

FAITH IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP

Non-Denominational Association of
Ministers and Churches

DOCTRINE & PRECEPTS

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PURPOSE

To promote the Kingdom of God. To establish fellowship between churches and ministers in the United States of America and foreign lands. To license and ordain ministers, support missions, offer training seminars, youth ministries, ministry of music and affiliate churches.

To offer protection of this charter and tax exemption status for churches, institutions and associations becoming affiliated with this fellowship. To build upon one another in most holy faith. To “earnestly” contend for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3).

To grant each local unit, whether fellowship, church or institution, absolute sovereignty to handle its local affairs and each minister the right to carry out his or her individual vision as God directs.

To provide a voluntary cooperative basis of fellowship for various local fellowships, churches, Christian workers, ministers and institutions that believe the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, and to assist one another in carrying out the command of the Master to evangelize the world.

Churches, institutions and associations becoming affiliated with this fellowship may be independent, self-covering, own their own property, choose their name, and call their own pastors or leaders as God may direct.

WHEREAS, it is the express purpose of God, our heavenly father, to call of the world a saved people who shall constitute the body of Christ, and establish his church, build upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself, being the Chief cornerstone.

WHEREAS, the members of the church are enjoined to assemble themselves together for worship, fellowship, counsel and instruction in the Word of God, the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for a New Testament church.

WHEREAS, it is evident that the early apostolic churches came together in fellowship as a representative body of saved, spirit filled believers who ordained and sent our evangelists and missionaries who, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, set over the Church: Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we recognize that “we are a cooperative” fellowship of spirit-filled saints, united together to carry out the Great Commission, go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, with faith in our hearts that He will be with us unto the end.”

DOCTRINE

FELLOWSHIP:

The Word of God is the Bible, by men of old, as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. "Whole Bible for a whole man."

Fellowship is the unity of born again believers coming together to worship God in spirit and truth.

Born again being the new birth of man or the new creatures in Christ (II Cor. 5:17 and John 3:7). Having our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ (Matt. 26:28, Eh. 1:7, Col. 1:14 and Heb. 9:12).

Being made one in spirit making the body of Christ which has many members but one body (I Cor. 12:12-14), Jesus Christ being the head of the church or body (Eph. 1:22, Col. 1:18).

WATER BAPTISM:

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed, as commanded in the scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have believed in Christ as Savior and Lord.

In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their hearts have already been washed with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing, thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Acts 10:47, Rom. 6:4-5).

BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT:

Born again believers are entitled to and should earnestly seek the promise of the Father, baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, and speaking in tongues as evidence (Acts 2:2-4, Acts 11:16).

Also receiving the power and nine gifts of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:8-10), so that we will be able to work in the body of Christ that the needs of that body might be supplied.

SANCTIFICATION:

Sanctification is for all who believe that the saving of their souls should be sought after by walking in obedience to God's Word (I Thess. 5:23, Heb 12:14, I Peter 1:15-16 and I John 2:16).

RAPTURE:

Rapture is resurrection and translation of the saints of God as the scripture says in John 14:3, I Cor. 15:51-52, Phil. 3:20-21, I Thess. 3:13 and 4:12-18.

DIVINE HEALING & MORE:

Divine healing of the sick, casting out of evil spirits and working of miracles as the Bible teaches, in Matt. 8:16 and 12:10-13, Acts 3:6-8, Mark 2:5, Acts 5:16 and 16:16-18 and 19:12, etc.

MINISTRY:

We believe all God-called and ordained ministers should have the freedom to seek God and be led by the Holy Ghost to preach where God sends them, to pastor churches under God's direction and not man's, to fellowship with all churches and people.

For the body of Christ is not divided, for love makes all members of the body work in coordination with each other. There should be no division between God's people (Eph. 4:11-12).

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

APOSTLE: This office is usually characterized by; foundation laying, establishing churches, teachings, correcting error and establishing proper order and structure (2 Cor. 8:23) and acting as an oversight ministry that fathers other ministries (I Cor. 4:25, 2 Cor. 11:28), with signs, wonders, and miracles following.

PROPHET: A prophet speaks by the authority of the Holy Spirit (Num. 11:29; 24:4) and they faithfully proclaim God's word and not their own (Jer. 23:16, Ezek. 13:2) without being intimidated or threatened by their audience (Jer. 1:7-8, Ezek. 2:6). A prophet is submissive to authority (I Cor. 14:37) and they are nourished, prayed for, and sent forth with accountability (Acts 13:1-3, 14:26-28). People can know a true prophet by the Biblical standard outlined in Deut. 18:20-22 and the prophet is subject to it as well.

PASTOR: The one set over the church of the saints of God as in Acts 20:28 to fulfill commandments to feed the flock, strengthen the diseased, heal the sick. Bind up the broken hearted, seek the lost and bring back those that were driven away.

EVANGELIST: To work under the pastor and teachings of said church, to minister in love so that many souls might be saved. To lift up the church ministering to the needs of the congregation with the gifts of the Spirit that the evangelist has been blessed with.

TEACHERS: Are to work under the pastor and the teachings of said church, to enlighten the Word of God to the saints that they might better understand the Word of God.

STANDARDS

MINISTERIAL STANDARD: Believing as we do that the Gospel ministry is the highest calling of men and women and represents the most holy relationship known to man.

CREDENTIALS: Ordained ministers, licensed and Christian workers, becoming affiliated with the Faith In Action Fellowship shall first be ordained or recommended to be licensed by two or more ordained ministers of maturity.

Such worthy individuals, after being properly ordained or recommended for license shall be referred to this office through an application blank by our office and in return shall receive proper credentials, signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the fellowship.

The local churches are urged to exercise good judgment in the examination of applicants and at no time are they to recommend them for credentials unless the church is convinced that God has called the applicant to a definite ministry and that the applicant is living a consecrated life and has a proven ministry.

Faith In Action Fellowship assumes no obligation for the ministry, life and conduct of the ministers holding credentials from this office, but according to the scriptures, each minister is responsible to the congregation to which he ministers or attends.

Applicants shall not receive ordination credentials unless they are actively engaged in the ministry and have at least one year of preaching experience.

AFFILIATED CHURCHES:

1. Be it understood that all property of church and all title deeds thereof are vested in the local church, and that the church is a sovereign body in itself.
2. Churches raised up by the fellowship; we recommend that they be set in order and a Board of Trustees be appointed by the church to hold said property on trust for the church, and that they become a sovereign body within themselves, teaching the fundamental truth in this constitution having the power to appoint their own officers and a minister in good standing with the fellowship.
3. Any church that calls on the fellowship to assist them in the business of that church will be required to help with the expenses of the meeting.
4. A Faith In Action Fellowship affiliated church has the protection of the charter and tax exemption status and shall receive an offering to help with the expense of this protection.

INFORMATION: For more information or if we can be of assistance or service to you or your church, please contact us.

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FAITH IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

Faith in Action Fellowship is a 501(c) 3 Tax Exempt association of Ministers, Churches, Missionaries, Evangelistic and Singing Ministries.

We offer the following as services and resources:

- Personal Pastoral Letters
- Fellowship
- Pastoral Care
- Spiritual Covering
- Women's Ministry
- Missions
- Conventions
- Counseling
- Tax Exemption
- Newsletters
- Incorporation
- Seminars
- Organizational Structure for your church or ministry

Members include:

- Independent Spirit filled churches
- Independent Spirit filled ministries
- Independent Christian Schools

Be a part of a Spiritual, growing association of ministers and churches who are interested in you and your ministry on a personal basis. You are important to Jesus, His body of believers and us.

For free information regarding membership and credentials please call:

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