THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Identity and House to House Assembly

Statement dated October 11, 2026

Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.

Circle of the Elders

This Grace Bible Churches

Bylaws

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BYLAWS

A Pauline Dispensational Assembly

King James Bible (KJB) - Final Written Authority

Founding Bishop Wesley Scott Ray

Principal Office: Tyler, Texas

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PREAMBLE

This Grace Bible Churches ("TGBC"), an independent, unincorporated religious association, adopts these Bylaws to provide orderly procedures for administering its Constitution and Articles of Association, preserving its doctrine and ecclesiastical identity, conducting its ministry, maintaining its records and property, recognizing local assemblies, and providing continuity of ecclesiastical government.

These Bylaws are subordinate to the King James Bible and to the Constitution and Articles of Association of TGBC. They shall be interpreted consistently with the Governing Document Hierarchy, Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine, Circle of the Elders Charter, Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration, and other duly adopted superior governing instruments.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." - 1 Corinthians 14:40 KJB

ARTICLE I - NAME, NATURE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1. Name. The name of this religious association is THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES, which may also be identified as TGBC.

Section 2. Nature. TGBC is an independent, unincorporated religious association and Pauline Dispensational Assembly. Adoption of these Bylaws does not convert TGBC into a corporation or place it under the ecclesiastical control of another denomination, convention, association, governmental body, or outside religious authority.

Section 3. Principal Office. The principal office of TGBC shall be maintained in Tyler, Texas, or at another location designated in accordance with the Constitution and these Bylaws. Local assemblies may meet in homes, rented facilities, private facilities, or other lawful locations.

ARTICLE II - SCRIPTURAL AND GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1. Final Written Authority. TGBC believes that God inspired His Word and preserved His Word. The King James Bible, Authorized Version of 1611 received in its standardized 1769 textual tradition, shall remain the final written authority for doctrine, faith, conduct, ministry, assembly order, and ecclesiastical determinations.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" - 2 Timothy 3:16 KJB

Section 2. Order of Authority. Subject always to the King James Bible, the Constitution and Articles of Association shall be the principal human organizational instrument of TGBC. These Bylaws shall administer, but shall not contradict, amend, or supersede, the Constitution except through a duly adopted constitutional amendment.

Section 3. Subordinate Documents. Charters, declarations, manuals, policies, doctrinal position papers, resolutions, procedures, forms, certificates, and official records shall remain subordinate to the governing instruments placed above them in the TGBC

Governing Document Hierarchy.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND DOCTRINAL IDENTITY

Section 1. Purposes. TGBC shall operate exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes consistent with its Constitution, including preaching and teaching the Word of God, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, edifying the Body of Christ, establishing and supporting assemblies, training qualified Bishops and Deacons, producing Bible teaching resources, and conducting benevolent and missionary work consistent with TGBC doctrine.

Section 2. Gospel of Christ. TGBC shall proclaim for salvation today the Gospel of Christ declared by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Section 3. Grace and Faith. TGBC teaches salvation by the grace of God through faith, apart from human works as a means of obtaining salvation.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB

Section 4. Pauline Distinctives. TGBC shall teach the Word of God rightly divided; recognize the distinctive apostleship and ministry of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles; teach the revelation of the Mystery and the present Dispensation of the Grace of God; distinguish Israel's prophetic program from the Church, the Body of Christ; and preserve its teaching concerning the one Body, one new man, and new creature.

Section 5. Ordinances. TGBC does not recognize water baptism as a required ordinance for salvation, membership in the Body of Christ, or participation in TGBC fellowship, and does not recognize observance of the Lord's Supper as a required ordinance imposed upon the Body of Christ.

ARTICLE IV - ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES

Section 1. Recognized Offices. The recognized ecclesiastical offices of TGBC are Bishop and Deacon. TGBC shall not establish the office of Pastor as a separate ecclesiastical office.

Section 2. Qualifications. Bishops and Deacons shall be examined and recognized according to the Pauline qualifications applicable to their offices and the duly adopted Bishop and Deacon Qualifications, Credentialing and Ordination documents of TGBC.

Section 3. Credentials. Ordination, credentials, certificates, letters of recognition, and other ministry records shall be issued, maintained, suspended, restored, or withdrawn according to TGBC governing documents and permanent ecclesiastical records.

ARTICLE V - FOUNDING BISHOP

Section 1. Historical Office. Wesley Scott Ray is the one and only Founding Bishop of This Grace Bible Churches. The title and historical office of Founding Bishop are unique to him and shall never be transferred to another individual.

Section 2. Lifetime Service. The Founding Bishop shall serve in that capacity for the duration of his natural life. No Bishop, Deacon, Elder, member, assembly, committee, congregation, policy, resolution, or ecclesiastical body of TGBC may remove, replace, suspend, vote him out of the office of Founding Bishop, appoint a co-Founding Bishop, or deprive him of that title.

Section 3. Administration During Lifetime. During his natural life, the Founding Bishop shall exercise the ecclesiastical responsibilities assigned to him by the Constitution and other duly adopted governing documents and shall preside over the Circle of the Elders whenever present and able to do so.

Section 4. Cessation. Upon the natural death of Wesley Scott Ray, the office and title of Founding Bishop shall permanently cease and remain an historical office associated solely with the founding of TGBC.

ARTICLE VI - CIRCLE OF THE ELDERS

Section 1. Governing Body. TGBC shall maintain the Circle of the Elders as an ecclesiastical governing body for preservation of doctrine, continuity, order, accountability, and responsibilities assigned by the Constitution.

Section 2. Charter Controls. Composition, qualifications, appointment, meetings, voting, vacancies, discipline, records, doctrinal responsibilities, and succession duties of the Circle shall be governed by the separately adopted Circle of the Elders Charter.

Section 3. No Third Ordained Office. Participation in the Circle of the Elders does not create a third ordained ecclesiastical office. The recognized offices remain Bishop and Deacon.

Section 4. Limitations. The Circle shall possess only the authority granted by superior TGBC governing documents and shall not alter the foundational doctrine or accomplish any action expressly prohibited by the Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS AND ECCLESIASTICAL ACTIONS

Section 1. Meetings. Meetings of the Circle of the Elders and other authorized TGBC bodies may be held in person, by telephone, by video conference, or through another reliable means of simultaneous communication when permitted by the governing document applicable to that body.

Section 2. Notice. Reasonable notice of regular or special meetings should be provided whenever practicable. Emergency ecclesiastical action may be taken when delay would materially endanger persons, property, records, ministry continuity, or the integrity of TGBC, provided the action is documented and remains within existing authority.

Section 3. Minutes. Significant official meetings and actions shall be documented through written minutes, resolutions, voting records, or another permanent record sufficient to identify the action taken, date, and persons participating.

Section 4. Voting. Voting requirements shall be determined by the Constitution, Circle of the Elders Charter, applicable declaration, policy, or other duly adopted governing instrument. No vote is valid when its purpose is to accomplish an act prohibited by a superior governing document.

ARTICLE VIII - SUCCESSION

Section 1. No Successor Founding Bishop. Following the natural death of the Founding Bishop, no person shall thereafter be called, elected, appointed, or recognized as Founding Bishop.

Section 2. Overseeing Bishop. Following the death of the Founding Bishop, the principal ecclesiastical overseer shall bear the title OVERSEEING BISHOP OF THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES.

Section 3. Selection. The Overseeing Bishop shall be selected by vote of the Circle of the Elders from qualified candidates according to the Constitution, Circle of the Elders Charter, Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration, and these Bylaws.

Section 4. Continuity. The Overseeing Bishop shall preserve and administer the established doctrine, Constitution, and ecclesiastical order of TGBC but shall not possess or claim the historical status of Founding Bishop.

ARTICLE IX - LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. Recognition. TGBC may establish or recognize local assemblies that voluntarily affirm TGBC foundational doctrine and ecclesiastical identity.

Section 2. Charter and Affiliation. Recognition, affiliation, doctrinal agreement, local leadership, ecclesiastical accountability, use of the TGBC name, records, withdrawal, and termination of recognition shall be governed by the Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement and other applicable governing documents.

Section 3. Local Leadership. Local assemblies shall be served by qualified leadership recognized according to TGBC governing documents. The use of the term Local Elder in an assembly charter or governing context shall not create a third ordained office contrary to the Constitution; the recognized ecclesiastical offices remain Bishop and Deacon.

Section 4. Property. Recognition as a TGBC assembly does not transfer ownership of locally held property to TGBC unless ownership is expressly transferred by a separate written instrument.

Section 5. Withdrawal or Termination. A local assembly may withdraw, or TGBC recognition may be terminated, according to the applicable Local Assembly Charter or Affiliation Agreement. Upon termination, the assembly shall cease representing itself as currently recognized or authorized under the TGBC name except as otherwise permitted in writing.

ARTICLE X - DOCTRINAL DETERMINATIONS

Section 1. Standard. Doctrinal questions shall be examined according to the King James Bible, rightly divided, and the duly adopted foundational doctrine of TGBC.

Section 2. Preservation. Administrative procedure, popularity, custom, financial interest, or majority preference shall not supersede the final written authority of Scripture or duly adopted foundational doctrine.

Section 3. Position Papers. Official doctrinal position papers may provide detailed teaching and clarification but shall not independently amend the Constitution, Bylaws, or Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine.

ARTICLE XI - ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT

Section 1. Governing Code. Matters involving serious doctrinal departure, misconduct, abuse of ecclesiastical authority, credential status, local-assembly accountability, restoration, and related ecclesiastical discipline shall be handled under the Code of Doctrine, Conduct & Ecclesiastical Discipline and other applicable governing documents.

Section 2. Fair Process. Ecclesiastical discipline shall not be used for retaliation, private grudges, financial advantage, popularity contests, suppression of legitimate questions, or to create authority prohibited by superior governing documents.

Section 3. Civil Authorities. Ecclesiastical processes do not replace lawful civil processes. Nothing in TGBC procedure requires concealment of suspected abuse, violence, theft, fraud, threats, or other conduct that applicable law requires or permits to be reported.

ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Section 1. Ministry Property. Funds and property received or held in the name of TGBC belong to TGBC and shall be used in furtherance of its religious, charitable, educational, benevolent, administrative, and other lawful exempt purposes.

Section 2. Accounts and Records. Appropriate financial accounts and records shall be maintained according to the Financial Stewardship & Internal Controls Policy. Personal accounts should not be used as the ordinary repository for TGBC funds.

Section 3. Private Benefit. No part of TGBC net earnings shall inure to the private benefit of any individual, except that TGBC may pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered, reimburse legitimate ministry expenses, provide benevolent assistance, and make other lawful payments consistent with its exempt purposes.

Section 4. Conflicts of Interest. Material conflicts of interest shall be disclosed and handled according to the TGBC Conflict-of-Interest Policy.

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." - 1 Corinthians 4:2 KJB

ARTICLE XIII - PROPERTY AND CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

Section 1. Property Powers. TGBC may acquire, own, hold, manage, lease, encumber, and dispose of real or personal property as permitted by law and consistent with its Constitution.

Section 2. Authorization. Contracts, purchases, leases, financial commitments, and disposition of substantial property shall be approved by persons or bodies possessing authority under the Constitution, these Bylaws, financial policies, resolutions, or other applicable governing documents.

Section 3. Records. Significant property transactions and long-term commitments shall be documented and retained among the appropriate permanent or financial records of TGBC.

ARTICLE XIV - RECORDS AND DOCUMENT CONTROL

Section 1. Permanent Records. TGBC shall maintain appropriate ecclesiastical and administrative records, including governing documents, adoption records, amendments, Circle records, ordinations and credentials, significant doctrinal determinations, local-assembly affiliation actions, financial records, property records, and other records designated for permanent retention.

Section 2. Master Governing Document Register. TGBC shall maintain a Master Governing Document Register identifying each official governing document and, as appropriate, its authority level, current version, adoption date, amendment date, status, and superseded version.

Section 3. Drafts and Official Status. Drafts, study materials, correspondence, preliminary proposals, and personal notes do not acquire governing authority merely because they are retained. A document becomes an official governing instrument only through the adoption or recognition procedure applicable to it.

Section 4. Superseded Versions. Superseded governing documents shall be preserved in the permanent records and clearly identified as superseded.

ARTICLE XV - CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFEGUARDING

Section 1. Confidential Records. Access to sensitive ecclesiastical, financial, disciplinary, credentialing, benevolence, and safeguarding records may be limited to persons with legitimate responsibility for those matters.

Section 2. No Concealment. Confidentiality shall not be used to conceal serious wrongdoing, obstruct lawful reporting, falsify records, or prevent reasonable protective action.

Section 3. Safety Policies. TGBC may adopt Child and Vulnerable-Person Safety, records-retention, benevolence, property, ministerial-conduct, and other administrative policies consistent with superior governing documents.

ARTICLE XVI - RELIGIOUS AUTONOMY

Section 1. Internal Ecclesiastical Matters. TGBC shall govern its internal ecclesiastical affairs according to its sincerely held religious beliefs and governing documents, subject to applicable law.

Section 2. Ecclesiastical Questions. Questions involving doctrine, biblical interpretation, ecclesiastical qualifications, ordination, ministry credentials, discipline, religious teaching, worship, fellowship, and internal spiritual governance shall be determined through TGBC ecclesiastical processes.

Section 3. Religious Liberty. Nothing in these Bylaws is intended to surrender religious liberty or ecclesiastical autonomy available to TGBC under applicable law.

ARTICLE XVII - POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Section 1. Tax-Exempt Limitations. While TGBC intends to operate as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, it shall not participate or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate for public office in a manner prohibited by that provision, and no substantial part of its activities shall consist of attempting to influence legislation within applicable limitations.

Section 2. Religious Teaching. Nothing in this Article prevents TGBC from teaching Scripture, addressing moral or religious subjects, educating its assemblies concerning matters affecting its religious mission, or engaging in activities otherwise permitted by applicable law.

ARTICLE XVIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaw Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended through a written amendment formally adopted by the authority designated under the Constitution and applicable TGBC governing documents. Every amendment shall be recorded in the Master Governing Document Register and retained with the permanent ecclesiastical records.

Section 2. Constitutional Protection. No Bylaw amendment may contradict or supersede the Constitution and Articles of Association, create another Founding Bishop, transfer the title of Founding Bishop, or authorize removal or replacement of the Founding Bishop contrary to the Constitution.

Section 3. Foundational Doctrine. An amendment affecting foundational doctrine shall also comply with the doctrinal protections established by the Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine and shall remain subordinate to the King James Bible.

Section 4. Constitutional Amendments. A proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be made by a written instrument identifying the provision to be amended. During the natural life of the Founding Bishop, no constitutional amendment shall become effective without his written approval. Following his death, constitutional amendments shall be acted upon through the succession government then established by the Constitution, Circle of the Elders Charter, Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration, and other duly adopted governing documents. No constitutional amendment may create another Founding Bishop or transfer that historical title.

ARTICLE XIX - CONTINUITY AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Continuity. The death, resignation, incapacity, removal, or departure of any member, Bishop, Deacon, Elder, or officer shall not by itself dissolve TGBC. Following the death of the Founding Bishop, TGBC shall continue under its established governing documents and succession structure.

Section 2. Dissolution. Upon dissolution, after payment or adequate provision for lawful debts and liabilities, remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), or to the federal government or a state or local government for a public purpose, as provided by the Constitution.

Section 3. No Private Distribution. Remaining assets shall not be distributed to the Founding Bishop, Overseeing Bishop, Bishops, Deacons, Elders, members, their families, or other private individuals except in satisfaction of legitimate obligations existing before dissolution.

ARTICLE XX - INTERPRETATION, SEVERABILITY AND ADOPTION

Section 1. Harmonious Interpretation. These Bylaws shall be read together with the Constitution and other TGBC governing documents as a unified ecclesiastical framework. If a provision of these Bylaws conflicts with a superior governing document, the superior document shall control.

Section 2. Severability. If a provision of these Bylaws is determined to be invalid or inapplicable under controlling law or a superior TGBC governing document, the remaining provisions shall continue in effect to the fullest extent consistent with TGBC doctrine and governing authority.

Section 3. Adoption. These Bylaws become effective upon formal adoption and shall thereafter be retained among the permanent governing records of This Grace Bible Churches.

ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION

These Bylaws of This Grace Bible Churches are adopted on:

Date: _____

at Tyler, Texas.

FOUNDING BISHOP

Wesley Scott Ray

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Bylaws were duly adopted as the Bylaws of This Grace Bible Churches and are retained among its permanent ecclesiastical records.

Printed Name: _____

Office/Capacity: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____