

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST MISSIONS

What We Believe

CONSTITUTION

The name of this mission society shall be **INTERNATION BAPTIST MISSIONS**. There are three reasons why the name was chosen:

- I. INTERNATIONAL CONVEYS A WORLD-WIDE SCOPE.**
- II. BAPTIST INDICATES A STAND FOR THE HISTORIC BAPTIST POSITION.**
- III. MISSIONS REVEALS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.**

Whereas the New Testament sets forth the local church as the pillar and ground of the truth; and,

Whereas it is practical and wise to carry out the Great Commission through a Baptist mission board that can assist the missionaries in all of their endeavors, as well as being answerable to the local churches; and,

Whereas such theological movements as ecumenical evangelism, evangelism in depth, new evangelicalism, and the charismatic movement have caused great division among Baptists at home and abroad; and,

Whereas we believe in a Biblically consistent separation especially as it applies to mission agencies that are prone to influence by personal and ecclesiastical worldliness;

Wherefore, be it resolved that we establish this Baptist mission agency to be militant in its separation from unbelievers as well as those believers who compromise with unbelievers and tolerate unbelievers, and that this agency shall be a servant to likeminded churches in reaching the lost around the world.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to act as a channel through which Bible-believing Baptist churches can carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth in world evangelization and thereby fulfill the Great Commission. Great emphasis shall be placed upon establishing local, indigenous, New Testament Baptist churches. Any other areas of operation by the missionaries such as hospitals and schools must be considered an arm of the local church. They are not an end in themselves but a means to an end. Institutionalism and modern day social service programs as practiced by the new evangelical and liberal mission boards shall be strenuously avoided.

The purpose shall be accomplished by the receiving and disbursing of funds, in the examination and appointment of candidates, and making all the necessary arrangements of sending forth missionary personnel and establishing them on their respective fields.

ORGANIZATION

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The pastor and deacons of the Tri-City Baptist Church, Chandler, Arizona, shall comprise the board of directors. The board shall have complete charge over all the affairs of International Baptist Missions, as directed by the constitution, and such by-laws or principles, and policies as many be adopted. The pastor of Tri-City Baptist Church shall act as president of the board.

II. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The election of deacon-directors shall be in accord with the method for electing deacons of the Tri-City Baptist Church as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the church.

III. MEETINGS

Meetings may be called at any time at the direction of the president. Two-thirds of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. Any business action necessitates a two-thirds vote of the quorum.

IV. GENERAL DIRECTOR

A general director responsible for the administrative direction of the Mission shall be selected by the directors.

V. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

An associate director shall be selected by the board as needed to serve under the director.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

COOPERATING BOARD

A cooperating board shall be selected by the board of directors. The board shall have no voting power but will represent the convictions of IBM on a national level and shall be solicited for input and advice. Any individual may be placed on the cooperating board by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors and will serve for a period of three years. Any newly elected or re-elected pastor on the cooperating board must, at a minimum, financially support either an IBM missionary, the home office, the general director, or the associate director on a regular basis.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

I. THE SCRIPTURE

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are verbally and plenary inspired; that they contain truth without any mixture of error in the autographs; that they are infallible and inerrant in all matters of which they speak;

and that they constitute God's complete revelation and are the sole authority for faith and practice.

II. THE GODHEAD

We believe that there is one God existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one in essence and co-eternal/co-equal in every Divine attribute.

III. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death, arose bodily from the grave, ascended to heaven, now intercedes for believers, and will come again in a pre-tribulation, pre-millennial appearing.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Person in the Godhead who restrains evil, convicts of sin, bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony, the agent in the new birth, indwells the believer, baptizes into the Body of Christ, and fills believers for spiritual service. We believe that the gift of tongues and the special gifts of healing and sign miracles were temporary and not for this age, although God may heal the sick and afflicted in accord with His own will.

V. THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that Adam was created in innocence and by a voluntary transgression fell; that when Adam fell, mankind fell; that man is born with a sinful nature and spiritually dead; that he is totally depraved and unable to effect his own salvation.

VI. SALVATION

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ, by which work Christ fully satisfied the just demands of a holy and righteous God; and that believers are kept by the power of God and that the mark of genuine salvation is the perseverance to the end.

VII. SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is positional in that one is established in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts Christ as Savior; that it is a process as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to the believer; that it is practical in that we are daily being conformed to the image of Christ, and that it is future when in heaven we will be delivered from all sin.

VIII. SEPARATION

We believe separation includes:

1. Separation of church and state (but not government separated from its scriptural foundations).

2. Separation of the local church from any affiliation or fellowship that denies the basic fundamentals of the faith, from those that practice inclusivism, and from believers who are tolerant of unbelievers.
3. Separation from worldly practices and amusements.

IX. THE CHURCH

We believe in the church as a living, spiritual body of which Christ is the Head; and of which all regenerate people of this age are a part; that the Church is peculiar to the age of grace and is completely distinct from Israel; that the local church is a group of believers, immersed on profession of faith and associated for worship, fellowship, and service; that local churches have the absolute right to self government free from interference of any hierarchy; that every believer should align himself with a local church and give total cooperation to its ministries.

X. THE ORDINANCES

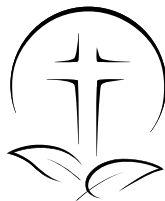
We believe that there are two ordinances for the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is by single immersion for believers and is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership, that the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of the Lord's death until He comes again and should be preceded always by a solemn self-examination; and that these ordinances are to be performed only under the authority of the local church.

XI. THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe that the Great Commission is a divine commandment for this age, and as such primarily involves evangelism and church planting both at home and abroad.

XII. LAST THINGS

We believe in the pre-tribulation, pre-millennial return of Christ; that after the rapture of the Church there will be seven years of tribulation on earth; that this will be followed by the personal, visible, return of Christ to put down His enemies and set up a thousand-year millennial reign; that at the end of the reign Satan will be loosed for a season and then cast into the lake of fire; that at this time the second resurrection for all unsaved will take place; that they will be judged at the Great White Throne and will be condemned to eternal torment in the lake of fire; that Christ will reign forever as King of Kings and Lord of Lords with the righteous eternally.



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