

1 **CROSS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SBC CONSTITUTION**

2 This Constitution is hereby ordained and established for Cross Fellowship Church SBC, Colorado, by vote of the  
3 membership on August 22, 2021 and precludes all previous constitutions of this church.  
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5 **PREAMBLE**

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7 We, the members of Cross Fellowship Church SBC, Colorado, declare and establish this constitution for the  
8 preservation and security of the principles of our faith and for the governing of this church in an orderly manner. This  
9 constitution establishes the rights and preserves the liberties of each individual member and the freedom of action of  
10 this church in relation to other entities, all to the glory of God.  
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12 **ARTICLE I: NAME**

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14 This body shall be known as Cross Fellowship Church SBC is a 501(C)3 organization and is incorporated within the  
15 State of Colorado.  
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17 **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

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19 This church purposes to glorify God by fulfilling our Lord’s Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by obeying  
20 His Great Commandment (Matthew 22:35-40).  
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22 **ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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24 A. We believe the Holy Bible is the divinely inspired and inerrant Word of God and is God’s revelation of Himself to  
25 man, to be accepted in its entirety as the final authority in matters of faith and practice. The Bible is the basis for this  
26 statement of faith. (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20, II Timothy 1:13, Psalm 119:105, 160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)  
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28 B. We believe the eternal triune God exists coequally as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the Father to  
29 those who are born again into His family through faith in Jesus Christ, and He sovereignly reigns with providential  
30 care over His universe, His creatures, and human history, according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful,  
31 all knowing, all loving, and all wise. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Genesis 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19, I Peter 1:2;  
32 II Corinthians 13:14)  
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34 C. We believe Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, fully God and fully man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born  
35 of a virgin. He lived in this world, without sin, was crucified, and in His death, bore the sins of all mankind. He was  
36 buried and on the third day rose from the dead, thereby obtaining redemption for all who receive Him as Savior and  
37 Lord. He ascended to God the Father and will come again to receive to Himself the redeemed, and pass judgment  
38 on all who reject Him as Savior and Lord. (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14; John 14:10-30; Hebrews  
39 4:14, 15; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; I Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13)  
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41 D. We believe the Holy Spirit is fully divine, convicting unbelievers of sin, calling them to the Savior, effecting  
42 regeneration, indwelling and sealing every believer, and baptizing each into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit  
43 works in the believer’s life by glorifying Christ; by cultivating Christian character; by comforting, empowering, filling,  
44 and guiding the believer into all truth; and by bestowing spiritual gifts with which the believer serves God through His  
45 church. (II Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12; I Corinthians 3:16;  
46 Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)  
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48 E. We believe every person is a sinner by nature and also sins of his or her own free will, and he or she lives under  
49 the condemnation of sin and needs to be saved. Salvation for all is by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone;  
50 whereby, through regeneration the sinner is bestowed the gifts of faith and repentance. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians  
51 2:8-9); John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; John 10:28-30; Romans 8:29-30)  
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53 Those whom God has accepted in Christ have been sealed by His Holy Spirit and will never lose their salvation.

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2 F. We believe a New Testament church is an autonomous, local body of baptized believers associated by covenant  
3 in the faith and fellowship of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The New Testament also speaks of the universal church  
4 consisting of believers from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. Matthew 16:15-19; Acts 2:41-42, 47; Ephesians  
5 1:22-23; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:18)

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7 G. We believe the ordinance of baptism is the immersion in water of a professed believer in the name of the Father,  
8 the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Baptism is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in the crucified, buried  
9 and risen Savior, and symbolizing his or her own death to sin, the burial of his or her old life, and his or her  
10 resurrection to a new life in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Acts 2:41-42; Romans 6:3-5;  
11 Colossians 2:12)

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13 H. We believe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is an act of obedience to Christ's command, whereby members of  
14 His body partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine commemorating and proclaiming the sacrificial death of our  
15 Lord Jesus Christ until His return. We believe the elements of the Lord's Supper symbolize Christ's body and blood,  
16 broken and shed for us. Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; I Corinthians 11:23-29)

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18 I. We believe in the biblical definition of family and marriage based on the uniting of one man and one woman in  
19 covenant relationship. This belief affirms that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and  
20 one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union (Genesis 2:18-25;  
21 I Corinthians 6:18; I Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4).

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24 J. We believe God created human beings as male and female as determined by a person's chromosomal structure  
25 at birth. The complementary relational nature of the human race as "male and female" reflects the created order  
26 given by God when He created human beings "in His image." (Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6)

## 30 **ARTICLE V: FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

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32 The government of Cross Fellowship Church SBC is vested in the body of believers who are members of this church  
33 owing allegiance to its head the Lord Jesus Christ. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute the  
34 membership. These members shall be individuals who have in common their spiritual union with the Lord Jesus  
35 Christ and their agreement with our Statement of Faith. These members, so bound together, regard one another as  
36 joint-heirs with Christ and equally obligated to fulfill the purpose of this church.

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38 All internal groups created and empowered by Cross Fellowship Church SBC shall only report to and be  
39 accountable to this church, unless otherwise specified by church action under the authority of this Constitution.

## 42 **ARTICLE VI: RELATIONSHIPS**

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44 Cross Fellowship Church SBC is not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and  
45 sustains the obligation of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Southern Baptist churches.  
46 Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the Pikes Peak Baptist Association, the Colorado  
47 Baptist General Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in the fulfilling of our purpose. In association with  
48 the Southern Baptist Convention, we affirm our Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

## 50 **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

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52 Amendments to this constitution may be proposed to the Leadership Council for a vote upon approval, then it shall  
53 be moved to the church for a vote. Such amendments shall: (1) be mailed and emailed to the membership at least

1 one month in advance of the meeting to amend; (3) be furnished to each member present at that meeting; (4) be  
2 announced from the platform during the worship service(s) on two consecutive weekends immediately preceding the  
3 meeting to amend; and (5) be approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting to  
4 amend with twenty percent of the resident membership as of that date constituting a quorum. Amendments to this  
5 constitution will be incorporated into a revised document replacing the pre-existing constitution and annotated by a  
6 revision date.