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SUBJECT: Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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FROM: Bernard Johnson
30 Old Ferry Road
Shalimar, FL 32579
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**Articles of Incorporation
of
Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc.**

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The Directors of Abundant Life Church of Niceville, a religious organization dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, do hereby set forth the following Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Fla. Stat. ch. 617.0202 (2000):

ARTICLE 1

Name

- § 1.01 The name of the Corporation shall be Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc.

ARTICLE 2

Purposes and Activities

- § 2.01 The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are strictly within the bounds of State and Federal requirements for non-profit corporations. Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc., shall function exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Fla. Stat. ch. 617.0301 (2000), to the extent that said purposes are consistent with those prescribed in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding statutes thereto.
- § 2.02 The activities of this corporation shall be in furtherance of the religious purposes enumerated in § 2.01 to the extent that said activities are not inconsistent with § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Said activities shall include the following:
- A. To form and conduct a Local Church, as that term is defined for State and Federal tax purposes, dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord; teaching the Bible as the inspired and inerrant Word of God; training and ordaining ministers of the Gospel; training and encouraging persons in the operation of the Christian faith; providing a place of worship and Christian service for all persons; and engaging in religious and charitable work. Pursuant thereto, the following guidelines shall be observed:
1. A recognized creed, code of doctrine, discipline, and form of worship shall be established.
 2. An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established according to the pattern of Church government established in the Scriptures.

3. Ordination of ministers shall be accomplished upon completion of the prescribed course of study to be designed and developed by the Board of Directors.
 4. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the Congregation of this Church.
 5. Schools of religious instruction for children and adults shall be established using any and all appropriate media available: classes, conferences, seminars, radio, television, and any other appropriate media hereafter discovered and established.
 6. The corporation shall develop, publish, and distribute literature in the form of books, pamphlets, audio and video tapes, and other forms of mass media for the express purposes of educating persons with the Word of God.
 7. The church shall establish regular religious services, classes, and functions pursuant to the recognized creed, form of worship, code of doctrine, and discipline of the Church and shall establish of Sunday Schools and religious schools for Christians and the educational instruction for young and old.
 8. The church shall establish a Bible Training Center for the preparation of ministers who minister to this Church and other Churches of like faith and practice.
- B. To form integrated auxiliaries or related ministries dedicated to reaching persons of Okaloosa and Walton Counties with the Gospel of Jesus Christ with programs including but not limited to:
1. Caring for the poor and needy with food and clothing distribution programs.
 2. Providing practical educational classes designed to meet the needs and improve the lives of persons in the general area of the church.
 3. Sponsoring programs and activities designed to help persons secure lasting employment and/or begin and operate their own businesses.
 4. Providing opportunities for fellowship and personal ministry for all persons within the context of the Christian life.
 5. Providing opportunities for Christian service for persons who desire to reach the full potential of their divine callings.
- C. To work in Florida, other States of the United States, and other nations of the world with other Christian churches and ministries of like mind, character, and purpose in the effort to reach persons with the Gospel of

Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 3

Duration

- § 3.01 The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with Fla. Stat. ch. 617.1402.
- § 3.02 In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, assets of the corporation shall be distributed to a corporation organized exclusively for the religious, charitable, or educational purposes similar to the purposes of this corporation so enumerated in § 2.01 of these Articles of Incorporation and recognized as an exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 4

Powers and Responsibilities

- § 4.01 This Corporation shall reserve the right to exercise all powers accorded non-profit corporations by statute as stated in Fla. Stat. ch. 617.0302, to the extent that said powers enable acts which are not inconsistent with § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- § 4.02 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, 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 § 2.01 of these Articles of Incorporation. Any salaries, together with fringe benefits or other forms of compensation (housing, transportation, and other allowances) paid to or provided employees, directors, or officers, will not exceed a value which is reasonable and commensurate with the duties and working hours associated with such employment and with the compensation ordinarily paid persons with similar positions and duties.
- § 4.03 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 statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- § 4.04 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2)

of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 5

Members

- § 5.01 This church shall be comprised of members who shall be admitted to active membership upon meeting the requirements established by the Bylaws of Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc.
- § 5.02 This church shall not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, or religious background. The qualifications for membership established by this Church are based on sincerely held religious beliefs and principles pursuant to the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and shall be administered fairly within the context of Scriptural application of the laws of the United States.
- § 5.03 Persons may be removed from the membership roles according to the procedures outlined in the Bylaws of this corporation.
- § 5.04 Voting privileges shall not be extended to members in general, but shall be reserved for the Board of Directors according to the provisions established in the Bylaws of the corporation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, receive a vote or poll of matters before it as provided in the Bylaws of Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc.

ARTICLE 6

Directors

- § 6.01 The Board of Directors shall be comprised of ordained ministers of the Gospel who are recognized as functioning in the offices of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and/or teacher; and, when necessary, by laypersons from this congregation who have demonstrated expertise and experience in matters of managing and financing the Kingdom of God. Directors shall meet the character qualifications of elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.
- § 6.02 Directors shall be appointed by the majority of existing Directors upon the nomination of the Senior Pastor. Said appointments shall be made at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Directors shall serve a term of three years, and shall be eligible to succeed themselves in consecutive terms provided they remain in active service and continue to meet the qualifications enumerated in § 6.01 of these Articles of Incorporation, whichever is appropriate. The terms of the Directors shall be established in classes so that their terms expire in different years.
- § 6.03 The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than

nine members, and shall at all times consist of a majority of persons unrelated by blood or marriage. The Directors shall be managers of the Corporation and its assets, both real and personal, and shall fulfill functions and duties ascribed them by all applicable laws. Directors shall be entitled to indemnification according to the provisions of Florida law.

§ 6.04 Directors may be removed from the Board by resignation, engaging in activities unbecoming a Spiritual leader, death, or action of the Senior Pastor in counsel with the other Directors.

§ 6.05 The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually pursuant to the Bylaws of Abundant Life Church of Niceville, Inc. The location of said meetings may be any location within or outside the State of Florida. The corporation shall reserve the right to reimburse all Directors for all reasonable travel expenses incurred in attending the meetings, and shall so stipulate the decision for said reimbursements in a resolution passed at the meeting being considered for reimbursement. Said reimbursements shall be subject to the church's official reimbursement plan in force at the time of the transaction. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum sufficient to conduct business.

A. The primary regular meeting shall be held in the month of October or November, at which time the Senior Pastor shall report on the activities of the Church during the previous year, and shall relate his plans and goals for the coming year.

B. Special meetings may be called as needed by the Senior Pastor and/or a majority of the Directors. Oral or written notice of the meeting, the time, and place shall be presented to each director at least ten days before a special meeting of the Directors.

C. Emergency meetings may be called as needed by the Senior Pastor and/or a majority of the Directors. Oral notice of the meeting, the time, and place shall be presented to each director in person at least three hours before an emergency meeting of the Directors.

§ 6.06 The work of the Board of Directors shall be led by two officers:

A. The President and Chief Executive Officer shall preside over Board of Directors and conduct the business of the corporation. The Senior Pastor at all times shall be the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.

B. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be charged with keeping and presenting the official minutes of the transactions of the Board, and presenting appropriate financial data to the Board. The Secretary shall be named by a majority of the Board of Directors upon the nomination of the Senior Pastor.

§ 6.07 The number of initial Directors shall be three (3), and are listed herewith as follows:

Bernard H. Johnson, Sr., 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

Lois A. Johnson, 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

L.M. Thorne, 233 North Hill Avenue, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548

**ARTICLE 7
Incorporator**

§ 7.01 The Incorporator of the corporation is

Bernard H. Johnson, Sr., 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

**ARTICLE 8
Corporate Address, Registered Office and Agent**

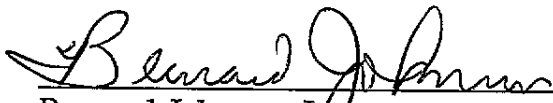
§ 8.01 The principal place of business of the corporation is 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

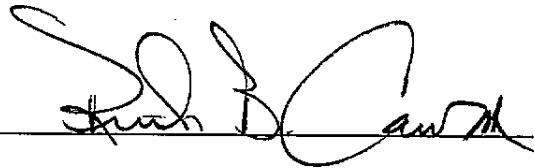
§ 8.02 The mailing address of the corporation is 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

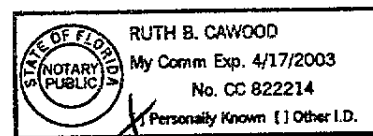
§ 8.03 The Registered Agent, and the registered office address within the State of Florida at which he is located, is

Bernard H. Johnson, Sr., 30 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar FL 32579.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and seal this 4th day of September, 2001.


Bernard Johnson, Incorporator





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Certificate of Registered Agent/Registered Office

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.


Bernard Johnson, Registered Agent

Date September 4, 2001