

Sadieville Christian Church

Bylaws

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Sadieville, KY. 40370

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Article I

Name

This church is incorporated as “Sadieville Christian Church” of Sadieville, Ky.

Article II

Purpose

Founded in 1892, our mission has always been to “Preach the Good News to all creation” as stated in The Great Commission in Mark 16:15. We believe:

- The Bible is the authoritative, infallible word of God.
Revelations 22:18-19
- Jesus Christ is the son of the living God and our Savior.
Matthew 16:16
- Jesus Christ was born to the virgin Mary, he died on the cross and was resurrected to save us and extend the promise of eternal life to all believers.
Acts 2:23-24 and Acts 2:38-39
- The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God and lives within Christian believers.
Acts 2:38
- The confession of faith, repentance and baptism by immersion are the acts that demonstrate Christian obedience,
Matthew 28:19-20 & Acts 2:38
- The Lord’s Supper is observed each week in remembrance of our Savior.
Matthew 26:26-28
- Tithing and good stewardship of God’s resources are evidence of our faith in God as our provider.
Luke 6:38

Article III

Membership

Section 1: Anyone may become a member after:

- A. Hearing about Jesus Christ (Romans 10:17, Acts 16:32)
- B. Believing in Christ (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9-10)

- C. Repenting of sin (Acts 2:38)
- D. Confessing faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10)
- E. Being baptized (immersed in water) into Christ (Acts 2:38, Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-5)

as set forth in the New Testament. Or, having previously submitted to the above, receives the right hand of fellowship by a minister or elder of the church.

Section 2: All members who are supporting this church by regular attendance and through participating in tithing, offering, and/or personal service, shall be considered active and constitute the "Membership Roll". Members must continually devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42).

Section 3: The membership role will be updated regularly with guidance from the Elders and Senior Minister.

Article IV

Congregational Meetings

Section 1: Annual Congregational Meeting - There will be held each year, in the fall season, a general meeting of all members of the church, as far as is possible, which will be known as the "Annual Meeting of the Sadieville Christian Church". Said meeting will be for hearing reports of the various ministries of the church, and to transact other such business as may come before it. The exact date and time of the meeting must be published or announced at every worship service at least two Sundays prior to the meeting. The fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year January 1 through December 31.

Section 2: A special congregational meeting of the church may be called by either of the following methods:

- A. By a majority vote of the Board of Elders
- B. Upon signed request by at least 40% of the active members of the church

All business transacted will be binding and have the same force as if transacted at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The date and time of a special meeting must

be published or announced at every worship service at least two Sundays prior to the meeting. The notice shall also state the specific purpose and no other business shall be conducted.

Section 3: All congregational meetings will be presided over by the Chairman of the Board of Elders.

Section 4: Any number of active members of the church at any congregational meeting will be considered a quorum.

Article V

Church Leadership

Section 1: Board of Elders

- A. The Board of Elders will be the overseeing body of the church, constantly working for the general spiritual welfare of the church. They have the charge of overseeing all matters of the church. Mainly, they are to shepherd the flock (church).
- B. The Board of Elders will consist of no less than three (3) elders. In the event the Board of Elders consists of less than three (3) members, then the board will recruit interim shepherds for a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of one (1) year during which period the Board will call a congregational meeting to affirm the new elders.
- C. The Board of Elders will meet regularly on a monthly basis or more often should the need arise, provided each elder is notified. There should be a majority of elders present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.
- D. At the first regular monthly meeting of a given year the Board of Elders, will organize and affirm from their body a chairman and any other position deemed necessary.
- E. It is the duty of of the chairman to preside over meetings of the Board of

Elders and any other congregational meetings. It will be the responsibility of the chairman to call any special meetings of the Board. The chairman shall at the discretion and direction of the Board appoint all special committees and shall also be an ex-officio member of all said committees.

- F. It will be the duty of of the chairman to ensure upkeep of minutes at all meetings of the Board or congregation.

Section 2: Elder Selection

- A. Any Candidate for the eldership must meet the scriptural characteristics (I Tim. 3:1-7), be nominated by an active member of Sadieville Christian Church by the method determined by the Board of Elders, approved and submitted by the Board of Elders, to the congregation for affirmation at a Congregational Meeting.
- B. Elders shall be affirmed at a Congregational Meeting and must receive two-thirds (66%) of the casted votes. Any box that is not checked is not counted for or against.
- C. All voting shall be by secret ballot of the members of the church whom are 18 years of age or older and are present at the Congregational Meeting. No voting age church member present will be refused a ballot, but no ballots may be distributed and collected prior to the official vote, and no absentee ballots will be accepted.
- D. Board members will serve for three (3) years and then must be put up for congregational vote to continue.
- E. An ordination service will be held as soon as is practical for newly

elected elders to be formally set aside or identified for leadership by the Board of Elders and the congregation before our Lord Jesus.

Article VI

Church Service

Section 1: Ministry Teams

- A. Ministry teams will be established according to the spiritual, physical, or organizational needs of the congregation.
- B. Any member of the congregation may request or make known the need for the establishment of a ministry team, although the establishment must be approved by the Board of Elders.
- C. Each ministry team will have a job description on record with the Board of Elders and will have a ministry team leader to oversee and coordinate the activities of that particular ministry and also an elder as liaison to the Board.

Section 2: Service Leadership Offices

- A. Ministry Team Leader
 - 1. The Ministry Team Leader will oversee/coordinate the activities of the team to maximize the mission/objectives of the particular ministry.
 - 2. The Ministry Team Leader will be appointed by the Board of Elders.
- C. Church Treasurer
 - 1. The treasurer will be elected by a majority of the Board of Elders and may serve successive annual terms with the majority approval of the Board.

2. The treasurer will be bonded and covered by theft insurance by the church.
3. A more detailed job description will be on record with the elders and will be consistent with respect to the normal duties of a treasurer.

E. Church Clerk

1. The church clerk will be elected by a majority of the Board of Elders and may serve successive annual terms with the majority of approval of the Board.
2. It shall be the duty of the church clerk to update and maintain all records and documents pertaining to membership lists, transfers, baptism, minutes of congregational meetings, and church history. A copy of these documents should be maintained and filed at the church at all times.
3. Any member may have access to these church documents, but only under the supervision of the church clerk.

Article VII

Ministers

Section 1: Characteristics/Qualifications

- A. The minister shall be a member of the Christian Church (non-denominational) and **MUST BELIEVE WITHOUT RESERVATION** in the full and final inspiration of the Bible to the extent that it is the infallible word of God and therefore, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice. He must believe unreservedly in the Deity and Supreme

Authority of Christ. He must believe and accept without mental reservation Article II and Article III, Sec. 1.

- B. It shall be the duty of each minister to have at heart the welfare of the congregation in every respect and to promote the well being of the church.
- c. The ministers will be responsible to the Board of Elders for the performance of their duties, A more detailed job description will be on record with the Board of Elders.

Section 2: Selection of Ministers

- A. In the event of a vacancy in a ministerial position, the Board of Elders will appoint a search committee consisting of a minimum of five (5) members, of whom three (3) must be elders.
- B. The search committee shall acquaint themselves with the individual to be considered. After unanimous approval will then recommend said candidate to the Board of Elders.
- C. Upon unanimous approval by the Board of Elders, the candidate will be contacted by the chairman of the search committee to schedule one or more sermons or meetings (whichever may be appropriated for the position being filled).
- D. After the sermon or meeting, the Board of Elders must again reach a unanimous approval before the candidate may be hired or, in the case of senior minister, submitted to the congregation for affirmation. Only one candidate for the senior minister position may be presented to the congregation at a time.
- E. The candidate for senior minister may then be called by at least a

two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a duly called Congregational Meeting.

- F. Any minister's services may be terminated by a unanimous vote by the Board of Elders. Notice shall be given in writing.

Article VIII

Staff

Section 1

Positions of staff will be reviewed and established by the Board of Elders based on need. Ministers, elders, staff, or members may request additional staff or changes in staff. The request should include need and justification for the additions or change being requested.

Section 2

All Ministry Staff are directly responsible to the senior minister, but ultimately to the Board of Elders.

Section 3

More detailed job descriptions for all staff positions will be on record with the Board of Elders

Article IX

General Operations Standards

Any situation not covered by or provided for in this document (Sadieville Christian Church By-Laws), will be dealt with by the Board of Elders.

Article X

Amendment Procedure

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a duly called Congregational Meeting. The entire amendment must be submitted to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting. In all doctrinal matters the New Testament alone shall be our only authority.

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Article XI

Adoption

This constitution will become effective immediately upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of active members present at any duly called congregational meeting.