

### **Pima County Clerk of the Board**

### Melissa Manriquez

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable Chair and Board Members

Pima County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

DATE:

February 20, 2024

RE:

Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes – Silverbell Grace Brethren Church

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11109(E), Silverbell Grace Brethren Church, filed a petition on February 2, 2024, for relief of their Real Property Taxes as follows:

### **Pending Tax Payments:**

Parcel No.	<u>Year</u>	Taxes due	<u>Interest</u>	Fees/Penalties	<u>Total</u>
115-21-008A	2019-1	\$10,252.87	\$ 922.76	\$ 20.00	\$11,195.63
115-21-008A	2020-1	\$ 9,356.25	\$ 608.16	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,964.41
115-21-008A	2021-1	\$ 8,942.65	\$ 335.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,278.00
115-21-008A	2022-1	\$ 3,727.53	\$ 795.21	\$372.75	\$ 4,895.49
115-21-008A	2022-2	\$ 3,727.53	\$ 497.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,224.53
115-21-008A	2023-1	\$ 3,603.30	\$ 192.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,795.48
115-21-008A	2023-2	\$ 3,603.30	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,603.30</u>
Total		\$43,213.43	\$3,350.66	\$392.75	\$46,956.84

The Assessor's review indicated that had the affidavit been filed in a timely manner, the Assessor would have granted the exemption.

There is a pending foreclosure on this property and the Treasurer's Office reached out to the investor to request they forestall any further action, given that the owner is currently pursuing a tax role correction to abate the taxes. If the exemption is granted the investor would be entitled to a refund and 10% interest or their bid rate, whichever is lower.

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### Attachments

- Notice of Hearing
- Assessor's Review Forms
- Treasurer's Tax Reports
- Silverbell Grace Brethren Church submission



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February 9, 2024

Silverbell Grace Brethren Church Attn: Gretchen Curtis, Financial Secretary 1901 W. Calle Campana de Plata Tucson, AZ 85745

RE: Petition for Relief of Taxes - Parcel No. 115-21-008A

Dear Ms. Curtis:

Please be advised that your Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes for tax years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, has been scheduled before the Pima County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., or thereafter, at the following location:

Pima County Administration Building Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 130 W. Congress, 1st Floor Tucson, AZ 85701

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact this office at (520)724-8449.

Sincerely,

Melissa Manriquez Clerk of the Board

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Chris Ackerley Chief Deputy Treasurer

### **ACCOUNT BALANCE**

SILVERBELL GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH 1901 W CALLE CAMPANA DE PLATA TUCSON AZ 85745-1809

ACCOUNT: 11521008A PROPERTY TYPE: Real Estate

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1477 N SILVERBELL RD

LEGAL DESC: PTN S328.56' NE4 SW4 LYG W OF SILVERBELL RD

1.30 AC SEC 3-14-13

### Account Balance as of February 5, 2024

Tax Year	Cert No	Interest Date	Interest Percent	Amount	Interest Due	Fees Due	Penalties Due	Total Due
2019 - 1	2100535	2/25/2021	3.0	10,252.87	922.76	20.00	0.00	11,195.63
2020 - 1	2100535	12/7/2021	3.0	9,356.25	608.16	0.00	0.00	9,964.41
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2022 - 2		5/2/2023	16.0	3,727.53	497.00	0.00	0.00	4,224.53
2023 - 1		11/2/2023	16.0	3,603.30	192.18	0.00	0.00	3,795.48
2023 - 2		5/2/2024	16.0	3,603.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,603.30
Totals				\$43,213.43	\$3,350.66	\$20.00	\$372.75	\$46,956.84

If you have any questions about the items on this statement, please contact our offices.

# LETTER OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Revised February;2, 2024)

January 17, 2024

RE:

Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (115-2-008A)

mailing address: 1901 W. Calle Campana de Plata Tucson, AZ 85745

**Attention Pima County Board of Supervisors:** 

Please understand my shock upon receiving your notice of taxes due on the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church. We were completely unaware of any taxes due, and I will explain our situation in the following paragraphs.

My husband Ken Curtis was called to Pastor the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church in spring of 1970. We arrived here on July 10, 1970, and my husband Ken was actively involved in the affairs of the church. Included in that, he took care of the tax-exempt status of the church. I was aware only that the church was a "tax-exempt organization," and that we had a tax exempt number. All of these years we have continued to pastor that same church.

Beginning about 5 or 6 years ago, we noticed that Ken would occasionally forget something, but I just thought he perhaps had just been distracted, or hadn't tried to recall. As time progressed, it gradually became apparent that he had a condition, we call it dementia, because at this point, he has trouble remembering what day it is, or how many grandchildren he has, or their names, or the names of his own children or where they live, or even if he has had a meal—even though he just finished eating minutes ago.

Throughout our marriage, he has always been the one to get the mail, and bring it into the house. Sometimes I am not here when that happens, and apparently when your notice to file for tax exemption in 2018 or 2019, he might have mistakenly thought it was junk mail, and threw it away. The other possibility is that it never came to us, because the assessor's mailing address for the church is 1477 N. Silverbell Road, which does not have a mailbox (that mailbox had to be removed many years ago, due to repeated vandalism). From then on, the post office delivered the church mail to our 1901 W. Calle Campana de Plata address, even though some of the envelopes had the Silverbell address on them. But we have not seen an envelope with the church's address delivered here for quite a few years now, which leads me to wonder if the post office has discontinued delivering the church's mail to us.

The bottom line is that we did not receive the notice to file for tax exemption (which, again, I was not even aware we had to do, understanding just that the church was automatically a tax-exempt organization.) We did file for tax exempt status with the Arizona Corporation Commission, and thought that took care of the tax-exempt situation. We would most certainly not have allowed the church to be in this situation, had we had any knowledge of it.

We are eager to work with you to resolve this situation, and respectfully ask that the taxes against the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church for the years of 2019 to the present, be lowered to \$O.

### (the below is added to our letter of appeal on February 2, 2024) Attention Pima County Board of Supervisors:

In the past couple of weeks since we first contacted the Pima County Treasurer's office and the Pima County Assessor's office, we have been working diligently to try to supply the necessary documents, in order for your board to consider our appeal.

Upon submission of the final required documents, I once again respectfully ask that you remove our tax lien for all of those years of 2019 through 2023. We were completely unaware of taxes being levied against our church. As I was told by one at the Assessor's office: a form goes out each year, just once, to be filled out

and returned. Our church did just that until 2019. We were told by the Assessor's office that the letter was sent out in 2019 to the church's physical address (where there is no mailbox) and came back unopened. We were further told that once the form is not returned, it is *never* sent out again in following years!

Without any further outreach from the Assessor's office, the taxes were levied, and began to accrue over the years, and we were completely unaware, and never notified by anyone that taxes were levied and were accruing! As has been shown over the years, this church has been faithful in filing each year. It cannot be right for taxes to be levied, without the church being notified, and to the point of even having the liens sold, and face foreclosure. This church has been active in serving the community for over 60 years, and has never ceased in its mission.

We respectfully ask that the liens be reduced to \$0, and that the lien holder be advised that the lien was sold in error, and that the foreclosure be canceled. We had difficulty in locating one document (original Articles of Incorporation) which has delayed our completion of this file. Just yesterday I was told by the Treasurer's office that a 30 day letter was sent out to us on January 11 (which we have not yet received) and that foreclosure is slated for February 26. It is panic time for us: we are running out of time, and ask that we be granted an extension of time if that is necessary, to have our appeal heard. We are respectfully appealing for your help in this horrific situation.

Sincerely yours,

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Gretchen Curtis, Treasurer

Silverbell Grace Brethren Church

520-429-0225

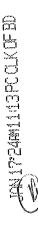
### Suzanne Droubie Pima County Assessor

240 N. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701 Phone:(520)724-7500 ASRValRelief@pima.gov

REQUEST FOR REDEMPTION OF WAIVER
Name: Silverbell Grace Brethren Church
Address: 1477 N. Silverbell Road
Mailing (If different from above): 1901 W. Calle Campana de Plata, Tucson, Az 85745
Phone: (520) 429-0225
Parcel/Account Number: 145-21-008A
Exemption Type:Personal (100% Disabled/Widow/Widower/Disabled Veteran)
Non-Profit Organization
Exemption requested for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
The application for tax exemption was filed after the March 1 deadline.  I hereby request that the waiver of tax exemption be redeemed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors per A.R.S. §42-11153. NOTE: If taxes have become due, this application will not be processed and is hereby denied in conformance with Statute A.R.S. §42-11153  Signed,
Please return this form to:
Pima County Assessor's Office Valuation Relief Programs 240 N. Stone Ave.

DEPUTY ASSESSOR / NOTARY COMMISSION EXPIRES

organization name: Silverball Grace Brethren Church SHEETDELL Grace Brethren Church APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS: 1477 N. 5:1-verbell Road Tueson, Az. 85745 -1901 W. Calle Campana de Plata Tueson, Az. 85745	Applicant CONTACT I Name: G Address: // City: Tue Telephone Telephone	# for Appliant: 520-429-0225 # for Contact: 520-429-0225	5 Cant)
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I HERE CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ OVER THE FOREGOING FACTS BEFORE SUBSCRIBING MY NAME HERETO AND THAT ALL MATTERS HEREIN STATED ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.	XPROPERTY O	DITERIAL DATE  DATE	





# U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

DISTRICT DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUILDING
PHOENIX 25, ARIZONA
July 11, 1963

Form 2954 Code 414 PHX:E0:63-35

Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church Route 9, Box 303-P 1477 N. Silverbell Road Tucson, Arizona

PURPOSE
Religious
FORM 990A REQUIRED
YES E NO
ACCOUNTING PERIOD END-
ING December 31

### Sirs:

Based upon the evidence submitted, it is held that you are exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it is shown that you are organized and operated exclusively for the purpose shown above. Any questions concerning taxes levied under other subtitles of the Code should be submitted to us.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns so long as you retain an exempt status, unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income imposed by section 511 of the Code and are required to file Form 990-T for the purpose of reporting unrelated business taxable income. Any changes in your character, purposes or method of operation should be reported immediately to this office for consideration of their effect upon your exempt status. You should also report any change in your name or address. Your liability for filing the annual information return, Form 990A, is set forth above. That return, if required, must be filed after the close of your annual accounting period indicated above.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of section 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in such Act. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Inquiries about the waiver of exemption certificate for social security taxes should be addressed to this office.

This is a determination letter.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd W. Kendall Chief, Audit Division

### 2023 Financial Report for Silverbell Grace Brethren Church

Income: 18,840.25

Expenses:

Utilities \$2,596.91 Building Maintenance 21,645.83

Literature 166.98

Miscellaneous 500.00

Total: \$24,809.72

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# NON-PROFIT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS Property Tax Information and Questionnaire form

# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EXEMPTION

1.	Name & Address of Organization:
	Silverbell Grace Brethren Church
	1477 N. Silverbell Road
	Tueson Az. 85745
2.	Under which section of Title 42, Chapter 11, Article 3 does your organization claim exemption? 42-11109  (Arizona Revised Statutes can be found at: www.azleg.gov)
3.	Are there any type of business activities such as snack bars, cafés or restaurants operating on the premises? Yes No X
4.	Is the organization exempt from Federal and/or State income taxes?  YesX No
5̄.	Is the Organization a 501 (C)? Yes X which type Church. No
J.	Claimant is: Owner/Operator
7.	Exemption is claimed on:  All land Buildings & Improvements Personal Property
В.	Is any portion of the property used as a place of residence? YesNoX
€.	Does applicant receive any income? (other than free will offerings in connection with this property) YesNoX
10.	Is any portion of the property being leased or rented to a non-profit and/or a for- profit organization(s)? Yes No X . If yes, please list the name(s) of the organization(s)
17.	List date of occupancy: Month Page Day Year 1989 .

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BY-LAWS

TOTAL I

MEMBERSHIP (Mandatory)

ection 1. Qualifications.

The necessary qualifications required of the members, to perform their duties needs these by-laws, are enumerated in the constitution under Article III.

ection 2. Duties.

Members are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the hristian life, to participate in the communion ordinances, to be loyal to the church, attend regularly its services, to contribute to its support and charities and to have in its organized work.

ection 3. Privileges.

- (a) All members who have fulfilled Article I Section 2 of the By-Laws, and who re fifteen years of age and over, are eligible to vote in all business meetings of the church. Those who have not fulfilled the duties of Article I Section 2 have no ote.
- (b) Any member who feels a dissatisfaction with the general procedure of any epartment of church life shall make known his case to the Pastor or the Board of

cons and thus appeal to the Official Board. In case official action is deemed essary, the complaint must be signed by the party or parties making the same.

tion 4. Withdrawal.

(a) A certificate of fellowship may be granted, upon request, to any member in standing by a majority vote of all members present at any regular business meet-or by the Pastor (or by the Official Board, in his absence), providing that cuncement of such request has either been made from the pulpit or printed in the ch calendar one week previous to the granting of the certificate, and that no ection has been raised by any member of the church. If any objection is made by member of the church, said objection must be filed in writing with the Board of cons, whereupon said Board shall investigate cause of objection. If the objection 11 stands after investigation, the Board of Deacons shall recommend the action ch it deems wise to the congregation.

The member to whom the certificate is granted is considered released immediately 2 n granting of the same. This certificate becomes null and void six months after ng issued. No certificate shall be issued except to some organized body of Chrisn believers.

(b) A member's name may be dropped from the roll upon the written request of the ber involved.

tion 5. Dismissal.

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- (a) When members shall fail to perform their duties as outlined in Section 2 this article and shall fail to give evidence of vital interest in the church after efforts have been made by the proper officials of the church to encourage their erest, and if this condition shall prevail for six months, their names shall be pped from the roll by a majority vote of the members present at the business ting.
- (b) If any member of this church be opposed to any of the Bible doctrines as epted and practiced by this church, or if any member is found guilty of unscripal conduct, he or she may be excommunicated for scriptural reasons. All such es shall first be investigated by the Board of Deacons and Pastor of the church shall give such member due hearing, and shall then make recommendation to the y of the church.

A two-thirds vote, by ballot, of all members present at any regularly authorbusiness meeting shall be necessary for such excommunication. (Mandatory)

ICLE II

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

tion 1. The Officers and Committees of this church shall be as follows:

1. Pastor. (Mandatory) When a vacancy shall occur in the pastorate, one canate at a time shall be considered and recommended to the body of the church by Official Board, and a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called that purpose shall be necessary for this initial call.

The initial call of the pastor shall be for a period of three years, and all sequent calls shall be for one year. For re-electing a pastor a majority vote 11 be sufficient. Such elections for calling a pastor shall be by ballot.

1/26.61 OK to have K-F-R-M

Yes No

Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 3, of the By-Laws is changed and recommended to read as follows:

or major fraction thereof.

The office shall be for one year. At each annual election the congregation may elect by majority ballot deacons and deaconesses. The Pastor, Vice-Moderator, and Chairman of the Deacon Board shall choose nominees for the above offices and shall examine these candidates according to the Biblical standard in I Timothy 3. Nominees may be chosen from those who have already held the office or from other qualified individuals or from both. Previous service in the deaconate does not obligate the above officers to nominate such individuals. Members of the Church may present names for the deaconate to the above officers for consideration up to three months before the annual business meeting. - Deacons and deaconesses are chosen to assist the Pastor and the Church mainly in the practice of the ordinances and caring for the needy, and further to assist in such spiritual functions as the Church or Pastor may designate.

erators Note: The Constitutional By-Laws change is "Mandatory" - that is, it is required by the Council. "Absolute control and authority" in the earlier contract form actually equates all the newly expanded form. If at any time the official board or any member of any Home Mission church shall use a rising serious opposition to the pastor, no congregational vote on the pastor all be taken but first the pastor shall be informed of this opposition by the ofcial board or member; second, the Home Missions' Secretary shall be informed; third, action shall be taken by the church or official board until the matter is fully scussed by a representative of the Council, the local church and the pastor.

- 2. Elders. (Mandatory) If any member of this congregation believes that the ly Spirit is calling him to the office of the eldership, he shall present himself fore the church. The church, if it believes the applicant worthy of said office, all recommend him to the ministerial examining board of the district for proper amination. If advisable, the church may proceed with licensing and ordination of / candidate as recommended by the district examining board.
- 3. Deacons and Deaconesses. (Mandatory) These may be elected to the number one deacon and one deaconess for each 25 members or major fraction thereof of congregation.

The Official Board shall with the pastor examine all candidates for such office the basis of the standard set up in the Word of God in I Timothy 3. The Official and shall recommend qualified individuals to the church. The congregation shall ect by majority vote.

The office shall be for one year. At each annual election the congregation all elect by majority ballot deacons and deaconesses out of the number holding the tile within the congregation, or from those recommended by the Official Board, who all serve for the fiscal year.

- 4. Moderator. (Mandatory) The Pastor shall be Moderator by virtue of his
- 5. The following officers shall be elected at each annual business meeting to twe for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified:

Vice-Moderator
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Assistant Financial Secretary

kde Treasurer

Board of Trustees (Board of three members)

Head Usher (Additional ushers to the numbers necessary shall be elected or appointed annually for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.)

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Assistant Planist

Eible School Superintendent

Assistant Bible School Superintendent

Bible School Secretary

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6. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members be elected at the third quarterly business meeting, to serve for one year, or their successors shall be elected and qualified. The Nominating Committee shall nominations in case of vacancies.

- 7. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, and one member of the Board of Trustees.
- 8. Official Board. The Official Board shall consist of the following officers: vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, peaconesses and Bible School Superintendent.
- 9. Special Boards and Committees. The church may elect or the Pastor may coint special boards and committees from time to time as occasion may require.
- tion 2. Manner of election.

All officers and standing committees shall be elected by ballot unless otherwise sified by vote of the congregation.

All elected boards and committees shall form their own organization annually ess otherwise specified in these by-laws.

- tion 3. The duties of officers and committees of this church shall be as follows:
- 1. The Pastor shall have charge of the spiritual welfare of the congregation. shall preach the Word and have in his care the stated services of public worship with the assistance of the Deacons shall administer the communion.

He shall preside at all church services unless other acceptable arrangements properly made.

He shall hold the office of Moderator of the church and shall preside at all ness meetings except when the business pertains to himself.

He shall be ex-officio member of all boards and committees in all boards and ittees in all the organizations of the church. This includes, for the organization of the church. This includes, for the organization of the church of the state o

He in conjunction with the Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the gang of a record of the names of all members, with the dates of admission, with- dismissal, or death together with a record of all baptisms. This must be corted annually to the District Conference.

He shall present a written report at each annual and quarterly business meeting.

- 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a complete record of all official proings at regular and special business meetings of the church, which shall be read approval at the next following business meeting. He shall do likewise at all mess meetings of the Official Board.
- The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies of the church and auxiliary mizations, keep a record of the same, and shall immediately turn them over to the surer. He shall issue orders upon the Treasurer for such sums as directed by the or any authorized person. He shall make a full or partial report as often as to do so by the church. He shall make a full report at each appeal meeting.
- The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts of all monies paid to him by the difference of the secretary as follows:
- All money received by him for the church, or any department of the church, or special fund, or money placed in his hands belonging to or in any way entrusted

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the church, shall be deposited in the name of the church in a bank selected and

Any checks of the church drawn on any bank or depository shall be valid when ned by the Treasurer upon the proper order being issued by the Financial Secretary.

- 5. The Elders other than the Pastor have no official standing in the congregations by election, but the church recognizes their high and holy office and ects to profit by the wise counsel and spiritual influence their qualifications to
- 6. The Deacons and Deaconesses shall care for the poor and, as a Board, may at discretion, call upon the Financial Secretary for any funds held for that pur-

They shall provide all things necessary for the communion service and aid in

They shall see that candidates for baptism are provided with the necessary equip-

They shall assist the Pastor in every way possible to build up the church.

7. The Board of Trustees is to hold in trust the property of the church and  $\times$  7 is to the church for repairs, etc.

They shall have no power to buy, sell, lease, mortgage or transfer any real perty without a special vote of the church authorizing such action.

- 8. The Ushers under the direction of the Head Usher shall meet people at the direct them to a seat, provide them with song books and programs of the service. They shall regulate the temperature of the church as far as possible to the stort of the majority of those present. They shall receive the offering at the indicated and shall assist in every way in keeping the services quiet, orderly, devotional.
- The Pianist shall preside at the piano at all church services and perform other duties as are common to the office.
- 10. The Assistant Pianist shall preside at the piano in the absence of the
- 11. The Superintendent of the Bible School shall have general oversight and cection of all the departments of the school and shall conduct its affairs upon such teral plans and by such methods as may be approved by the church.

He shall in consultation with the Pastor, the Assistant Superintendent and partmental heads select or dismiss teachers for the respective departments.

Under his supervision and in consultation with the Pastor and the Assistant erintendent, each department of the Bible School shall carry forth its work under own officials and organization.

All department heads shall be selected by the Superintendent with the consent of Pastor and Assistant Superintendent.

SILVERBELL Community
Grace Brethren (MURCH

### Carried Unanimously

Members' Miscellaneous Ballot

Parch 31, 1963

roposed Amendment to By-Laws, adding Paragraph 19 to Art. 2, Sec. 3, Sy-Laws:

yes No

The Vice-Abderator shall preside at Business Lectings or Micial Board Meetings in the absence of the oderator, and in any matters which pertain to the Poderator. He shall be ex officio a member of the Board of Trustees, with surer to vote; but, unless he is also an elected Trustee, he shall not be required to sign documents as a Trustee. At the written request of the Poderator, he may attend any meeting of any committee or board, as the Poderator's representative, with power to vote."

Nor could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky!((horus)

The Brethren Home Missions Council has requested that the By-Laws of all Home Missions (hurches be amended as follows: Article 2, ec. 3, Paragraph 18, is rewritten and expanded, as follows: "The CHURCH COUNCIL shall act on all matters which shall properly come before it during intervals between regular business meetings of the church, or as this constitution and by-laws may specify. This (ouncil shall make recommendations to the church body on matters of policy and administration. Routine business such as maintenance, utilities and minor administrative matters may be cared for by the (ouncil. It is not the province of this (ouncil to act as a ruling body in any sense. It is only advisory except as instructed by the congregation."

In the following Sections of the By-Laws, the words "Official Board" are replaced by the words, "Church

"Official Board" are replaced by the writing (ouncil," - Article 1, Sec. 3, paragraph (b),

" 1, Sec. 4, " (a),

" 2, " 1, " 1 (thrice),

" 2, " 1, " 3 (twice),

" 2, " 3, " 2,

" 5, " 2, and Sec. 6.

These whanges of the two words simply coordinate the other sections of the By-Laws with the newly expanded wording of Art. 2, Sec. 3, Paragraph 18. All of the obove to be voted upon at mecting this Vednesday, 8:15.

Dr. L. L. Grubb, Executive Secretary of Brethren Home Missions (ouncil, will speak here next Sunday morning, and desires to have a meeting with all members the same afternoon. Brother Grubb is an outstanding (hristian speaker, and you should invite your friends to come hear him. He will be especially speaking in bahalf of Home Missions Offerings, but we will presume on his good nature and make this Sunday the 22nd, September's Building Debt Sunday. Blease, every member, make it your plan to be here that day!

- The Assistant Superintendent shall perform all the duties pertaining to the 12. The absence of the Superintendent, a good with the duties pertaining to the contraction of the superintendent, and the superintendent of the superinte of the fact.
- The Secretary of the Bible School shall receive and keep a record of all 13. The from whatsoever source and shall immediately turn same over to the ancial Secretary of the church.

He shall keep a record of attendance by departments and make a full report at He share meeting and a full or partial report at each quarterly or special meetwhen called upon by the church to do so.

He shall purchase all supplies approved by Pastor and Bible School Superintendent the school, drawing on the Financial Secretary of the church for the required enditures, and conduct the general business affairs of the school, under the ection of the organization.

- The Bible School Pianist shall preside at the piano during all exercises of school.
- 15. The Assistant Pianist shall perform all the duties pertaining to the office the absence of the Pianist.
- 16. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two persons for each office pt where otherwise provided in these by-laws, and such nominations shall not be public until the meeting at which the election is to take place.

In the preparation of the ballot for the annual election space shall be provided one additional name. In each case where names are printed on the ballot the name the incumbent, if nominated, shall not appear first.

No person shall be nominated for more than one office except in case of extreme essity.

All nominations are to be made from those members of the church who are of high tual attainment, avoiding those who would likely cause disharmony if placed in lce.

17. The Finance Committee at each annual meeting shall present a detailed stateof all the probable expenses of the church during the ensuing year and recommend amount of money to be appropriated for each item of expense in said statement.

The committee shall take steps to establish the envelope system of giving in congregation.

18. The Official Board shall act on all matters which may properly come before (Chr. 18, 1963 uring the intervals between regular meetings of the church and shall make recomation to the church of action on matters considered necessary by the Board 1 X PANDED

Mon 4. Recall.

The privilege of recall by the church of any officer, holding his position under provisions of these by-laws, may be exercised as follows:

Cause.

1. For conduct unbecoming a Christian and service which is unsatisfactory to the church.

Method.

- 1. At a regularly or specially called business meeting after at least one week's notice that such a recall has been demanded.
- 2. A two-thirds vote of all members present at a properly called meeting shall be necessary for a recall.
- 3. A recall of the Pastor shall not be effective before the expiration of three months from the time recall is ordered, except for unscriptural conduct or for teaching contrary to the commonly accepted faith of the Brethren Church as set forth in a certain statement known as the "Message of the Brethren Ministry," which statement shall be appended to these by-laws.
- 4. Deacons and Deaconesses cannot be recalled from office except for unscriptural conduct or for teaching contrary to the commonly accepted faith held by the Brethren Church.
- 5. Except as otherwise herein provided a recall shall become immediately effective.

TCLE III

### PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH

- tion 1. The title to the property of the church shall be vested in the church, ept when the church is under contract with The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.
- tion 2. Nothing may be installed or moved from the church without either the cont of the Trustees or by the authority of the church.
- tion 3. The congregation shall not authorize a debt or aggregation of debts in ess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) except by the two-thirds vote of all mempresent at a regular or called business meeting previously announced for such pose.

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### ORGANIZATIONS

- ministration and which use the facilities of the church property. Each organizations formed shall keep a complete record of its proceedings, of the amount of money received for what purpose expended. They shall each week turn all funds on hand over to minimized expenditures.
- the foregoing section, and the church will expect a report from each at each annual business meeting.

### MEETINGS

on 1. The annual meeting shall be held at the discretion of the church at which the annual reports shall be presented and such other business transacted as may come before the meeting.

Quarterly business meetings shall be held each three months. If such the partial activities of the church, the partial stated official Board, designate and the church official Board, designate and the church of the official Board, designate and the church of the church of the official Board, designate and the church of the Quarterly stated spiritual activities of the church, the Pastor may, by in 2. Official Board, designate any other day of the corresponding of the such meetings shall be held tion Zonflict with activities of the church, the Pastor may, by tings conf the Official Board, designate any other day of the corresponding week consent of which such meetings shall be held. consent of which such meetings shall be held.

Special meetings shall be called by the Pastor, or by the Recording Special meetings shall be called by the Pastor, or by the Recording to 3, the written application of 25 percent, specifying the object of such retary upon

A public announcement at Sunday services at least three days prior to holding stating the purpose of said meeting, shall be considered. A public announcement of said meeting, shall be considered a sufficient meeting,

The presence of 30 per cent of the membership 15 years of age or over at tion 4. except such as are specifically provided for in the tion 4. The present as are specifically provided for in the constitution and meetings, except such as are quorum for the transaction of head meetings, enter the constitution of business. Laws, shall be necessary for a quorum for the transaction of business.

tion 5. A majority of the members eligible to vote and present at any business tion 5. A major and decide all questions of expediency and plans of work, exting of the church may decided in those by lane ting or the otherwise provided in these by-laws.

rion 6. Meetings of the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, the Official rd and all special boards and committees are subject to the (a) call of the Pastor, the call of the Chairman of the same when organized, (c) the call of a majority its members, or (d) the common consent of all its members.

TICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

ction 1. With the exception of those sections labeled as mandatory, these by-laws be amended by a majority vote of all members who are eligible to vote and present any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of at least ten days be en of such proposed ammendment. Such notice must contain a copy of the proposed ndment.

An announcement from the pulpit on two successive Sundays and two insertions in church calendar of such proposed amendment shall be considered sufficient notice.

### THE OUTLINE OF FAITH

The outline of faith which this church shall embrace, preach and defend is cifically set forth in that document known as the Message of the Brethren Ministry" ch follows:

- (1) Our Motto: The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.
- (2) The Authority and Integrity of the Holy Scriptures: The ministry of the Brethren Church desires to bear testimony to the belief that God's supreme revelop. revelation has been made through Jesus Christ, a complete and authentic record of the belief that record of which revelation is the New Testament; and to the belief that the Holy Sort Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, is the infallible infallible record of the perfect, final and authoritative revelation of God's will. will, altogether sufficient in itself as a rule of faith and practice.
- (3) We understand the basic content of our doctrinal preaching and teaching to be:

- 1. The pre-existence, deity, and incarnation by virgin birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
- $_{\rm 2.}$   $_{\rm thc}$  fall of man, his consequent spiritual death and utter sinfulness, and
- 3. The vicarious atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ through the shedding of His own blood;
- 4. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in the body in which He suffered and died and His subsequent glorification at the right hand of God;
- 5. Justification by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of which obedience to the will of God and works of righteousness are the evidence and result; the resurrection of the dead, the judgment of the world, and the life everlasting of the just;
- The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Christian and is his Comforter and Guide;
- The personal and visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the glorious goal for which we are taught to watch, wait and pray;
- The Christian should "be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind"; should not engage in carnal strife and should "swear not at all";
- The Christian should observe, as his duty and privilege, the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, among which are (a) baptism of believers by tring immersion; (b) confirmation; (c) the Lord's supper; (d) the communion of the bread and wine; (e) the washing of the saints' feet; and if the anointing of the sick with oil.

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### EXHIBIT A

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SILVERIEIT POWMUNDAY GRAGE BRY AREN CHURCH
BRETHREN

1. ARTICLE I is amended to read as follows:

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: SILVERBELL GRACE BRETHERN CHURCH.

2. ARTICLE VI is amended to read as follows:

### ARTICLE VI

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

3. ARTICLE X is amended as follows:

### ARTICLE X

KENNETH A. CURTIS of 1901 Calle Campana de Plata, Tucson, Arizona 85745, is hereby appointed the Statuatory Agent for this corporation.

4. ARTICLE XI is amended as follows:

### ARTICLE XI

The annual meeting of the congregation for the purpose of this corporation shall be during the first quarter of each year at a time determined by the Board of Elder-Overseers. Special meetings shall be called in accordance with the Constitution.

# THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED A STANDARD CONSTITUTION

### FOR CHURCHES

ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this church shall be <u>Silverbell Community Grace</u> Brethren Church.

ARTICLE II

### COVENANT

The covenant by which this church exists as a distinct body, and which every member accepts, is as follows:

Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and Lord, and submitting to the authority of the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice, and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, the public worship of God, and the advancement of His church on earth, we do now, in the sight of God and invoking His blessing, solemnly covenant and agree with each other to associate ourselves as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, as warranted by the Word of God.

We agree to maintain the teaching and the preaching of the Word of God, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the church and to walk together in brotherly love.

This we do depending on the aid of our Heavenly Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation, and of Jesus Christ who has redeemed us with His blood, and of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide.

### ARTICLE III

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

The "Statement of Faith" which this church shall embrace, preach and defend is specifically set forth as follows:

- 1. THE BIBLE: the Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21).
- 2. THE ONE TRUE GOD: existing eternally as three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22; Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14).
- 3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: His preexistence and deity (John 1:1-3), incarnation by virgin birth (John 1:14; Matt. 1:13-23), sinless life (Heb. 4:15), substitutionary death (II Cor. 5:21), bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43), ascension into heaven and present ministry (Heb. 4:14-16), and coming again (Acts 1:11).
  - 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: His personality (John 16:7-15); and deity (Acts 5:3-4); and His work in each believer: baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9); and filling (Eph. 5:18), to empower for Christian life and service (Eph. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22-23).
  - 5. IMAN: his direct creation in he image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 5:12), and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (John 3:3-5).
  - 6. SALVATION: a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 1:18-19).
  - 7. THE CHURCH: one true church, the body and bride of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all true believers of the present age (I Cor. 12:12-13); and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous but cooperating in the fellowship and work (Eph. 4:11-16).

- 8. CHRISTIAN LIFE: a life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Rom. 12:1-2), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12), maintaining the sanctity of the home (Eph. 5:22-6:4), settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (I Cor. 6:1-8), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christ-like attitude toward all men (Rom. 12:17-21), exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), and maintaining a life of prayer (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), including the privilege, when sick, of calling for the elders of the church to pray and to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:13-18).
- 9. ORDINANCES: the Christian should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are (1) baptism of believers by triune immersion (Matt. 28:19) and (2) the threefold communion service, consisting of the washing of the saint's feet (John 13:1-17), the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12), and the communion of the bread and the cup (I Cor. 11:23-26).
- 10. SATAN: his existence and personality as the great adversary of God and His people (Rev. 12:1-10), his judgment (John 12:31), and final doom (Rev. 20:10).
- 11. SECOND COMING: the personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ to remove His Church from the earth (I Thess. 4: 16-17) before the tribulation (I Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10), and afterward to descend with the Church to establish His millennial kingdom upon the earth (Rev. 19:11-20:6).
- 12. FUTURE LIFE: the conscious existence of the dead (Phil. 1:21-23; Luke 16:19-31), the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29), the judgment and reward of believers (Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (Rev. 20:11-15), the eternal life of the saved (John 3: 16), and the eternal punishment of the lost (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15).

The "Statement of Faith" herein set forth cannot be changed or diminished.

### CHARTER

### Section 1. Authority

- 1. The primary authority by which this church exists as an ecclesiastical body is received from God through the Holy Scriptures. It recognizes and sustains the obligation of mutual counsel and cooperation which is common among Grace Brethren Churches.
- 2. The secondary authority is by the laws of the state of <u>Arizona</u>, under which it is incorporated.

### Section 2. Property.

- 1. The title of the property of this church shall be vested in the corporate body of the church except when the church is under contract with The Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated.
- 2. All property or assets owned by the local church and its auxiliaries shall be irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and upon dissolution such property or assets shall not inure to the benefit of any private citizen but shall revert to The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., so long as it is then in existence and is a qualified tax exempt organization under the then applicable Internal Revenue Code. In the event said Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., shall not then be in existance or shall not then be a qualifying tax exempt organization, said property shall be distributed to a religious organzation which is a qualified tax exempt organization and which shall be selected by the members of the local church or in the event of their failure to make such selection, by the Judge of Court of general jurisdiction in the county where said church shall be located:

### ARTICLE V

### HEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. Alternate Qualifications for Specified FGBC Districts

1. Any person who shall have confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is committed to Him as Saviour and Lord, and who shall have publicly submitted to the authority of the Bible as the complete, final, inerrant, and inspired revelation of the Triune God to man, and who shall have been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, (this church practices only trine immersion but membership may be granted to believers who have been immersed otherwise) and who shall have consented to the covenants and provisions of this Constitution, may formally become members of this church.

2. This church shall recognize the guidelines for ministerial candidates which various District Examining Boards may have, and will also submit to the regulations for delegates with membership in District and National Conferences.

# Section 2. Duties. Members are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to participate in communion ordinances, to be loyal to the church, to attend regularly its services, to contribute to its support and charities and to share in its organized

### Section 3. Privileges

work.

- 1. Only those members in good standing, fifteen years and older, are elgible to vote in all business sessions.
- 2. Any member who feels a dissatisfaction with the general procedure of any department of this church shall make known his case to the Pastor or the Board of Overseers in writing. No verbal complaints shall be entertained before the Board of Overseers.

### Section 4. Withdrawal

1. A certificate of fellowship may be granted, upon request, to any member in good standing by the Pastor (or by the Board of Overseers, in his absence). Any objection made by any member of the church must be filed in writing with the Board of Overseers. The Board shall investigate the objection and recommend to the congregation the action which it deems necessary. If there be any objection, no decision will be made by the pastor or Board of Overseers for one week so that they may give themselves to prayer on the issue.

The member is considered released from membership on the date the certificate is granted. The certificate is null and void after six months. A certificate shall be issued only to another organized body of believers.

2. A member's name may be dropped from the roll upon written request of the member involved.

### Section 5. Dismissal.

Should a member fail to perform his duties as outlined in Section 2, Article V, and due efforts by the proper officials of the church have failed to encourage his interest and after this condition has prevailed for one (1) year, his name may be dropped from the membership by a decision of the Board of Overseers and the Pastor one week after the person has been notified of his or her dismissal.

### GOVERMIENT

### Section 1. Meetings

- 1. An annual meeting shall be held on a date set by the Board of Overseers when the annual reports shall be presented and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. If such a meeting conflicts with dated spiritual activities, the Pastor may, by consent of the Board of Overseers, designate any other day of the month as the day in which such meetings shall be held.
- 2. A semi-annual business meeting shall be held. If such a meeting conflicts with dated spiritual activities, the Pastor may, by consent of the Board of Overseers, designate any other day of the month as the day in which such meetings shall be held.
- 3. Special meetings may be called by the Pastor. The Recording Secretary may also call a meeting in response to a written request stating the purpose of such a meeting. The request must be supported by ten percent (10%) of the voting membership.
- 4. All business meetings shall be publicly announced in at least two regularly scheduled services.
- 5. Those qualified members present at any duly called business meeting shall constitute a quorum required for the transaction of business.
- 6. All congregational decisions require a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Officers and Committees.

The officers and Committees of this church shall be as follows:

- 1. Pastor.
  - a. Call.

The initial call must be by a two-thirds vote. When a vacancy occurs, one candidate at a time shall be recommended to the church by the Board of Overseers.

### b. Duties.

In addition to the responsibilities unique to the roll of overseer as listed in paragraph three of this Section, he shall provide leadership for the congregation and the Board of Overseers, serving as Moderator of both. He shall consider his primary responsibility that of edifying the saints in accord with Ephesians 4:11-16. In addition to preaching and teaching the Word of God, he will set a pattern of good works commensurate with his office.

### c. Termination.

His leadership can be terminated voluntarily by the submission of a written resignation to the Board of Overseers and to the congregation at any regular service or buisness session. In the event that such termination is initiated by the congregation while under contract with The Brethren Home Hissions Council, Inc., the Board of Overseers shall first consult the Council. Immorality, insubordination or teaching contrary to Article III, the "Statement of Faith," shall be cause for immediate termination.

### 2. Elders.

### a. Call.

The congregation shall elect its own elders according to the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Any member sensing God's call to this office may present himself to the Board of Overseers and upon their recommendation shall be submitted to the church for congregational election. If recognition of this elder is to be extended beyond the immediate congregation, the normal procedure for licensure and ordination examination in the District shall prevail.

### b. Responsibilities.

An elder shall assume those responsibilities and oversight as outlined by the Board of Overseers and ratified by the congregation.

### c. Termination.

An elder may terminate his election by a written resignation to the Board of Overseers or pastor. Immorality, insubordination or teaching contrary to Article III, the "Statement of Faith," shall be cause for immediate termination.

#### 3. Board of Overseers

- a. This Board shall be responsible for the oversight of all matters of church life and practice, and shall see that opportunity be given for regular schedules of public worship, prayer and observance of the Christian ordinances. Only men who are elected elders shall be considered for this Board. The Board of Overseers shall serve as corporate officers of the church.
- b. The Board of Overseers will submit to the congregation for election each year a sufficient number of names to provide a full complement to their Board. The number of Overseers will be commensurate to the size and growth of the church, but at no time will the Board be less than three members. It is the goal of a new church to accomplish this as soon as possible. Overseers will serve for a period of three years with no one serving two consecutive terms, except in the church's first election where two consecutive terms may occur. initially the election of the Board of overseers shall be divided into one-thirds; one third for a three year term; one third for a two year term; and one third for a one year term. After the initial election, all terms shall be for three years.
- c. A confirmation of the oversight of this Board shall be attested by:
  - (1) Congregational approval on pastor, elders, deacons, deaconesses, and all standing ministries and and commissions.
  - (2) Congregational approval on all financial indebedness and all salaries paid by the church.
  - (3) Congregational approval on any and all amendments to this Constitution.
  - (4) The Board may at any time request the voice of the congregation on matters of particular significance.

#### d. Termination

An overseer may terminate his office to this Board by a written resignation to the Board or pastor. Immorality, insubordination or teaching contrary to Article III, the "Statement of Faith", shall be cause for immediate termination.

- 4. Deacons and Deaconesses.
  - a. Deacons and Deaconesses shall be chosen from the members of the church according to the qualifications of I Tim. 3:8-13. Recommendations for this office shall be submitted to the Board of Overseers who will then present to the church those names approved for election. The number of Deacons and Deaconesses shall be determined by the immediate needs of the congregation. The term of service shall be for a period of three years.
    - b. Their ministries shall be prescribed by the needs of the people and shall be carried out under the direction of the Pastor and the Board of Overseers.
  - c. Termination.

A Deacon or Deaconess may terminate his office by a written resignation to the Board of Overseers or pastor. Immorality, insubordination or teaching contrary to Article III, the "Statement of Faith," shall be cause for immediate termination.

5. Standing Ministries and Commissions.

#### Definition.

- a. Such ministries are understood to mean those particular responsibilities that necessitate continued activities vital to the development of the church: Including Finances, Christian Education, Properties, Facilities, Benevolence, Ordinances, Missions, etc., as they are needed. Additional standing commissions or ministries may be added as the needs are evidenced.
- b. All such commissions and ministries are to be selected from the church membership, appointed by the Board of Overseers, and approved by the congregation. The Board of Overseers will be responsible to appoint a chairman for each such Commission and Ministry. If possible, the chairman for each such Commission should be a member of the Board of Overseers.
- c. Termination.

A member of a Standing Hinistry or Commission may terminate his service by a written resignation to the Board or pastor. Immorality, insubordination or teaching contrary to Article III, the "Statement of Faith," shall be cause for immediate termination.

- Section 3. Amendments.

  1. This Constitution may not be amended while the church is under contract with the Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated, without the written consent of the Executive Secretary of the Council.
  - 2. An announcement from the pulpit on two (2) successive Sundays or two (2) insertions in the church bulletin of such proposed amendment shall be considered sufficient notice.
  - It is understood that a Manual of Procedure and By-Laws must be developed by this congregation to define those activities through which the concepts and principles of this Constitution will be implemented.

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Income: \$7,424.00

Expenses:

Utilities\$2,324.65Building Maintenance500.00Literature173.76Pastor's Salary5.000.00

Total: \$7,998.41

Income: \$12,053.00

#### Expenses:

Utilities	\$2,181.31
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	1,529.41
Literature	194.91
Pastor's Salary	500.00
Designated gifts	2,300.00

Total: \$6,705.63

Income: \$10,538.00

#### Expenses:

Utilities	\$1,877.47
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	5,545.56
Literature	147.51
Pastor's Salary	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u> 1,200.00</u>

Total: \$13,770.54

Income: \$6,252.00

**Expenses:** 

Utilities\$2,348.98Building Maintenance3,546.61Literature269.12Pastor's Salary2,000.00

Total: 8,164.71

### STATE OF ARIZONA



Corporation Commission

To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

BE IT KNOWN THAT SILVERBELL COMMUNITY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

HAVING SUBMITTED TO THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA GOVERNING THE INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES, IS, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN THE COMMISSION UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, HEREBY GRANTED THIS

#### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

AUTHORIZING SAID COMPANY TO EXERCISE THE FUNCTIONS OF A CORPORATION, UNDER THE LAWS NOW IN EFFECT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND SUBJECT TO SUCH LAWS AS MAY HEREAFTER BE ENACTED, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED BY AUTHORITY OF LAW.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

In Witness Whereof, I.E. T. "EDDIE" WILLIAMS, JR.
THE CHAIRMAN, HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL
SEAL OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION TO BE AFFIXED AT THE
CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_30th

CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, THIS DAY OF March

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CHAIRMAN.

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SECRETARY

NO. = 59285

BY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

## The Lord's Day October 24, 2021

Pianist: Leilia Curtis

Doxology No. 341 W & S "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Invocation

Hymn No. <u>608</u> "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymn No. <u>107</u> "Amazing Grace"

Responsive Reading No. 561

Announcements Prayer

Hymn No. <u>91</u> "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Message: Pastor Adrian Rogers via projection

Closing Hymn No. 495 "It is Well with My Soul"

### The Lord's Day July 2, 2023

Pianist: Leilia Curtis

Hymn No. <u>687</u> "God of Our Fathers"

Invocation: Pastor Ken Curtis

Hymn No. 600 "America the Beautiful"

Hymn No. <u>695</u> "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Responsive Reading No. 554 "Deliverance" Prayer Time

Hymn No. <u>692</u> "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Message: Adrian Rogers via projection

Closing Hymn No. 458 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

\*Worship & Service (in green)

# Ken's Worship Service November 6, 2022

Hymn No. 687: "God of Our Fathers" (next page)

#### God of Our Fathers

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. - Psalm 48:7



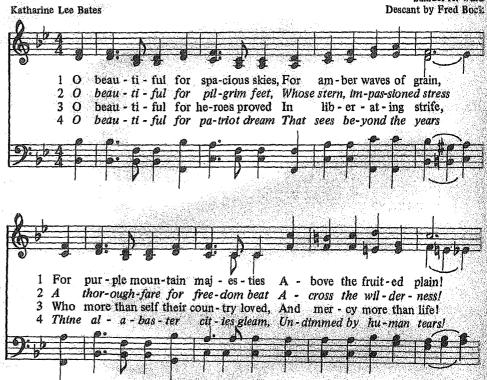
Invocation—no prayer requests. ONLY pray for God's presence and blessing on the service

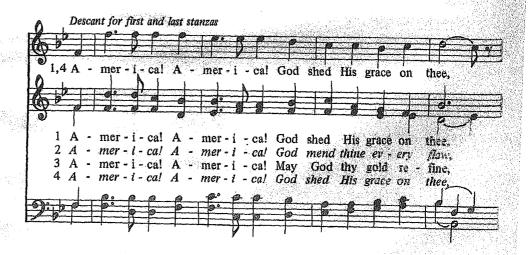
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#### America, the Beautiful

But in every nation He that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted by Him. — Acts 10:35

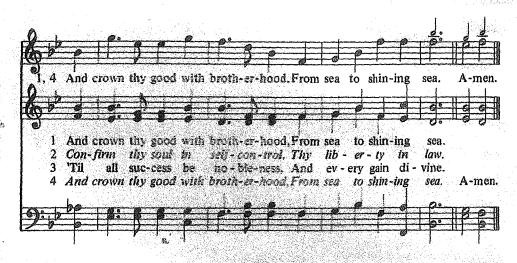
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## The Social Obligations of a Ginstian

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The Bible teaches that the Christian should be lawabiding. The Bible also teaches loyalty to country. A loyalty and love of country does not mean that we cannot criticize certain unjust laws that may discriminate against special groups. The Bible says that God is no respecter of persons. All should have equal opportunities. The government of God is to be our model.

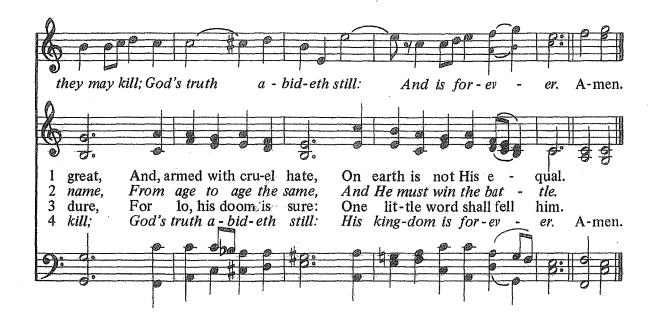
The Bible also teaches that we are to co-operate with the government. Jesus was asked, "Is it lawful to give tribuse?" Jesus set the example forever by paying taxes. It takes money to run a government and to maintain law and order. The tax dodger is a civic parasite and an actual thief. No true Christian will be a tax dodger. Jesus said, we are to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." We ought to be more than taxpayers. To be simply law-abiding is not enough. We ought to seek and work for the good of our country. Sometimes we may be called upon to die for it. We are to do it gladly—as unto God. We are to be conscientious in our work as good citizens.

-Billy Graham

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#### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer . . . - Psalm 18:2 Based on Psalm 46 EIN' FESTE BURG Martin Luther Martin Luther Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge Descant by Mary E. Caldwell Descant 4 That word a - bove all, a - bid eth; might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail ing; we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los ing, 3 And though this world with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un do us, 4 That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, No thanks to them, a-bid eth; The gifts are ours, Who with us sid eth. a - mid the flood Of Our help-er He mor - tal ills pre - vail ing. Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos ing. will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us. Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid etħ. Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al - so-The bod-y Doth seek to work us woe-His craft and power are 1 For still our an-cient foe 2 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He-Lord Sab-a-oth His trem-ble not for him-His rage we can en-3 The prince of dark-ness grim, 4 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al - so - The bod-v they may



#### A Contemporary Te Deum

You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships You. To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praises You. The noble fellowship of prophets praises You. The white-robed army of martyrs praises You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You: Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, eternal Son of the Father. When You became man to set us free You did not disdain the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come, and be our judge. Come then, Lord, sustain Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints

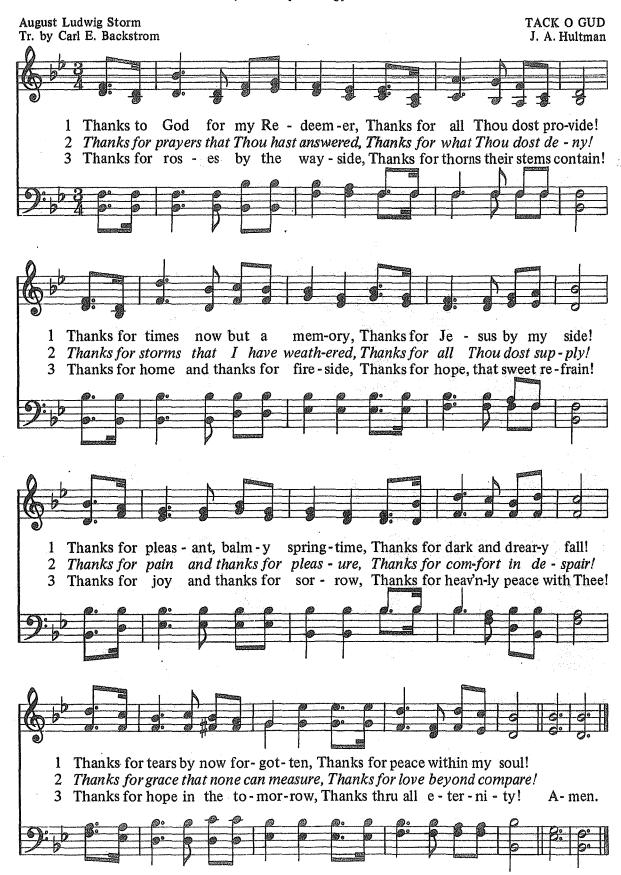
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## Responsive Reading (no. 611) Spiritual Warfare (Erik or Leo)

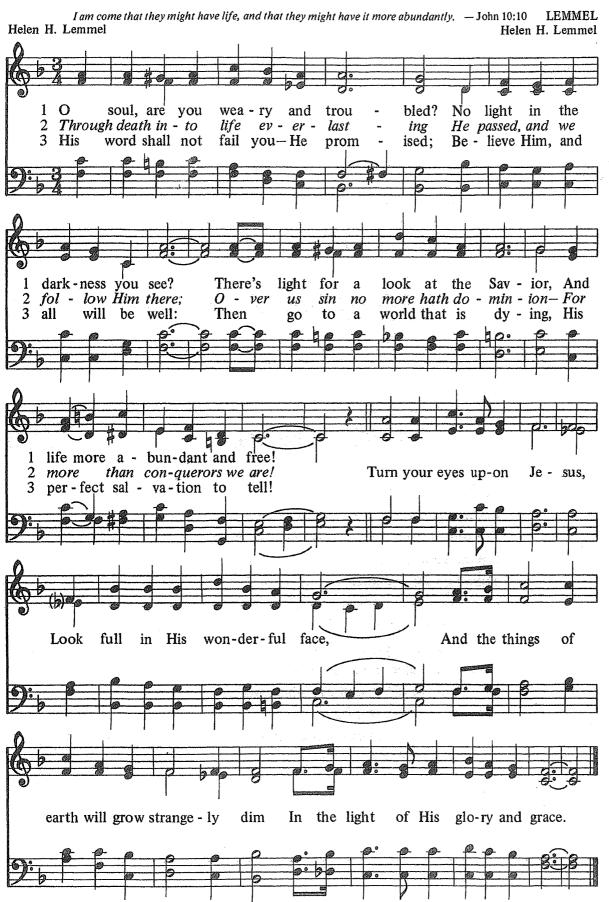
Announcements
Prayer (take prayer requests)

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. — II Corinthians 9:15



## Message: Pastor Adrian Rogers Via projection

#### Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



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TESTIMONY, WITNESS AND EVANGELISM

## Closing prayer: NO Prayer Requests (you already did those)

ONLY Prayer for God to bless our lives for His service, and for a blessed week.

#### Silverbell Grace Brethren Church member meeting for November 9, 2022

Meeting began at 3:15 p.m.

Deacon Leo Przybylski presided over the meeting. Four of five members were present.

The first order of business was to hold elections.

The offices considered were:

Director of the Corporation
President of the Corporation
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Vice-Moderator
Board of Trustees aka Board of Overseers
Head Usher
Pianist
Junior Usher and responsive scripture reader

Gretchen Curtis nominated Leo Przybylski to be the Director of the corporation. Andrea Curtis seconded and a vote was held where he was unanimously elected to the office.

Leo nominated Gretchen Curtis to be the office of President of the corporation. Natalie Georgalas seconded the motion. A vote was held and she was unanimously elected to the position.

Andrea Curtis nominated Gretchen Curtis to the office of Treasurer. Natalie Georgalas seconded the nomination. A vote was held and Gretchen was unanimously elected to the position.

Natalie Georgalas nominated Andrea Curtis to the office of Recording Secretary. Gretchen Curtis seconded the motion. An election was held and Andrea was unanimously elected to the position.

Gretchen Curtis nominated Leo Przybylski to the office of Vice Moderator. Natalie Georgalas seconded the nomination. A vote was held and he was unanimously elected to the position.

Andrea Curtis, Leo Przybylski and Gretchen Curtis were presented as nominees for the Board of Overseers. A vote was held and they were unanimously elected.

Andrea Curtis nominated Leo Przybylski to the position of Head Usher and Gretchen Curtis seconded. A vote was held and he was unanimously elected.

Andrea Curtis nominated Leilia Curtis to the position of pianist. Leo Przybylski seconded. She was unanimously elected.

Gretchen Curtis nominated Erik Georgalas to the position of Junior usher and Responsive Scripture Reader. Leo seconded. He was unanimously elected.

Second order of business was presented regarding opening a bank account at PNC Bank and whether the newly elected Board of Trustees have permission to open and run the account? A vote was taken and it passed unanimously in favor of opening the account and allowing the Board of Trustees to preside over it.

Floor was opened to present any other business.

Leo Przybylski moved that we vote to amend our Articles of Corporation and our bylaws at a later date. It was unanimously agreed to do so.

Natalie Georgalas moved to adjourn and Gretchen Curtis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

#### SILVERBELL GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

Is a member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

#### OUR PURPOSE

To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

#### OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

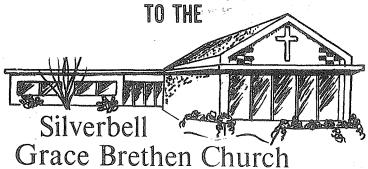
## The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

We of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, in harmony with our historic position, believing the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible to be our infallible rule of faith and of practice, and feeling our responsibility to make known the divine message of the Bible, present the following articles as a statement of those basic truths taught in the Bible which are common to our Christian faith and practice:

- 1. THE BIBLE: the Word of God, the sixty-six Books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21).
- 2. THE ONE TRUE GOD: existing eternally as three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22; Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14).
- 3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: His preexistence and deity (John 1:1-3), incarnation by virgin birth (John 1:14; Matt. 1:18-23), sinless life (Heb. 4:15), substitutionary death (II Cor. 5:21), bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43), ascension into heaven and present ministry (Heb. 4:14-16), and coming again (Acts 1:11).
- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: His personality (John 16:7-15); and deity (Acts 5:3-4); and His work in each believer: baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9); and filling (Eph. 5:18) to empower for Christian life and service (Eph. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22-23).
- MAN: his direct creation in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 5:12), and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (John 3:3-5).
- 6. SALVATION: a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6; I Peter 1:18-19).
- 7. THE CHURCH: one true Church, the body and bride of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all true believers of the present age (I

- bers in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous but cooperating in fellowship and work (Eph. 4:11-16).
- 8. CHRISTIAN LIFE: a life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Rom. 12:1-2), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12), maintaining the sanctity of the home (Eph. 5:22-6:4), settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (I Cor. 6:1-8), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christ-like attitude toward all men (Rom. 12:17-21), exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), and maintaining a life of prayer (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), including the privilege, when sick, of calling for the elders of the church to pray and to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:13-18).
- 9. ORDINANCES: the Christian should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are (1) baptism of believers by triune immersion (Matt. 28:19) and (2) the threefold communion service, consisting of the washing of the saints' feet (John 13:1-17), the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12), and the communion of the bread and the cup (I Cor. 11:23-26).
- SATAN: his existence and personality as the great adversary of God and His people (Rev. 12:1-10), his judgment (John 12:31), and final doom (Rev. 20:10).
- 11. SECOND COMING: the personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ to remove His Church from the earth (I Thess. 4:16-17) before the tribulation (I Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10), and afterward to descend with the Church to establish His millennial kingdom upon the earth (Rev. 19:11-20:6).
- 12. FUTURE LIFE: the conscious existence of the dead (Phil. 1:21-23; Luke 16:19-31), the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29), the judgment and reward of believers (Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (Rev. 20:11-15), the etneral life of the saved (John 3:16), and the eternal punishment





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#### **OUR SERVICES**

#### SUNDAYS

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Sunday School	9:30 - 10:20 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 - 11:30 AM
Fellowship Meetings Brethren Youth Fellowship (BYF) (ages 12–21) Junior BYF (ages 5–11)	6:00 — 7:50 PM
Evening Service	7:00 - 8:00 PM
EDNESDAYS	
Prayer and Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 PM

#### MONTHLY

Women's Missionary Council (WMC) (2nd Tuesday of each month)

#### **OUR MOTTO**