

**PROPOSED BYLAWS**  
**FOR**  
**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Being mindful of God's will that his children be taught the content and practical applications of His Word in every aspect of learning and every activity of life and firmly believing that Christ-centered Education is a necessary part of the fulfillment of His will, the Board of Directors of Southwest Georgia Theological Seminary establishes these By-Laws for its organization and operation.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME, OFFICE, REGISTERED AGENT AND RECORDS**

**1A. NAME:** The name of the Seminary is Southwest Georgia Theological Seminary (hereby referred to as SGTS).

**1B. OFFICE:** Principal Business Office: The mailing address of SGTS is P.O. Box 45, Sylvester, Georgia 31791. The physical address is: The corner of Royal and Carmen Lane, Sylvester, Georgia 31791. The e-mail address is: [sgts@sffwbc.org](mailto:sgts@sffwbc.org).

**1C. REGISTERED AGENT:** The registered agent shall be the Chancellor or the Dean of Students, or such other person as the Board may determine.

**1D. BOOKS AND RECORDS:** Southwest Georgia Theological Seminary shall keep correct and complete books and records of account(s) and shall also keep Minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors. All books and records may be inspected by a Director or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**ARTICLE II**

**MISSION, PURPOSE, STATEMENT OF FAITH, AND MOTTO**

**2A. MISSION:** The Mission of SGTS is to help our students develop two capabilities:

- A mind for Biblical Scholarship
- A heart for the Gospel

These capabilities will come through the following avenues: By discovering truth through the lens of Scripture, and by developing their potential for Christian Service and by conforming to the image of Christ.

**2B. PURPOSE:** Our purpose is to further the Great Commission by preparing and equipping Christian Ministers and Teachers (men & women) who, within diverse denominations, are Biblically and Theologically responsible, professionally competent, intellectually astute, spiritually mature and deeply committed to serving our generation by sharing the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Consistent with the truth that God's grace and His love through Jesus Christ extend without partiality to all mankind, SGTS admits students of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin. We are committed to bringing Theological training to all those who seek our help, making a Christian Education affordable and attainable. SGTS has the right to expel any student, faculty, or board member, who fails to follow the guidelines of moral conduct set forth in the student handbook

**2C. MOTTO:** Equipped To Serve

**2D. STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

1. We believe the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, to be the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God in the original text and altogether sufficient in themselves as our only rule of faith and practice. Accepting fully the writings of both the Old (In the Masoretic Text) and New Testaments (Textus Receptus) as the very Word of God.
2. We Believe there is one God, eternally existent in three person; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14.
3. We believe that the universe originated by the creative act of God, in a literal six day creation, as revealed in Holy Scripture, and that the form of every kind of life was fixed at the time of its creation. Genesis 1:1
4. We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in his sinless life, in His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His visible return to earth in power and glory. Colossians 1: 13-20.
5. We believe that all men are lost and sinful, and that salvation is received by the grace of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and by the regeneration of life by the Holy Spirit. Romans 3:23; Titus 3:5.
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit as established in the Bible. John 17:20-23; I Corinthians 12:12-13
7. We believe that support and participation in the task of fulfilling the Great Commission is the responsibility of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 28: 19-20.

These convictions provide the framework of our entire educational program. Everything we do as an institution, no matter how great or small must be consistent with these foundational beliefs.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**3A. Board of Directors** – The Board of Directors of SGTS being established in compliance with our certificate of accreditation hereby is appointed as the governing body of SGTS.

1. **PURPOSE:** This Board shall enable SGTS to carry out its mission and purpose as set forth in these bylaws; To challenge the process continually for both the student body and leadership of this college, to ensure that we all reach for the highest possible success at all times, by creating an atmosphere of responsibility and accountability.
2. **BY-LAWS:** The Board of Directors shall make and maintain all by-laws that are necessary for the function of SGTS.
3. **VOTING:** All votes shall be set forth as law with a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  - This shall stand for all laws, procedures, appointments and removals.
  - Votes may be cast by proxy with a written, signed document stating the voter's intent.
4. **REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:** Regular and timely meetings of the board of directors shall be as follows or as needed:
  - A. Trimester Meetings of the Board of Directors
  - B. Called meetings

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS**

4A. **Chancellor:** Current chancellor, Dr. Bill Frye, Founder of SGTS.

- A. Duties and responsibilities of the Chancellor:
  1. Provides overall leadership and planning for school
  2. Head of School
  3. Appoints Teachers
  4. Appoints Officers
  5. Suggests Curriculum
  6. Presides over Board meetings
  7. Is a voting member

8. Disperse checks

**4B. Dean of Students:** Appointed by Chancellor with the agreement of the Board.

A. Duties and responsibilities of the Dean of Students

1. Liaison between students
2. Implement Curriculum
3. Oversee other officers other than Chancellor
4. Is a voting member of the Board of Directors
5. Shall over-see preparation and presentation of the student handbook
6. Prepare students for graduation
7. Shall work with the chancellor and registrar to deliver semester grades to all students

**4C. Registrar:** Appointed by Chancellor with the agreement of the Board.

A. Duties and responsibilities of the Registrar:

1. Register Students
2. Compile and maintain student records (transcripts)
3. Record minutes of Board meetings.
4. Is a voting member of the Board of Directors

**4D. Academic Dean –**

A. Duties and responsibilities of the Academic Dean:

1. Overseeing the grading process
2. Overseeing the grading committee
3. Advising curriculum
4. Is a voting member of the Board of Directors

**4E. Treasurer:** Appointed by Chancellor with the agreement of the Board.

A. Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer:

1. Maintain financial records
2. Disperse checks (Board would appoint another person in event the Treasurer and Chancellor are not able to disperse checks. Change would need to be made at the bank.
3. Is a voting member of the Board of Directors

**4F. Student Representative:**

- A. Class President- voted in by Student Body.
- B. A senior student
- C. Serves one full year (can be voted in office repeatedly)
- D. Is a voting member of the Board of Directors

**4G. Representatives of Sponsoring Church:**

- A. Pastor – The pastor of the sponsoring church shall serve on the Board of Directors.
  - 1. Is a voting member
- B. Deacons – Two deacon representatives from the sponsoring church shall serve on the Board of Directors.
  - 1. Is a voting member

**4H. Teachers:**

- A. Teachers shall be appointed by the Chancellor
- B. Teachers shall maintain moral and spiritual integrity as set forth in the student handbook.
- C. Teachers shall only teach material that follows Biblical principals and has been pre-approved by the Chancellor.
- D. Teachers shall uphold the By-laws, Purpose, Motto and Statement of Faith of SGTS.