secure the person, firm, or institution from whom money is borrowed.

**D)** It shall be considered the duty of every member to do all that is in their power to win the lost of the community through personal soul winning and to bring their converts to church with them for baptism and discipleship.

**E)** Members shall strive to assist and follow the leading of any action, plan, or goal presented by the Pastor and church staff.



Amendment:

**Article IX, Membership Requirements** shall be amended to read:

**Section I:** Any person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, followed by their baptism by immersion in water and completion of the required membership course, and after signing the covenant agreement, may be received as a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church. When a person becomes a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church all other memberships in any other church terminates. There are no dual memberships allowed to a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church and he willingly resigns all other memberships in any other church.

**Section II:** The members of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall subscribe to the church covenant, both in letter and in spirit, and are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to faithfully attend the services of the church, to give regularly their tithes and offerings for its support and benevolence, and to share in its organized work. In addition, members shall always keep the Church informed of any changes in their contact information.

**Section III:** Membership of Crosspointe Baptist Church may be terminated or refused upon the recommendation of the Pastors and or Deacons by one of the following methods:

- A) Granting a letter of transfer to another church of like faith and order.
- B) A written request of the respective member.
- C) Upon joining another church without requesting a letter of transfer.
- D) By not attending weekly the regular scheduled services of Crosspointe Baptist Church for an extended period of time, said member may be placed on an inactive list. They will upon being placed on the inactive list, forfeit all church voting rights.
- E) Church membership may be terminated or refused to any persons who violate the principles of Christian faith and life, or causes discord or disunity in the church in any fashion, or discredits the cause of Christ and the church. This determination shall be made by the Pastors. It shall be the intent of the church to try and restore such an individual with love and tenderness, if possible.
- F) Termination or refusal of membership will go into effect immediately after the board of Pastors and Deacons have received a majority vote for said termination or refusal with or without the notification of the person terminated or refused.

**Section IV:** The duties of the members of Crosspointe Baptist Church are as follows:

- A) It shall be the duty of each member to honor, to esteem, and to love their Pastors; to pray for them frequently, and to manifest a tender regard for their reputation. Psalms 105:15 ; Hebrews 13:17.
- B) All members should bring themselves to the realization that we are a part of the body of Jesus Christ and that in God's sight we are brothers and sisters. It is therefore our duty to love each other as such, to love and pray for this church as our earthly home, and to strive to honor our Lord in all we do, say, or act, bearing in mind that we are epistles of Christ, known and read by men. Any conflict between members should be resolved according to the mandate given by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-18.
- C) This church accepts the scriptural method of "Tithes and Offerings" as its plan of finance. Because our church depends upon the tithes and offerings of our members, we assert our conviction that proportionate giving is a distinct and positive command in the scriptures and pledge ourselves to a systematic contribution for the support of the church of such a portion of our income as we believe honors God and reflects our gratitude for His Grace bestowed on us at our salvation. I Corinthians 16:2 and Malachi 3:8-10. All members will be encouraged to underwrite the church budget by giving at least 10% plus offerings of their income into the Church budget, not because it is Law, but because it is a life principle, established by our creator. Upon the recommendation of the board of Elders and Deacons and approvable of the membership or a simple majority vote of the board of Elders and Deacons, at either a regular or special meeting, the church may borrow money from any individual, corporation, or banking institution and may execute such notes, bonds, or other documents as may be necessary or proper to evidence any such loans, and to secure the payment thereof and to renew and extend any such evidence of indebtedness and security thereof from time

to time, and to pledge and assign to such individual, corporation, banking institution trustee, or other act or acts as may be necessary to properly secure the person, firm, or institution from whom money is borrowed.

**D)** It shall be considered the duty of the church and every individual member to do all that is in their power, and by every means possible to win the lost of the community through personal soul winning and to bring their converts to church with them for baptism and discipleship.

**E)** Members shall strive to assist and follow the leading of any action, plan, or goal presented by the Pastors.

## **Article X**

### *The call of Congregational Meetings*

Any special administrative meeting may be called by the Pastor in case of emergency. Effort or notification of any congregational meeting, regularly scheduled or specially called, shall be announced from the pulpit.

Amendment

**Article X**, The call of Congregational Meetings shall be amended to read:

Any special administrative meeting may be called by an Executive Pastor, in case of an emergency. Notification for any congregational meeting, regularly scheduled or specially called, shall be announced. Efforts to notify members of said meeting may be made by all other means possible, such as emails.

## **Article XI**

### *Transaction of Administrative Matters*

A quorum of the board for the transaction of administrative matters shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the board.

No Amendment

## **Article XII**

### *Employment and Resignations of Church Personnel*

The calling of the Pastor shall be recommended by the board subject to the approval of the congregation. The employment of all personnel of the church shall be directed by the Pastor. The resignation of all personnel shall be submitted in writing to the Pastor thirty (30) days before the date of dismissal.

Amendment

**Article XII**, Employment and Resignation of Church Personnel shall be amended to read:

The calling of the Pastor shall be recommended by the board subject to the approval of the congregation. The employment of all personnel of the church shall be directed by an Executive Pastor. The resignation of all personnel shall be submitted in writing to an Executive Pastor thirty (30) days before the date of dismissal.

## **Article XIII**

### *Church Doctrine*

**Section I:** We believe in the infallible inspired Word of God. We accept the Textus Receptus manuscript as the foundational material from which we derive the King James 1611. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired and edited by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken and passed down to us today. I Timothy 3:16; John 10:35; I Peter 1:19; II Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:89.

**Section II:** We believe the Genesis account of Creation, and that what one believes about his origin will determine his philosophy of life. We believe creation was a direct act of God, literal days, instantaneous, and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was "after their kind." Genesis 1:1; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6 / 9; John 1:3; Colossians 1:17.

**Section III:** We believe God is a person, eternally existing; He is the one true God, but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and coequal persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy

Spirit, the same substance but distinct in three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics and desires. Romans 1:7; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 8:6.

**Section IV:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, His power to forgive sins and to set people free from Satan and because He claimed to be and died making this claim, arose victorious over death. Mark 12:6; John 5:22-23; Matthew 26:63 / 66; John 14:9; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; I John 5:1-5.

**Section V:** We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost and miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other person was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and He is both the Son of God and God the Son. Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14.

**Section VI:** Jesus took the saved sinner's place, bore his sins, met the penalty, through a substitutionary death for all men. Jesus satisfied the law, becoming our accepted substitute; His righteousness, His right-doing, is imputed to us by faith and so we, through Him have kept the law. The blood of Christ cleanses, instead of merely covering the sins of man. Isaiah 53:5; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; I Peter 3:18; Matthew 26:28.

**Section VII:** The sacrifice made by Jesus is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only ground of justification. We believe that no man cometh to God except through Jesus Christ. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important thing to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is: first salvation, then works. Acts 4:12; I Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 5:9; John 12:46; John 20:31; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2: 9 / 10; Titus 3:5-8.

**Section VIII:** We believe that Heaven and Hell are real literal physical places. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty and glory, just as Hell is a place of indescribable torment and punishment. So throughout all eternity, Heaven is the final eternal dwelling place of the saved, and Hell is a place of eternal punishment of the lost and total separation from God. Matthew 6:20; Luke 10:20; John 14:2; Daniel 7:10; Isaiah 33:14; Matthew 13:42; Mark 9:41; Revelation 14:10.

**Section IX:** Man is wicked, corrupt, and under sin. As it is written, "There is none righteousness, not one," proving that all were alike under sin in an unregenerate condition. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Genesis 6:5; Job 15:16; Psalm 14:3; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 16:12; Matthew 23:27; Mark 9:41; Romans 1:24; II Peter 2:12.

**Section X:** The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion concerning the tongues movement of this church age. The Holy Spirit ministers to the Christian, He regenerates, baptizes (not water), indwells, seals and fills the believing sinner. The believer does not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit more of the believer. Therefore, these ministries of the Holy Spirit happen instantaneously to the believing sinner. They all occur by faith and are not in the least dependent upon one's personal emotional feelings at the time. I Corinthians 14:33; Titus 3:5; Romans 5:3 / 4; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 1:22.

**Section XI:** We believe that all who are saved are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. A person, once he has truly accepted Christ as Savior, is a new creation in Christ and he should live a holy consecrated life; he should separate himself from the world and all its lust in obedience to the command of God. Romans 12:1 / 2; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Colossians 2:6; I Peter 2: 9; II Corinthians 5:17; II Timothy 2:19.

**Section XII:** The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself is coming in the air at any moment to catch up as many as receive Him. Those saved of all ages will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb. We believe in the personal, bodily, visible pre-millennial return (Second Coming) of Christ. Those left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ, Himself, shall return to the earth visible in body to set up His Kingdom of a thousand years of righteous rule; after this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire,

separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:31-34.

**Section XIII:** We believe there are two ordinances of the local Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church and is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance of the local Church members according to the individual examinations and teachings of I Corinthians 11:17-34. The unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, grape juice, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ.

**Section XIV:** We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is the god of this world, blinding "the minds of them which believe not," and the author of all the power of darkness. We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels. Satan is the author of all false religions, the chief power of darkness, destined, however, to judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. Matthew 4:1-3; Revelation 20:1-3; II Corinthians 4:3 / 4; Revelation 20:10; I Peter 5:8; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17.

**Section XV:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He arose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures" from the tomb, and ascended bodily into the heavens; that through His resurrection a sure hope of immortality and everlasting life is given to all who have been saved by His grace. His is at the right hand of God as our "Mediator, merciful and faithful High Priest, and Advocate." John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12-28; Luke 24:1-7; Romans 4:25.

**Section XVI:** We believe in the eternal security of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person is born again they have everlasting life which never ends and cannot be taken away from them. Saved forever; God's children are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and sealed unto the day of redemption. John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:5; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:35-39; John 5:24.

**Section XVII:** We believe that the Great Commission to evangelize the world was given to the church by our risen Lord and that this evangelization is the mission of the church. The Great Commission was given to the local church who was commanded to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ commanded His church to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19 / 20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

**Section XVIII:** We believe that sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred; that it is a progressive work that is begun in regeneration; that it is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification of the believer will be complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then, and only then, will we have entire sanctification or be sanctified wholly body, soul, and spirit. I Thessalonians 5:23; I Corinthians 6:11; I Thessalonians 4:1-10; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 3:18; II Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:5.

**Section XIX:** We believe that a scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized believers, covenanted together under New Testament law for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus on earth to this present day; that this church is a self-governed independent body having Christ as the head, the Holy Spirit for its guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only scriptural offices of the church are the Bishop (Pastor) and Deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are Baptism and The Lord's Supper. On all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, or benevolence, etc., the will of the local church is final. Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:22 / 23; I Timothy 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-20.

**Section XX:** We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) The Home 2) The Church and 3) The State. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each

institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned sphere of responsibility under God. It shall be our continual practice to obey God and His Word as our highest authority. If there is ever a conflict of some other law with God's law, we obey God. Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 2:13-14.

**Section XXI:** We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Genesis 2:24; 19:5 / 13; 26:8 / 9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4.

**Section XXII:** We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the church and greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the offices of Pastor or Deacon. Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; I Timothy 3:2 / 12; Titus 1:6.

**Section XXIII:** We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1 / 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44.

**Section XXIV:** We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the Church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the Church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. I Corinthians 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:31 / 32.

**Section XXV:** The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members.

Amendment:

**Article XIII,** Church Doctrine shall be amended to read:

**Section I:** We believe the Judeo Christian Bible is the infallible inspired Word of God, without error. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired and edited by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken and passed down to us today. I Timothy 3:16; John 10:35; I Peter 1:19; II Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:89.

**Section II:** We believe the literal Genesis account of Creation, and that what one believes about his origin will determine his philosophy of life. We believe creation of all things was a direct act of God, literal days, instantaneous, and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was "after their kind." Genesis 1:1; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6 / 9; John 1:3; Colossians 1:17.

**Section III:** We believe God is a person, eternally existing. He is the one and only true God, but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and coequal persons, referred to as the Trinity or The Triune God, existing of, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the same substance but distinct in three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics and desires. Romans 1:7; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 8:6.

**Section IV:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, His power to forgive sins and to set people free from Satan and because He claimed to be and died making this claim, arose victorious over death. The assertion of His identity was attested by Angels sent from heaven. Mark 12:6; John 5:22-23; Matthew 26:63 / 66; John 14:9; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; I John 5:1-5.

**Section V:** We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, miraculously conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary, as no other person was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and He is both the Son of God and God the Son. Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14.

**Section VI:** We believe that Jesus took the saved sinner's place, bore his sins, met the penalty, through a substitutionary death for all men. Jesus satisfied the law, becoming our accepted substitute; His righteousness, His right-doing, is imputed to us by faith and so we, through Him have kept the law. The blood of Christ cleanses, instead of merely covering the sins of man, and after salvation the sins of a man's past, present and future are completely removed from him, as far as the East is from the West. As a part of that transaction, the righteousness of Christ is then imputed to the record of the person who has been born again. Isaiah 53:5; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; I Peter 3:18; Matthew 26:28.

**Section VII:** We believe the sacrifice made by Jesus when He suffered and died on the cross is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only ground of justification. He is the only way that any person can have a hope for spending eternity in heaven. We believe that no man cometh to God except through Jesus Christ. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important thing to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is: first salvation, then works. Acts 4:12; I Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 5:9; John 12:46; John 20:31; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2: 9 / 10; Titus 3:5-8

**Section VIII:** We believe that Heaven and Hell are real literal physical places. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty and glory, just as Hell is a place of indescribable torment and punishment. So throughout all eternity, Heaven is the final eternal dwelling place of the saved, and Hell is total separation from God and a place of eternal punishment of the lost, all of those who rejected God's love, His Son, and His plan of redemption. Matthew 6:20; Luke 10:20; John 14:2; Daniel 7:10; Isaiah 33:14; Matthew 13:42; Mark 9:41; Revelation 14:10.

**Section IX:** We believe that man is wicked, corrupt, and under sin. As it is written, "There is none righteousness, not one," proving that all were alike under sin, "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God", in an unregenerate condition. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Genesis 6:5; Job 15:16; Psalm 14:3; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 16:12; Matthew 23:27; Mark 9:41; Romans 3:23 / 1:24; II Peter 2:12.

**Section X:** We believe the Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion concerning the tongues movement of this church age; the Holy Spirit lives in the body of every born again believer and ministers continuously to them. He regenerates, baptizes (not with water), indwells, seals and fills the believing sinner. The believer does not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit more of the believer, as he matures in his walk of faith, and in yielding in obedience to the Word of God. Therefore, these ministries of the Holy Spirit happen instantaneously to the believing sinner. They all occur by faith and are not in the least dependent upon one's personal emotional feelings at the time. I Corinthians 14:33; Titus 3:5; Romans 5:3 / 4; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 1:22.

**Section XI:** We believe that all who are saved are called into a life of purity and obedience to the will of God, which is the Word of God. A person, once he has accepted Christ as Savior, is a new creation in Christ and he should live a holy and consecrated life. He should joyfully seek to Love God with all his heart, with all his soul and with all his mind. Matthew 22:37; Romans 12:1 / 2; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Colossians 2:6; I Peter 2: 9; II Corinthians 5:17; II Timothy 2:19.

**Section XII:** We believe the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself is coming in the air at any moment to catch up as many as receive Him. Those saved of all ages will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb. We believe in the personal, bodily, visible return (Second Coming) of Christ. Those left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ, Himself, shall return to the earth visible in body to set up His Kingdom of a thousand years of righteous rule; after this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:31-34.

**Section XIII:** We believe there are two ordinances of the local Church, that were set forth by Christ Himself before He ascended back to heaven after His resurrection: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church and is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation or membership. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance for born again believers according to the individual examinations and teachings of I Corinthians 11:17-34. The unleavened bread is a reminder of His body that was broken for us, and the fruit of the vine, grape juice is a reminder of His blood that was shed for us, and these ordinances are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ.

**Section XIV:** We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is the god of this world, blinding "the minds of them which believe not," and the author of all the power of darkness, and the constant and shameless enemy of God and His kingdom. We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels. Satan is the author of all false religions, the chief power of darkness, destined, however, to judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. Matthew 4:1-3; Revelation 20:1-3; II Corinthians 4:3 / 4; Revelation 20:10; I Peter 5:8; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17.

**Section XV:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He arose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures" from the tomb, and ascended bodily into the heavens; that through His resurrection a sure hope of immortality and everlasting life is given to all who have been saved by His grace. He sits now at the right hand of God as our "Mediator, merciful and faithful High Priest, and Advocate." He awaits the order from God the Father to come and receive all believers from all of the ages to come and join Him in the heavenly places that He has prepared for us. John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12-28; Luke 24:1-7; Romans 4:25.

**Section XVI:** We believe in the eternal security of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person is born again they have everlasting life which never ends and cannot be taken away from them. Saved forever; God's children are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and sealed unto the day of redemption. Once a person is saved they are always saved. John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:5; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:35-39; John 5:24.

**Section XVII:** We believe that the Great Commission to evangelize the world was given to the church by our risen Lord and that this evangelization is the mission of the church. The Great Commission was given to the local church who was commanded to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ commanded His church to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." We believe this work is accomplished in many ways and through many means, but that every believer is compelled by the Savior to spread the news about His saving power. Matthew 28:19 / 20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

**Section XVIII:** We believe that salvation is instantaneous and happens the moment a person believes on Christ in their heart, but sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred; that it is a progressive work that is begun in regeneration; that it is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification of the believer will be complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then, and only then, will we have entire sanctification

or be sanctified wholly body, soul, and spirit. We will be completely like Him when we see Him. I Thessalonians 5:23; I Corinthians 6:11; I Thessalonians 4:1-10; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 3:18; II Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:5.

**Section XIX:** We believe that a scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized believers, covenanted together according to the New Testament Scriptures for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus on earth to this present day; that this church is a self-governed independent body having Christ as the head, the Holy Spirit for its guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only scriptural offices of the church are the Pastors (Also called in the Scriptures, Bishop and Elder) and Deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are Baptism and The Lord's Supper. On all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, or benevolence, etc., the will of the local church is final. Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:22 / 23; I Timothy 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-20.

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**Section XXI:** We believe that marriage is a sacred relationship between a man and a woman. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of the boundary of an official marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Genesis 2:24; 19:5 / 13; 26:8 / 9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4.

**Section XXII:** We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Divorce is not an unpardonable sin, and should not prevent those who have been divorced from serving in the ministry that God has called them to. Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; I Timothy 3:2 / 12.

**Section XXIII:** We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being, designed and ordered by Almighty God. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1 / 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44.

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**Section XXV:** The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source and authority for all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members.



**Article XIV**  
*Church Covenant*

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the profession of our Faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxication drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and order, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Amendment:

**Article XIV**, Church Covenant shall be amended to read:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and on the profession of our Faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly with our tithes and offerings to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children in the way they should go; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to shine as a light of truth in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from drunkenness and any conduct that would dishonor our Savior, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior through personal witnessing and the support of world wide missions; to bring Glory to Him in all things, including all business transactions and dealings that we may have in public and private.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to do all we can, lovingly and without condemnation, restore any believer who has been overtaken in a fault; to be

slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and order, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

## **Article XV**

### *Tax-Exempt Provisions*

**Section I:** No part of the net earning of the Church shall insure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this writing.

**Section II:** No substantial part of the activities of the Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**Section III:** Upon the dissolution of the Church, the Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Church, dispose of all of the assets of the Church to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), the trustees shall determine. Assets may be distributed only to organizations which agree with the Church's Statement of Faith.

**Section IV:** The Church shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Amendment:

**Article XV,** Tax-Exempt Provisions shall not be amended, but left as previously recorded.

# Crosspointe Baptist Church, Incorporated

## Articles of Incorporation

### Article I

#### *The Church Name*

This local assembly of believers shall be called Crosspointe Baptist Church.

### Article II

#### *Officer's and Administration Duties*

**Section I:** The administrative duties of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall be vested in a board of officers including the Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees.

**Section II:** The number of board members may be increased or decreased from time to time by majority vote of the congregation present at a regular meeting or a special meeting for which purpose the congregation has been notified in advance.

### Article III

#### *Election of Deacons and Trustees*

Members of the congregation shall have the privilege of presenting names as candidates for the office of Deacon or Trustee by submitting the same in writing to the church office during the month of November. The present board and the Pastor shall be empowered to also select names of other persons who meet the spiritual requirements. The names submitted by the congregation shall be referred to the Pastor to investigate and pass upon the spiritual fitness of each person for office. This report is then brought before the entire board of officers who will submit the same to the congregation for election of said officers at the church administration meeting in December.

### Article IV

#### *Election Terms and Times*

**Section I:** Board members shall be elected for a term of two years.

**Section II:** The church year shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December.

**Section III:** The time of the election for board members shall be at the December church administration meeting. Those elected will take office at the beginning of the church year.

### Article V

#### *Duties of Pastor, Deacon and Trustee*

**Section I:** The Pastor and the Deacons shall look after the administrative affairs of the church, look after the spiritual welfare of the church, and perform such duties as is stipulated by the Scriptures.

**Section II:** The Trustees shall be responsible for the care of all church property, personal and real, and perform such other duties as the state law may provide and according to the instruction of the board.

### Article VI

#### *Board Secretary and Treasurer*

The Pastor and the board shall organize at their first meeting of the new church year and elect from its own members the following officers: Secretary and Treasurer.

### Article VII

#### *Duties of the Pastor and Assistant Pastors*

**Section I:** The Pastor shall:

A) Preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and appoint any suitable member to officiate for any absent member.

**B)** He is to be a member ex-officio of all committees and boards operating under the board of officers.

**C)** In cases of resignation or removal of any office, the Pastor will appoint someone to fill said vacancy until the next regular election.

**D)** He will preach regularly at the church, or in his absence because of ministry else where, he will furnish qualified supply for the pulpit. He shall attend Bible conferences, conventions, and clinics as he feels necessary.

**E)** He shall faithfully preach and teach the whole counsel of God and shall take oversight of the church in all phases of its work and endeavors. He shall have the prerogative to bring to this church pulpit such special speakers as he feels will enhance the ministry of the church and will encourage the saints. All guest speakers and pulpit supply shall be determined by the Pastor and shall be of like faith to that of Crosspointe Baptist Church.

**F)** The Pastor shall take oversight of the entire ministry of the church and shall appoint the Sunday School teachers for an indefinite period of time.

**G)** The Pastor shall select those to direct and take part in the musical program of the church. There shall be no class parties, programs, auxiliary meetings, etc. conducted or planned without prior consent from the Pastor, and confirmation via the church planning calendar.

**Section II:** An assistant Pastor shall perform the duties of the Pastor when the Pastor is unable to act.

**Section III:** The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings incorporating therein all important transactions.

**Section IV:** The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received for their respective funds, same to be deposited in a bank or banks under the name of the church. An audit may be called for at the end of each church year.

## **Article VIII**

### *Amendments*

**Section I:** This Constitution may be amended by the congregation at a meeting called for that purpose for which an effort has been made to notify every member. A majority vote of those present is required for amendment.

**Section II:** The Pastor and the board shall submit the amendment to the congregation.

## **Article IX**

### *Membership Requirements*

**Section I:** Any person upon their confession of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, followed by the baptism of immersion in water, may be received as a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church. They may be received as a member of said church also by a letter of transfer from some other Baptist church of like faith and order or by restoration. When a person becomes a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church, all other memberships in any other church terminates. There are no dual memberships allowed to a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church and he willingly resigns all other memberships in any other church.

**Section II:** The members of Crosspointe Baptist Church shall subscribe to the church covenant, both in letter and in spirit, and are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to faithfully attend the services of the church, to give regularly for its support and benevolence, and to share in its organized work. In addition, members shall upon moving to another area, without delay, furnish the church their new address.

**Section III:** Membership of Crosspointe Baptist Church may be terminated or refused upon the recommendation of the Pastors and or Deacons by one of the following methods:

**A)** Granting a letter of transfer to another church of like faith and order.

**B)** A written request of the respective member.

**C)** Upon joining another church without requesting a letter of transfer.

**D)** By not attending weekly the regular scheduled services of Crosspointe Baptist Church for at least six (6) months, a member may be placed on an inactive list. They will upon being placed on the inactive list, forfeit all church voting rights.

**E)** Church membership may be terminated or refused to any persons who violate the principles of Christian faith and life which discredits the cause of Christ and the church as determined by the Pastors. It shall be the intent of the church to try and restore such an individual with love and tenderness, if possible.

**F)** Termination or refusal of membership will go into effect immediately after the board of Deacons and Pastors have received a majority vote for said termination or refusal with or without the notification of the person terminated or refused.

**Section IV:** The duties of the members of Crosspointe Baptist Church are as follows:

**A)** It shall be the duty of each member to honor, to esteem, and to love their Pastor; to pray for him frequently, and to manifest a tender regard for his reputation. Psalms 105:15 ; Hebrews 13:17.

**B)** All members should bring themselves to the realization that we are a part of the body of Jesus Christ and that in God's sight we are brothers and sisters. It is therefore our duty to love each other as such, to love and pray for this church as our earthly home, and to strive to honor our Lord in all we do, say, or act, bearing in mind that we are epistles of Christ, known and read by men.

**C)** This church accepts the scriptural method of "Tithes and Offerings" as its plan of finance. Because our church depends upon the tithes and offerings of our members, we assert our conviction that proportionate giving is a distinct and positive command in the scriptures and pledge ourselves to a systematic contribution for the support of the church of such a portion of our income as we believe God requires of us according to the principles laid down in I Corinthians 16:2 and Malachi 3:8-10. All members will be encouraged to underwrite the church budget by giving at least 10% of their income into the Church budget. Upon approvable of the membership, at either a regular or special meeting, the church may borrow money from any individual, corporation, or banking institution and may execute such notes, bonds, or other documents as may be necessary or proper to evidence any such loans, and to secure the payment thereof and to renew and extend any such evidence of indebtedness and security thereof from time to time, and to pledge and assign to such individual, corporation, banking institution trustee, or other act or acts as may be necessary to properly secure the person, firm, or institution from whom money is borrowed.

**D)** It shall be considered the duty of every member to do all that is in their power to win the lost of the community through personal soul winning and to bring their converts to church with them for baptism and discipleship.

**E)** Members shall strive to assist and follow the leading of any action, plan, or goal presented by the Pastor and church staff.

## **Article X**

### *The call of Congregational Meetings*

Any special administrative meeting may be called by the Pastor in case of an emergency. Effort or notification of any congregational meeting, regularly scheduled or specially called, shall be announced from the pulpit.

## **Article XI**

### *Transaction of Administrative Matters*

A quorum of the board for the transaction of administrative matters shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the board.

## **Article XII**

### *Employment and Resignations of Church Personnel*

The calling of the Pastor shall be recommended by the board subject to the approval of the congregation. The employment of all personnel of the church shall be directed by the Pastor. The resignation of all personnel shall be submitted in writing to the Pastor thirty (30) days before the date of dismissal.

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### **Article XIII**

#### *Church Doctrine*

**Section I:** We believe in the infallible inspired Word of God. We accept the Textus Receptus manuscript as the foundational material from which we derive the King James 1611. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired and edited by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken and passed down to us today. I Timothy 3:16; John 10:35; I Peter 1:19; II Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:89.

**Section II:** We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that what one believes about his origin will determine his philosophy of life. We believe creation was a direct act of God, literal days, instantaneous, and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was "after their kind." Genesis 1:1; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6 / 9; John 1:3; Colossians 1:17.

**Section III:** We believe God is a person, eternally existing; He is the one true God, but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and coequal persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; the same substance but distinct in three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics and desires. Romans 1:7; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 8:6.

**Section IV:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, His power to forgive sins and to set people free from Satan and because He claimed to be and died making this claim, arose victorious over death. Mark 12:6; John 5:22-23; Matthew 26:63 / 66; John 14:9; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; I John 5:1-5.

**Section V:** We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost and miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other person was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and He is both the Son of God and God the Son. Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14.

**Section VI:** Jesus took the saved sinner's place, bore his sins, met the penalty, through a substitutionary death for all men. Jesus satisfied the law, becoming our accepted substitute; His righteousness, His right-doing, is imputed to us by faith and so we, through Him have kept the law. The blood of Christ cleanses, instead of merely covering the sins of man. Isaiah 53:5; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; I Peter 3:18; Matthew 26:28.

**Section VII:** The sacrifice made by Jesus is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only ground of justification. We believe that no man cometh to God except through Jesus Christ. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important thing to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is: first salvation, then works. Acts 4:12; I Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 5:9; John 12:46; John 20:31; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2: 9 / 10; Titus 3:5-8.

**Section VIII:** We believe that Heaven and Hell are real literal physical places. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty and glory, just as Hell is a place of indescribable torment and punishment. So throughout all eternity, Heaven is the final eternal dwelling place of the saved, and Hell is a place of eternal punishment of the lost and total separation from God. Matthew 6:20; Luke 10:20; John 14:2; Daniel 7:10; Isaiah 33:14; Matthew 13:42; Mark 9:41; Revelation 14:10.

**Section IX:** Man is wicked, corrupt, and under sin. As it is written, "There is none righteousness, not one," proving that all were alike under sin in an unregenerate condition. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Genesis 6:5; Job 15:16; Psalm 14:3; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 16:12; Matthew 23:27; Mark 9:41; Romans 1:24; II Peter 2:12.

**Section X:** The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion concerning the tongues movement of this church age. The Holy Spirit ministers to the Christian, He regenerates, baptizes (not water), indwells, seals and fills the believing sinner. The believer does not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit more of the

believer. Therefore, these ministries of the Holy Spirit happen instantaneously to the believing sinner. They all occur by faith and are not in the least dependent upon one's personal emotional feelings at the time. I Corinthians 14:33; Titus 3:5; Romans 5:3 / 4; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 1:22.

**Section XI:** We believe that all who are saved are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. A person, once he has truly accepted Christ as his Savior, is a new creation in Christ and he should live a holy consecrated life; he should separate himself from the world and all its lust in obedience to the command of God. Romans 12:1 / 2; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Colossians 2:6; I Peter 2:9; II Corinthians 5:17; II Timothy 2:19.

**Section XII:** The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself is coming in the air at any moment to catch up as many as receive Him. Those saved of all ages will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb. We believe in the personal, bodily, visible pre-millennial return (Second Coming) of Christ. Those left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ, Himself, shall return to the earth visible in body to set up His Kingdom of a thousand years of righteous rule; after this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:31-34.

**Section XIII:** We believe there are two ordinances of the local Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church and is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance of the local Church members according to the individual examinations and teachings of I Corinthians 11:17-34. The unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, grape juice, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ.

**Section XIV:** We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is the god of this world, blinding "the minds of them which believe not," and the author of all the power of darkness. We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels. Satan is the author of all false religions, the chief power of darkness, destined, however, to judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. Matthew 4:1-3; Revelation 20:1-3; II Corinthians 4:3 / 4; Revelation 20:10; I Peter 5:8; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17.

**Section XV:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He arose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures" from the tomb, and ascended bodily into the heavens; that through His resurrection a sure hope of immortality and everlasting life is given to all who have been saved by His grace. His is at the right hand of God as our "Mediator, merciful and faithful High Priest, and Advocate." John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12-28; Luke 24:1-7; Romans 4:25.

**Section XVI:** We believe in the eternal security of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person is born again they have everlasting life which never ends and cannot be taken away from them. Saved forever; God's children are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and sealed unto the day of redemption. John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:5; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:35-39; John 5:24.

**Section XVII:** We believe that the Great Commission to evangelize the world was given to the church by our risen Lord and that this evangelization is the mission of the church. The Great Commission was given to the local church who was commanded to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ commanded His church to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19 / 20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

**Section XVIII:** We believe that sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred; that it is a progressive work that is begun in regeneration; that it is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification of the

believer will be complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then, and only then, will we have entire sanctification or be sanctified wholly body, soul, and spirit. I Thessalonians 5:23; I Corinthians 6:11; I Thessalonians 4:1-10; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 3:18; II Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:5.

**Section XIX:** We believe that a scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized believers, covenanted together under New Testament law for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus on earth to this present day; that this church is a self-governed independent body having Christ as the head, the Holy Spirit for its guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only scriptural offices of the church are the Bishop (Pastor) and Deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are Baptism and The Lord's Supper. On all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, or benevolence, etc., the will of the local church is final. Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:22 / 23; I Timothy 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-20.

**Section XX:** We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) The Home 2) The Church and 3) The State. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned sphere of responsibility under God. It shall be our continual practice to obey God and His Word as our highest authority. If there is ever a conflict of some other law with God's law, we obey God. Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 2:13-14.

**Section XXI:** We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Genesis 2:24; 19:5 / 13; 26:8 / 9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4.

**Section XXII:** We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the church and greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the offices of Pastor or Deacon. Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; I Timothy 3:2 / 12; Titus 1:6.

**Section XXIII:** We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1 / 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44.

**Section XXIV:** We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the Church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the Church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. I Corinthians 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:31 / 32.

**Section XXV:** The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members.



## **Article XIV**

### *Church Covenant*

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the profession of our Faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and order, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

## **Article XV**

### *Tax-Exempt Provisions*

**Section I:** No part of the net earning of the Church shall insure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this writing.

**Section II:** No substantial part of the activities of the Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**Section III:** Upon the dissolution of the Church, the Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Church, dispose of all of the assets of the Church to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), the trustees shall determine. Assets may be distributed only to organizations which agree with the Church's Statement of Faith.

**Section IV:** The Church shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

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