

Breakaway Church Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within Breakaway Church. AI tools can be helpful for administrative efficiency, creative support, and ministry communication. However, their use must always align with biblical values, the mission of Breakaway Church, and ethical standards.

Guiding Principles

1. Christ-Centered Use

- AI is a tool, not a substitute for spiritual discernment, prayer, or the work of the Holy Spirit.
- All final decisions, teachings, and pastoral guidance must come from people, not machines.

2. Human Oversight

- AI-generated content must always be reviewed, edited, and approved by Breakaway Church staff or volunteers before being shared publicly.
- AI is not permitted to make autonomous decisions affecting pastoral care, finances, or church governance.

3. Transparency

- When AI is used in creating written, visual, or media content, staff should be open about its role if asked.
- AI should not be used to mislead, impersonate individuals, or present generated content as if it were direct divine revelation.

4. Privacy & Data Protection

- Personal, sensitive, or confidential information about Breakaway Church members must never be entered into AI systems unless specifically authorized and secure.
- Use of AI should comply with applicable data protection and copyright laws.

5. Integrity in Ministry

- Sermons, devotionals, or theological materials generated with AI must be carefully reviewed to ensure biblical accuracy and theological soundness.
- AI should support, not replace, pastoral teaching, discipleship, or counseling.

6. Ethical Boundaries

- AI may be used for tasks such as proofreading, scheduling, graphic design, research assistance, and idea generation.
- AI must not be used to create deepfakes, falsified testimonies, or manipulative content.

Approved Uses of AI in Breakaway Church

- Drafting and editing administrative communications.
- Brainstorming ideas for creative projects, outreach, or events.
- Generating graphics, templates, or social media content (with human review).
- Research assistance for sermon prep, teaching, or ministry resources.

Prohibited Uses of AI in Breakaway Church

- Producing or distributing theological content without human review.
- Entering confidential church or member data into unsecured AI platforms.
- Using AI-generated content to impersonate pastors, leaders, or members.
- Delegating pastoral care, counseling, or decision-making to AI.

Accountability

- All staff and volunteers of Breakaway Church are responsible for adhering to this policy.
- Questions about acceptable AI use should be directed to the Breakaway Church leadership team.
- This policy will be reviewed annually as technology evolves.