

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: The First Baptist Church of Palatka, Incorporated  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of Reinstatement/Reincorporation and a check for :

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**FEES:**

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Registered Agent	\$35.00
Annual Reports for 1993 through present year	\$61.25 per calendar year.

**OPTIONAL:**

Certified Copy \$8.75 (plus \$1 per page over 8, not to exceed a maximum of \$52.50)  
Certificate of Status \$8.75

FROM: Rev. Charles T. Rabun, Jr., Administrator  
Name (Printed or typed)  
501 Oak Street  
Address  
Palatka, Florida 32177  
City, State & Zip  
904-328-1531  
Daytime Telephone number

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# **APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND REINCORPORATION OF LEGISLATIVELY OR JUDICIALLY CHARTERED NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH s. 617.1623(1)(d), FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REINSTATE AND REINCORPORATE A NOT FOR PROFIT LEGISLATIVELY OR JUDICIALLY CHARTERED CORPORATION WHICH WAS DISSOLVED ON JULY 2, 1992, PURSUANT TO s. 617.1623(1)(c):

1. The First Baptist Church of Palatka, Inc.  
Name of corporation exactly as it appears in legislative or judicial charter.

2. 501 Oak Street, Palatka, Florida 32177  
Street address of the principal office of the corporation.  
(This address will be used for the mailing of corporation annual reports)

3. April 10, 1925  
Date of legislative or judicial incorporation

4. FEI Number 59-0714834 ☐ FEI Number applied for  
☐ FEI Number not required

5. Name, address and title of current officers and/or directors:  
(use additional page if necessary)

Title	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip
President	Ben Bates	Rt. 7 Box 298	Palatka, FL 32177
Vice President	- William Germany	- 113 Sunset Point Rd.	East Palatka, FL 32131
Secretary	Michael DuPont	Rt. 2 Box 175 -	East Palatka, FL 32131
Treasurer	John D. Rowe	Rt. 5 Box 1822 -	Palatka, FL 32177
<i>See attached directors</i>			

6. Attached is a copy of the judicial charter and all amendments thereto certified by the Circuit Court of the county wherein recorded or a copy of the chartering law certified by the Department of State, Division of Elections as to legislative charters and completed Certificate of Reincorporation.

*Charles T. Rabun, Jr.*  
Authorized Signature

*Charles T. Rabun, Jr. Administrator*  
Name and capacity of person signing application  
(see S. 617.10201(6))

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# **First Baptist Church**

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November 16, 2000

## **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALATKA, INCORPORATED**

Marion C. Haddock – 600 Fern Street, Palatka, Florida 32177

Frank P. Joyner – Rt. 4 Box 1438, Palatka, Florida 32177

Jack Scurry – 2114 Diana Drive, Palatka, Florida 32177

Bill K. Turner – Rt. 1 Box 567D, East Palatka, Florida 32131

Raiford Zetrouer – 2104 Crill Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177

Mary Baker – 320 North Third Street, Palatka, Florida 32177

Peggy C. Murphy – 143 Walton Road, East Palatka, Florida 32131

Mary Ellen Webb – 2915 Meadows Lane, Palatka, Florida 32177

H. G. Petty

H. Y. Reynolds  
Counsel for Applicants  
Palatka, Florida, Dec. 10, 1925.

~~April 11-18-26 May 2.~~

THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSCRIBERS hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming and constituting a body politic and corporate under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, relating to the creation and operation of corporations not for profit, the following being the proposed charter of said corporation:

PROPOSED CHARTER

OF

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALATKA

ARTICLE I.

The name of the proposed corporation shall be The First Baptist Church of Palatka, and the place where same shall be located shall be Palatka, Putnam County, Florida.

ARTICLE II.

The general nature and object of this corporation shall be to instruct in Divine worship and Godly living agreeable to the Holy Scriptures, to provide for and to promote Christian training and spiritual welfare, to exalt and urge upon loyal support and respect to civil authority, and to spread the doctrine and teachings of the Christian Religion according to the convictions and belief of the Baptist Denomination; to acquire, own, possess, and dispose of real estate, to accept grants of real estate, or gifts of money or other personal property, and to erect, establish, equip and maintain buildings for the above purposes, to have and use a corporate seal, and to do and perform all and every act and thing incident to and necessary in order to properly manage and conduct the affairs of said corporation, and in order to carry out the purposes of the said proposed corporation as above stated, and to have all the rights, powers and privileges permitted and granted by the laws of the State of Florida to corporations not for profit.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of the corporation shall be a number of professing Christians of reputable standing, voluntarily associated together for Divine worship and Godly living agreeable to the Holy Scriptures, and submission to the Baptist form of Government, which shall consist of the entire membership of the present existing First Baptist Church of Palatka, and all members who may be hereafter received. The qualifications for admission shall be as follows: (a) A confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the acceptance of Him as a personal Savior, (b) Repentance of sins, and (c) Baptism by immersion. Applicants for admission may be accepted upon a unanimous vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IV.

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V.

The names and residence of the subscribers of this corporation as follows:

H. O. Hamm

J. F. Blake

J. H. Yelverton

H. G. Petty

G. F. Schramm

Palatka, Florida

Palatka, Florida

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Palatka, Florida.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The business of this corporation shall be managed by a board of not less than five and not more than eleven directors and their successors, and from this membership the said board of directors shall elect a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, provided however, that the same person shall be eligible to hold both offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The title to the said property of the corporation shall vest in said board of directors and their successors perpetually, and who shall be elected annually at a stated annual meeting, to be hereinafter fixed by date, by the by-laws of said proposed corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of said proposed corporation and in whom the title to said property shall vest until the first election of directors to be held under proposed charter and by laws shall be as follows:

H. O. Hamm, President

J. F. Blake, Secretary and Treasurer

J. H. Yelverton, Director

H. G. Petty, Director

G. F. Schramm, Director.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The by-laws of this corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by the officers and board of directors as above named.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The highest amount of indebtedness to which this proposed corporation may at any time subject itself shall be Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars.

#### ARTICLE X.

The amount in value of real estate which this corporation may hold shall be Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars, subject always however, to the approval of the Circuit Judge.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto subscribed their names as members of an subscribers to the above named and foregoing proposed charter and articles of incorporation of the above named The First Baptist Church of Palatka, of Palatka, Florida, this 10th day of April A. D. 1925.

H. O. Hamm

J. H. Yelverton, Jr.,

J. F. Blake

G. F. Schramm

H. G. Petty

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM ) SS

Personally appeared before me an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and to take acknowledgments, H. O. Hamm, to me well known to be one of the foregoing subscribers to the proposed charter of The First Baptist Church of Palatka, of Palatka, Florida, and acknowledged to and before me his signature thereto and that he has subscribed to the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes and objects as therein expressed and set out; and further upon oath, being by me first duly sworn, says that it is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein.

H. O. Hamm

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 10th day of April A. D. 1925, and in witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 10th day of April, A. D. 1925.

Lawrence K. Tucker

Notary Public.

Notary Public, State of Florida

My commission expires November 17, 1925.

(Notarial Seal)

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice of Intention to Apply for Charter. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on the 9th day of May, A.D. 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as we may be heard, apply to the Honorable A. V. Long, Judge of the Circuit Court, acting in and for the County of Putnam, and at Palatka, Florida, or wherever the Judge may be found, for a charter authorizing the incorporation of the First Baptist Church of Palatka, of Palatka, Florida. The nature of the proposed corporation is religious only, aiming after the instruction in and practice of Christian living, and the object of said corporation is to acquire, own and dispose of real estate, to erect, equip and maintain buildings for the purpose of Christian worship, and to present itself as a responsible agent under the laws of the State of Florida. The proposed charter of this corporation will be found on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Putnam County, Florida.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALATKA-H. C. Hamm, J. H. Welton, J. F. Blake, G. F. Schramm, H. C. Petty,

H. V. REMFOLD, Counsel for Applicants. Palatka, Florida, April 10, 1925.

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PROOF OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM.

Personally appeared before me M. K. Vickers, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the publishers of the Palatka Daily News, a newspaper published in the City of Palatka, in said County and State, that the notice, a copy of which is hereunto attached, has been published in said Palatka Daily News, once each week in consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 11 A.D. 1925, and ending with the issue of May 2 A.D. 1925; and that the other dates of publication were April 17 A.D. 1925, April 25 A. D. 1925.

M. K. Vickers.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of May, A.D. 1925.

W. A. Williams, Jr.,

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires July 13, 1925.

(Notarial Seal)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALATKA, OF PALATKA, FLORIDA:

This cause coming on to be heard on this the 9th day of May, A.D. 1925, and the proposed charter of The First Baptist Church of Palatka, together with proof of publication having been produced before the Court, and the same appearing to be in the proper form and for a purpose authorized by the Laws of this State relative to corporations not for profit, and no cause having been shown to the contrary who same should not be authorized and approved: It is upon consideration thereof, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said charter be, and the same is hereby approved, and it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said charter, together with the endorsement of approval by this Court, be

forthwith recorded in the office of the Clerk of this Court.

Decreed at chambers in Palatka, Florida on this 9th day of May A. D. 1925.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORE-  
GOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
AS SAME APPEARS ON RECORD IN  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE OF THE  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

A. V. Long.  
JUDGE EIGHTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

W. A. Williams, Jr.,

Clerk.

BY Mamie Shattell D.C.

DATE November 15, 2000

BY Anna Branch D.C.

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STATE OF FLORIDA, :

COUNTY OF PUTNAM. :

On this day, personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, Ralph W. Sawyer, Treasurer of the Sawyer Grocery Company, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Ralph W. Sawyer; I am Treasurer of the Sawyer Grocery Company and I hereby certify that ten per cent. of the capital stock of the Sawyer Grocery Company has been subscribed and paid in.

Ralph W. Sawyer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th., day of July, A.D. 1925.

(Notarial Seal)

Filed for record July 14, 1925,

at 2:55 P. M.

Recorded July 15th., 1925.

Sarah L. Mabry,  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires the 5th. day of Jan-  
uary, A.D. 1926.

W. A. Williams, Jr.,

Clerk.

BY Mamie Shattell D.C.

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LETTERS PATENT - STATE OF FLORIDA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME--GREETING:

WHEREAS, J. C. Thorn, A. J. Drexel Riddle, Jr., A. H. Sands, Jr., W. T. Wenderlipp and J. D. Bourne, Jr., on the eighth day of January, A.D. 1925, filed in the office of the Secretary of State a proposed charter of a corporation to be known as

DURNAM-TROPICAL LAND CORPORATION

with a capital of 7,500 shares; of such shares 5,000 shares shall be preferred stock which shall be issued at the par value of \$100.00 each; and 2,500 shares shall be common stock which shall be issued without nominal or par value for the purpose to purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire, and to own, hold and deal in real and personal property and any and all rights, interests and estates therein, in the State of Florida or elsewhere, improved or unimproved, and of every kind and description, and to improve, develop, equip, manage and operate the same. The erection, building, construction and alteration of any and all buildings, houses, lofts, stores, apartments, hotels and/or other structures of every kind and nature. To develop the resources and to turn to account the lands, buildings, rights and properties, real or personal of the corporation, and to sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of the lands, buildings or other property of the company or any part thereof. To borrow on the bond or note of the company and either with or without the security of its real or personal property, and on any terms any sum or sums (subject to the limit hereinafter set forth) which may be necessary or convenient in the operation of the business of the company. To collect rents and income from property and to deal with tenants, occupiers thereof and others; to direct the management, improvement and sale of properties, buildings and lands, and transact on commission the business of a real estate agent generally and to conduct a general real estate and building business with all

## CERTIFICATE OF REINCORPORATION

Pursuant to s. 617.0901, Florida Statutes, this certificate of reincorporation was duly authorized by a meeting of its members regularly called or by a meeting of its board of directors if there were no members entitled to vote on the reincorporation:

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

The First Baptist Church of Palatka, Inc.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

501 Oak Street, Palatka, Florida 32177

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized:

Instruction in divine worship, Godly Living, teaching of the Holy Scriptures, Promotion of Christian training, Promotion of Spiritual Welfare, Support of civil Authority and Spread the doctrine and teaching of the Christian religion according to the conviction of the Baptist denomination to acquire, own, posses, and dispose of real properties,

### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

Annual election to include at least five but not more than eleven members in annual business conference each October.

to accept grants of real estates/or gifts of money or other personal properties, and to erect, establish, equip and maintain buildings for the above purpose.

### ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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

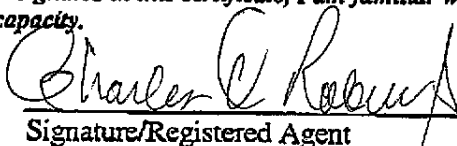
Rev. Charles T. Rabun, Jr. Administrator  
First Baptist Church of Palatka  
501 Oak Street, Palatka, Florida 32177

### ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Rev. Charles T. Rabun, Jr. Administrator  
First Baptist Church of Palatka  
501 Oak Street, Palatka, Florida, 32177

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
Signature/Registered Agent

11-16-00  
Date

  
Signature/Incorporator

11-16-00  
Date

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