

Constitution

of the
Student Christian Fellowship
2060 N. High St, Suite M,
Columbus, OH 43201

Article I The Name

The name of the organization shall be Student Christian Fellowship (SCF).

Article II The purposes of the organization shall be:

Section 1. To promote an atmosphere of Christian fellowship among the students of the Ohio State University.

Section 2. To encourage Christian service in everyday living, and to stimulate witness to Christ and the Christian faith in the university campus and the local community.

Section 3. To provide opportunities for Christian worship and study.

Section 4. To provide for and encourage study of the Bible and Christian living to obtain the knowledge necessary to meet the problems of daily life.

Section 5. To provide opportunities for Christian students to grow towards maturity and be equipped in basic ministry skills according to their interests, strengths and spiritual gifts.

Article III. The Membership

Section 1. SCF is a non-denominational evangelical group of Ohio State students who encourage one another to grow towards spiritual maturity in Christ while attending OSU. While membership and activities are open to all students of the OSU community, SCF is founded on traditional evangelical Christian beliefs (see Article VIII). The membership of SCF is open only to OSU students who have an interest in the purposes stated above, abide by this constitution, and actively participate in the regular meetings of SCF. Membership and participation are free from discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran.

Section 2. The faculty advisor position is a non-student member of the organization with all the rights and privileges therein except for the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3. If a member conducts themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a unanimous vote of the officers, under the counsel of the advisor

Article IV. Leadership

Section 1. Each year SCF invites students to be leaders. To be eligible to be a leader an individual must be a member of SCF for at least one (1) semester. SCF shall not discriminate against any leader for reasons of age, color, disability, national origin, race, sex, or veteran status. Additionally, student leaders must agree to advocate, and conform their lives to, the letter and spirit of traditional evangelical Christian beliefs (see Article VIII). Specifically, student leaders are expected to abide by and advocate traditional evangelical norms of personal moral behavior,

including abiding by and advocating evangelical norms of honesty, racial reconciliation, concern for the poor and oppressed of society, sacrificial love, sexual chastity, respect for lawful authority, and respect for biblical authority and integrity. SCF student leaders should strive to exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of their lives.

Section 2. New leaders may be added every semester. Current student leaders or staff will recommend and approve prospective leaders. After being approved, new leaders will serve a term of one academic year. If at any time during their term the leader fails to abide by the purposes, beliefs, and leadership qualities delineated in this constitution they can be removed from duty.

Section 3. If an officer conducts themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a unanimous vote of the other officers under the counsel of the advisor after being provided an opportunity to make their case explaining themselves.

Article V. The Officers

Section 1. There shall be three officers chosen from the members of SCF: President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall serve a term of one year from mid-September to mid-September.

Section 3. Each officer shall be a member of SCF and shall conform to the OSU standards for officers of student groups.

Section 4. Current officers and staff will recommend and approve prospective officers at the beginning of each academic year. If at any time during their term the officer fails to abide by the purposes, beliefs, and leadership qualities delineated in this constitution they can be removed from duty.

Article VI. Officers and Duties

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be to help conduct the business of SCF. In addition, the Treasurer shall keep accounts, deposit the organizations funds and make expenditure in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student Organizations.

Section 2. The officers of SCF shall make up the Executive Board.

Article VII. Non Discrimination Statement

Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.

Article VIII. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any recognized officer of SCF to the Student Christian Foundation board (the sponsoring organization of SCF). Passage of an amendment must be by consensus of the SCF board and above mentioned SCF student officers.

All amendments to the constitution and by-laws are subject to the approval of the Office of Dean of Student Affairs.

Article VIV. Our Beliefs

Our beliefs are attached to the Constitution on a separate page.

By-laws
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Section 1. The meetings of SCF shall be held as deemed necessary by the Executive Board to fulfill the objectives of the organizations, to accomplish the purposes as set forth in Article II and to take care of the business of SCF.

Section 2. Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by any recognized officer of SCF to the Student Christian Foundation board (the sponsoring organization of SCF). Passage of an amendment must be by consensus of the SCF board and above mentioned SCF officers. All amendments to the constitution and by-laws are subject to the approval of the Office of Dean of Student Affairs.

_____ Date of
Adoption Date of Recognition

President's Signature Office of Student Affairs

Advisor's Signature

Summary of Beliefs
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The Bible

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that Scripture in its entirety originated with God, and that it was given through the instrument of chosen men. Scripture, at the same time speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writing similarly inspired by God. (2 Timothy 3.16-17; 2 Peter 1.19- 20)

God

We believe that there is one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of deity and characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and everything in it, showing the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His providence, He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes-showing mercy, hearing and answering prayer, and saving from sin and death all who come to

Him through Jesus Christ. (Matthew 3.16-17; John 16.23-27; Galatians 4.4-6; Ephesians 1.3, 17-23)

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity who took on a human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned of the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and giving salvation to all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He continually interceded for us as the only mediator between God and man. He will come again to earth personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. (Matthew 1.18-23; Luke 24.1-8; 2 Corinthians 5.19-21; Hebrews 4.14-16, 7.24-25; Revelation 19, 20)

Holy Spirit

The third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit was sent into the world by the Father to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakening them to their need of a Savior. At the point of salvation, He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and guides believers in understanding and applying Scripture. His power and control are appropriate by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father. (John 14.15-17, 25-26; 16.5-15; Acts 5.3-4; 1 Corinthians 12.4-13)

Salvation

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and was thus alienated from God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of human beings is, then, a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness, and is to be personally appropriated through faith, repentance, confession of faith, and baptism. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue it until we are complete and Christ returns for us. (Romans 3.23; 5.12-21; 6.3-23; Ephesians 2.8-9; John 1.12; Romans 10.9-15; Acts 2.38)

Human Destiny

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world, and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation because of their rejection of Him. Believers will be received in eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life. (Hebrews 9.27; 1 Corinthians 15.12-23; Revelation 20.11-22)

The Church

The corollary of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the church. There is one true church, universal, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of baptism and communion as Jesus commanded, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the care of the leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ. (Hebrews 10.24-25; Acts 2.42-47; Matthew 28.18-20; Acts 1.8; Colossians 1.18; Hebrews 13.17)