

Constitution and Bylaws of Grace Bible Church-Oshkosh, Inc.
October 19, 2019 (Rev. 10.19.19)

ARTICLE I – NAME / INCORPORATION

The name of this organization shall be Grace Bible Church-Oshkosh, Inc. (“the Church”). This organization is incorporated under Chapter 181 (Nonstock / Member Organization) of the State of Wisconsin statutes.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

The object of this organization shall be to preach the gospel of the grace of God that the Apostle Paul received from the Lord Jesus Christ and to teach the Word of God in accord with the doctrinal statement. (Acts 20:24)

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ARTICLE III – DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Tim. 3:16, 17)
2. We firmly stand on the Mid-Acts Dispensation position. We believe that in the present age, there is only one true Church, which is called the Body of Christ and that it is distinct from the prophesied, earthly Kingdom Church of Acts 2. The historical appearance of the Body of Christ began with Jesus Christ’s revelation of the mystery to the Apostle Paul before Paul wrote any of the epistles. These distinctions include (but are not limited to) the Gospel of Grace, that Israel is temporarily set aside and there is now no difference between Jews and Gentiles, and that all the sign gifts of the Acts period such as tongues and prophesy were temporary in character and have ceased. (I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 1:22-23; Eph 3:1-6; I Thes. 2:14-16; Acts 13:45-46; Eph 2:8-9; I Cor. 12:13,27; Rom. 10:12; I Cor. 13:8-11).
3. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut.6:4, Heb. 1:8, 9, John 1:1, Acts 5: 3, 9; II Cor. 13:14, I John 5:7, Eph. 4:4-6)

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4. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. (Luke 1:31,35)
5. We believe that all men have sinned and thereby incurred spiritual death, which is separation from God, and cannot save themselves. (Rom. 3:23)
6. We believe God is absolutely sovereign and that in His sovereignty, He has ordained that man's destiny depends on man's choice (Ps. 103:19; Rom. 8:28-39; I Cor. 1:21).
7. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was perfectly sinless and died for our sins according to the scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who by faith receive Him as their personal Savior are justified on the grounds of His blood shed on Calvary; they are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God. (Rom. 4:5, 25, Rom 10:9, I Cor. 15:3,4, II Cor. 5:21)
8. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His bodily ascension into Heaven, and in His present position as mediator for us. (I Tim. 2:5, 6; Rom. 1:3, 4)
9. We believe that every individual who puts his trust in Jesus Christ is baptized at that moment by the Holy Spirit into the one, true Church, the Body of Christ. Water baptism is not part of God's spiritual program in this age of grace. (Eph. 4:5, I Cor. 12:13; I Cor. 1:17)
10. We believe that communion of the Lord's Supper as revealed through the Apostle Paul is to be observed by the Body of Christ until "He shall have come". The Lord's Supper is not an ordinance or a sacrament. (I Cor. 11:23-26)
11. We believe that by reason of the imputed righteousness of God, every member of the Body of Christ has a perfect, eternal standing before God, and is eternally secure in Christ. Each believer is called by the grace of God to living a surrendered, Spirit-filled life apart from sin. (Eph. 1:13 14; Titus 2:11-14; Rom 8:38,39; Eph. 5:18,19; Rom. 12:1,2))
12. We believe that God answers prayer and restores health when it is His will. (I John 5:14, 15; II Cor. 1:9-11, I Thess. 5:25)

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13. We believe that Christ will come again. First, He will come before the prophesied time of tribulation to receive the Church, the Body of Christ, to Himself in the air. Then, after the tribulation, He will come to establish His millennial kingdom on Earth. (I Thess. 4:15-17; Matt. 25:31-34; Rev. 20:4, 6)
14. We believe that all scripture must be interpreted in the light of the truths that Christ spoke through the Apostle Paul. (Rom. 16:25; Rom. 16:26, Eph. 3:1-9, II Tim. 2:15)
15. We believe in the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God to every human being, and in the edification for the members of the Body of Christ and that our commission in this age of grace is found in II Corinthians 5:14-21 (II Tim. 2:3).
16. The Biblical account of Creation is true for the origin of all things. Atheistic and theistic evolution are rejected as being false. (Gen. 1:1-31; Ex. 20:11; Job 38:4, Col. 1:17)
17. Life of the unborn begins at conception, and abortion of the unborn is murder. (Matt. 1:18; Ecc. 11:5; Ex. 21:22, 23)
18. Based upon Article III, (1) above, we believe that an intimate sexual relationship is a gift from God, designed exclusively for the marriage relationship between a man and a woman as husband and wife. (Gen. 1:27; Heb. 13:4)