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Secretary of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BEREAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, INC., A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find original and two copies of Articles of Incorporation as referenced above together with my firm's check in the amount of \$70.00 as and for the filing fee. Please return a stamped copy showing receipt of same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Barry J. Fuller

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BEREAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, INC. A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION



#### ARTICLE ONE NAME

The name of the Corporation is BEREAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, INC.

#### ARTICLE TWO PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 4459 Highway 17 South, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida 32073, and the mailing address of the Corporation is the same.

#### ARTICLE THREE DURATION

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual; and the Corporate existence will commence on the filing of these Article by the Department of State.

#### ARTICLE FOUR PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statues as a Non-Profit Corporation. The purpose of this Corporation is to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit and not specifically prohibited to Corporations under the laws of this State. The purpose for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any

future United States Internal Revenue Law. Specifically, the purpose of this Corporation shall include but shall not be limited to the religious training of students through the ministry of Berean Baptist Church of Orange Park, Florida, and to this end:

- A. To carry out the Great Commission of Christ, as given in Matthew 28:19:20.
- B. To administer the ordinances of the New Testament; baptism and the Lord's
   Supper;
- C. To edify the Saints of God through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God as set forth in the Articles of Faith of Berean Baptist Church of Orange Park, Florida.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation 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 Internal Revenue Law), or by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Untied States Internal Revenue Law).

#### ARTICLE FIVE SCOPE OF POWER

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities that may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable or proper for the

furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations under the Internal Revenue Code as the Internal Revenue Code and such regulations now exist or as they may hereafter be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE SIX PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any 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 Internal Revenue Law. At all times, and notwithstanding any change in name, merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, or any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation or any other organizational documents of the Corporation.

6.1. The Corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation or by operation of law that will prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a

Corporation described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would cause the loss of such qualification.

- 6.2. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall be used ever, nor shall the Corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that do not exclusively promote charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 6.3. The Corporation shall not be operated for the principal purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.
- 6.4. At no time shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States of Ame3rica, the State of Florida or any other jurisdiction where its activities are carried on.
- 6.5. No part of the income of the Corporation shall enure to the benefit of any shareholder, trustee, director, officer of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no trustee, officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporate assets.
  - 6.6. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year

at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the corporation shall not:

- 6.6.1. Engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- 6.6.2. Retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- 6.6.3. Make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or
- 6.6.4. Make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 6.7. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN DISSOLUTION

Upon termination, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more organizations having either exclusively charitable, religious, scientific or educational purposes or a primary purpose to promote social welfare only for exempt purposes as defined in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that in the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purposes.

## ARTICLE EIGHT DIRECTORS

The number of Directors shall be set, and may be increased or diminished, from time to time, by the By-Laws, but in no event shall the number of Directors be reduced below three (3). The method of election of the Directors of the Corporation, and their removal from office, their qualifications, powers, duties, compensation, and tenure of office, the manner of filling vacancies on the Board, and the manner of calling and holding meetings of Directors, shall be as stated in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE NINE MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have one Member, to-wit: Berean Baptist Church of Orange Park, Inc. The qualifications and rights of the Member, any quorum and voting requirements for meetings and activities of the Member, and notice requirements sufficient to provide notice of meetings and activities of the Member are set forth in the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE TEN REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and the mailing address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 2301 Park Avenue, Suite 404, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida 32073. The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be **BARRY J. FULLER.** 

# ARTICLE ELEVEN INITIAL INCORPORATOR

The name and residence address of the initial Incorporator is:

DR. TOM NEAL

1561 Royal Fern Lane Orange Park, FL 32073

IN WITNESS WHEREOF have subscribed my name to these Articles of

Incorporation this

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DR. TOM NEAL

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF CLAY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared DR. TOM NEAL, who is known to be the person described in and who subscribed the above Articles of

Incorporation, and did freely and voluntarily acknowledge before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes described therein mentioned.

day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2001, in the County and State aforesaid.



NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida at large

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT OF BEREAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, INC.

Pursuant to Sections 48.091 and 607.034, Florida States, the undersigned, having been designated as the initial Registered Agent for the service of process within the state of Florida upon **BEREAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, INC.**, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby accept the appointment as such Registered Agent for the above-named Corporation, and does hereby agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091(2) relative to keeping open the Registered Office of said Corporation, which Registered Office is located at 2301 Park Avenue, Suite 404, Orange Park, Florida 32073.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, such designated Registered Agent, have hereunto set my hand and seal at Orange Park, Clay County, Florida, on this day of day.

BARRY J. FULLER

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