

# KOSSUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH INCORPORATED

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LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

## CONSTITUTION

This is the Constitution of the Kossuth Street Baptist Church Incorporated, Lafayette, Indiana.

## ARTICLES

*Only relevant articles are listed below. You can find the full current constitution at [ksbc.net/beliefs](http://ksbc.net/beliefs).*

### Article III - Statement of Faith

*The Statement of Faith currently includes statements on God, The Son, and The Holy Spirit but no statement on The Father. The elders propose adding the following statement on The Father:*

#### **Proposed:**

**III. The Father** - We believe in the Father, the first person of the Triune God, who orders all things according to His own purpose and grace and who continually upholds, directs, and governs all creatures and events for His own glory. His Fatherhood is fundamental to His divine being. He is the Father of all people as their Creator. He is uniquely the Father to our Lord Jesus Christ as well as to all who believe in him. He has appointed his Son to judge humanity and will one day hold us accountable to His standard. (Matthew 5:45, 48; John 1:12; Acts 17:31; Romans 8:14-17; 15:6; II Corinthians 1:3; 11:31; Galatians 3:26; 4:4; Ephesians 1:3; 2:18-19; 4:6; I Peter 1:3; I John 3:1)

*The elders propose merging the current statements on Personal Godliness and Separation into one statement titled Distinctive Living:*

#### **Original:**

**XI. Personal Godliness** - We believe in righteous living and good works. We do not believe that we can obtain our salvation through these things, but that they are proper evidence or fruit of our salvation. As Christians, we should keep the Word of God, seek the things which are above, walk as our Lord walked, be careful to maintain good works and especially accept as our solemn responsibility and privilege, the taking of the Gospel to a lost world. (Ephesians 2:8-10, John 14:23, Colossians 3:1, I John 2:6, Acts 1:8)

**XII. Separation** - We believe in separation from the world. Since we are citizens of heaven and children of God, we should walk in separation from this present world, having no fellowship with its evil ways. Abstaining from worldly amusements and unclean habits which defile body and mind and recognizing that we still struggle with sin, we are nevertheless to remain separated from professing Christians who walk in outright disobedience to the word of God. This separation also extends to churches, councils and other entities that deny the great and essential doctrines of the Word of God. We are nonetheless called to live as Christ's ambassadors, imploring people to be reconciled to God, humbly doing good to everyone, loving our enemies, and, as far as it depends on us, living peaceably with all. (II Corinthians 6:14-18, I Thessalonians 5:22, Ephesians 5:3-11,

Colossians 3:1-10, Romans 16:17, II Thessalonians 3:6, 14, II Corinthians 5:20, Ephesians 2:1-4, Galatians 6:10, Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:18)

**Proposed:**

## **XII. Distinctive Living**

We believe that, as children of God and citizens of heaven, distinctive and holy living as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ should characterize the life of every believer and local assembly. We do not believe that salvation is obtained by good works but that they are the proper response to and fruit of our salvation. We are called to spur one another on to love and good works by speaking the truth in love and by setting an example of sacrificial and holy living in accordance with God's Word. Furthermore, while acknowledging the ongoing struggle every believer has with sin, we are called to biblically confront unrepentant sin in our midst for the purpose of maintaining a membership that evidences distinctive living for the glory of God and as an effective witness to unbelievers. *II Corinthians 5:20, Titus 2:11-14, Ephesians 5:3-11, Colossians 3:1-10, Philippians 3:17-20, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 3:12-15, Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:15-16, Philippians 3:17, Galatians 6:1, 1 Corinthians 5:2, 6-7, Matthew 18:15-20*