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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.



The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be New Haven Baptist Church, Inc.

Article II

#### **PURPOSE**

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes as the establishing and maintaining places of religious worship. The building, maintaining, and operating of churches, parsonages, school, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, daycare centers (nurseries) camps, assisted living centers, and any other ministry that the Church may be led of God to establish, and to exercise all other powers conferred upon it by its charter or by the applicable nonprofit corporation law of the state of Florida: and all in accordance with its bylaws as the same may be hereinafter amended.

The Church shall also ordain, license and/or commission men to the Gospel ministry; evangelize the unsaved by the proclaiming of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; educate believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scriptures, both in Sunday and weekday schools in the United States and any foreign country; and engage in any other ministry that the Church may decide to pursue from time to time in obedience to the will of God.

Article III

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221

#### ARTICLE IV

# MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION AND THEIR RIGHTS

The qualification of members of the corporation, the manner of their admission and their rights shall be as stated in the bylaws. The corporation shall be non-stock and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to members.

#### Article V

# MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected, appointed or removed shall be as stated in the bylaws.

#### Article VI

# INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is three. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws, without amendment of these articles of incorporation, but shall never be less than three. The name and address of each initial director of the corporation is as follows:

John E. Lonix 2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221

Willis E. Pinckney 1867 Bilodeau Ct Jacksonville, Florida 32210 Gary L. Fields 2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221

# Article VII

#### LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

This corporation is formed exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, educational, literary, civic and social welfare purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Article of Incorporation, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, members or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Article of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

# ARTICLE VIII

#### NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The corporation shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to applicants, members and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

#### ARTICLE IX

# QUALIFICATIONS

The members, directors and officers of this corporation shall be Christians, who are members of New Haven Baptist Church, Inc.

#### ARTICLE X

# INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

John E. Lonix 2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221

The corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time, without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE XI

# DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the directors of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and which subscribe to the Statement of Faith as set forth in the bylaws of the corporation, as the directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the city or county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and subscribe to the Statement of Faith as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII

# **AMENDMENTS**

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, the bylaws, or any amendments thereto, and any right conferred upon the directors or members is subject to this reservation.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal these Articles of Incorporation or the bylaws shall be vested in the directors of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### INCORPORATORS

The name and addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

John E. Lonix 2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221 Willis E. Pinckney 1867 E. Bilodeau Ct Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Gary L. Fields 2120 Blair Rd Jacksonville, Florida 32221

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1st day of October 2000.

I accept the appointment of registered agent for said corporation.

John E. Lonix

incorporator/Registered Agent

Garv L. Fields