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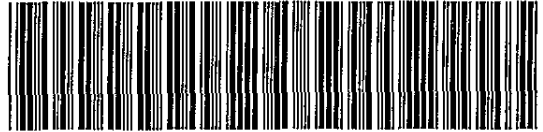
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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SUBJECT: New Joy Christian Fellowship, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Darrell Courtney  
Name (Printed or typed)

2695 University Blvd. N. #B215  
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32211  
City, State & Zip

(904) 762-9788  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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SECRETARIES  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**New Joy Christian Fellowship, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

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

**2695 University Blvd. North #B215  
Jacksonville, FL 32211**

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

**1. PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501©(3).

**2. LIMITED POWERS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, 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 Section 501©(3) purposes. 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 inn opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles, 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 Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

**3. DEDICATE ASSETS**

Upon dissolution of this corporation assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

***The non-profit corporation's Board of Directors will be known as the Board of Trustees. The non-profit corporation has five (5) Trustees. The number of Trustees may be either increased or diminished from time to time, but will never be less than three (3). The method of election or appointment of the Trustees shall be as provided in the bylaws***

**ARTICLE V INITIAL TRUSTEES/OFFICERS**

The name(s), address(es), and title(s):

1. Darrell Courtney  
Chairman
2. Terrell Courtney  
Vice-Chairman
3. Allesha Everett  
Secretary
4. Jacob Bush  
Advisor
5. Cassandra Bush  
Advisor

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the Incorporation is:

**Darrell Courtney  
2695 University Blvd. North #B215  
Jacksonville, FL 32211**

**ARTICLE VII BYLAWS**

**The Bylaws of this corporation may be amended, altered or repealed by the Board of Directors in a lawful assembly with final approval of the Pastor/Chairman**

**Method of Election of Officers:**

The officers of this non-profit corporation will be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees upon necessity. The term of serving the position of an officer is indefinite. New offices

may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Trustees. Officers, though not exclusively, may be chosen from the membership.

**Initial Board of Trustees:**

The number of initial Trustees will be no less than three (3). Upon resignation, dismissal or death of initial trustees, their successors shall be appointed by a 2/3 majority vote by the remaining Trustees.

**Doctrine/ Statement of Faith:**

**1. The Scriptures**

We believe that both the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God and are inerrant in the original writings. Through the providence of God, the Scriptures have been preserved and are the supreme and final and adequate authority in faith and life (Ps 19.7; 2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:19-21).

**2. God**

We believe there is one and only one true and living God existing in three Persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--each a distinct Person, but all of one essence and all having the same nature, perfections, and attributes, and each is worthy of precisely the same worship, confidence, and obedience (Gen 1.26; Jer 10:10; Matt 3.16-17; 28:19).

**3. Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, shed His blood on Calvary as a vicarious substitute, was buried, rose again bodily, and ascended to the Father according to the Scriptures (Is 7.14; Matt 1.18-25; 1 Cor 15.3; Heb 4.15).

**4. The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, very God coexistent with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the chief agent in regeneration, the chief convictor of sin, and the chief comforter of the believer. Simultaneous with regeneration, the Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the body of Christ (Matt 28.19; John 16.7-11; Acts 5.3-4; Rom 8.9; 1 Cor 12.12-14).

**5. Man**

We believe that man is the direct creation of God--body, soul, and spirit--and is not in any sense the result of evolution but is made in the image of God. Adam, the first man, sinned by disobedience. This act resulted in the fall of mankind and incurred both physical and spiritual death for all (Gen 1.26; Rom 3.10,23; 5.12).

**6. Salvation**

We believe that all who, in faith, receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior are born again by the Holy Spirit and thus become the children of God. Salvation involves redemption, regeneration, sanctification, and glorification (John 1.12; 3.3; 17.17; Rom 8.29-30; Eph 2.8-9; 4.30; Tit 3.5).

## **7. Second Coming**

We believe in the literal, visible, personal, pre-millennial, pre-tribulation return of Jesus Christ for His Church. At this event the dead in Christ and living believers will be translated to meet Him in the air. At the end of a seven-year tribulation, Christ will visibly descend with the saints to establish His earthly millennial kingdom (Acts 1.11; 1 Thess 4.13-18; Rev 20.1-6).

## **8. Providence**

We believe in the providence of God, but that He is not the author or approver of sin nor the destroyer of the free will and responsibility of man (John 3.16; Rom 8.28-30).

## **9. The Priesthood of the Believer**

We believe in the priesthood of all believers so that every Christian has direct access to God in prayer through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, and that there is no mediator between God and man other than Jesus Christ (Heb 4.16; 1 Tim 2.5; Rev. 1.6).

## **10. Satan**

We believe that Satan was originally created a perfect being. He rebelled against God. As a result, he became depraved, the Devil and adversary of God and His people, and leader of a host of angels who fell with him. Satan has been judged and defeated at the cross and awaits his ultimate doom at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ (Is 14.13-14; Ezek 28.13-17; John 16.11; 1 Tim 3.7; Rev 20.10).

## **11. Security of the Believer**

We believe that salvation is not only a gift from God but also is sustained by the Lord. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells the believer and seals him in salvation for all eternity. Therefore, since salvation is wholly of the Lord, apart from the works of man, we hold that the believer shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation (John 10.28; 14.16-17,26; 1 Cor 2.9-14; Eph 1.13; 2.8-9; 1 Pet 1.5; Jude 24-25).

## **12. The Lord's Day**

We believe that Sunday is the Lord's Day and is a Christian institution for regular observance of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private (1 Cor 16.2; Rev 1.10).

## **13. Creation**

We believe the triune God created the universe apart from pre-existing materials and without any evolutionary process. We believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis (Gen 1.1; Matt 19.4; John 1.1-3; Rom 1.20; Col 1.16-17; Heb 11.3).

## **14. The Local Church**

We believe that the New Testament church is a local body of baptized believers with Christ as its head and the Holy Spirit as its guide. New Testament churches promote God's work by cooperating together for missions and many other joint efforts. The local church is to be governed independent of outside persons, bodies, groups, or authorities (Matt 28:16-20; Acts 1.6-8; 6.3; 1 Cor 12.12-14; Eph 1.3-6,22-23; 1 Thes 4.16-18).

## **15. Ordinances**

We believe that the local church observes two ordinances--baptism and the Lord's Supper. We

believe that all who have received Christ as Savior and Lord should be baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; that baptism is by immersion in the likeness of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; and that the Lord's Supper should be observed in remembrance of Him to show forth His death for our sins until He comes again (Matt 26.26-30; 28.19-20; Rom 6.3-6; 1 Cor 11.23-26).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. Membership to this church shall consist of a person professing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Members will be accepted on the following three conditions:**

- i. Public Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ**
- ii. Church letter (formally moving membership from another church)**
- iii. Restoration/rededication of membership**

### **2. DUTIES**

Members are expected to be faithful to the Word of God, faithful in attendance and Christian living. Members are expected to give regularly to the support of the ministry and all things necessary to the support of the Christian body and ministry. Members should be in voluntary submission to the pastor and have a willingness to share in the church's organized work.

### **3. BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Formal notice will be given to all officers and members of the church at least one week prior to conducting business of the church.

### **4. TERMINATION**

To maintain membership one will be subject to principals as follows:

- a. Any member in good and regular standing who desires a letter of dismissal and that a position or equivalent be given at a new church.
- b. Should an officer or member become offensive to the church, community, family by any immoral and unchristian conduct or by intentional and consistent breach of covenant vows shall be removed from church roll.
- c. Should an officer become offensive to the church, community, family by any immoral and unchristian conduct or by intentional and consistent breach of covenant vows will be set-aside temporarily (removed from office) receive council and closely monitored. That officer will not immediately be returned to the same position once removed.

## **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT**

This constitution and by-laws and any changes thereof shall be considered, adopted and shall be in immediate effect with 2/3 vote of the members present at the business meeting with at least one week notice of meeting.

## **OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE PASTOR**

1. The chief officer(s) of the church is/are the Pastor(s). He is the person called of God to preach the gospel, who has been licensed or liberated by his church to preach, who after He has proven his gift, has been ordained by the church to the ministry and who, according to custom, has been called by the church to become its Pastor. The Pastor must be a tither.
2. The Assistant Pastor(s): He is also a person called of God to preach the gospel, who has been licensed or liberated by his church to preach, who after he has proven his gift, has been ordained by his church to the ministry. The Assistant Pastor must assist and continue in all assigned duties given by the Pastor and to attend all functions of the church as available. The Assistant Pastor must be a tither.

### **DEACONS**

- All deacons will need to go through Deacon training.
- No Deacon's office will be issued "For Life." Deacons shall serve for a period of two years after which he will be evaluated on Church standings.
- The deacons are recognized as in the New Testament. The Pastor, as needed by the church, recommends them. Their duties and qualifications will be those as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. They shall serve as long as their service is satisfactory and acceptable to the church. Deacons will be instructed to work as an extension of the Pastor.
- A good Deacon should be in Bible Study regularly, attend regular services and must be a tither.

### **METHOD OF PROCEDURE FOR DEACONS**

- The Board of Deacons shall meet monthly as an organized unit, with Pastor, considering all large problems and general policies.
- ALL DEACON MEETINGS MUST BE HELD AT THE CHURCH with prior notification of at least one week announced during church services with approval of the Pastor.
- All Deacons must confer with the Pastor in private all matters, which in his judgment would not be wisely and spiritually handled in public.



### **TRUSTEES**

1. Trustees should strive to be tithing members of the church. The Pastor shall determine length of service.
2. Trustees should and must have business savvy that will benefit the church.
3. The chair of the trustee board will be named by the Pastor and will discuss all business matters with the Pastor and church according to needs.
4. No trustee shall make any purchases of property, land, merchandise etc...without prior notification of meeting or approval of the Pastor.
5. Trustee Board shall not change the banking institution without prior notification to the Pastor(s) and must show documentation as to why the change is needed.

### **MINISTERS**

Youth Ministers, Ministers of Music, Singles Ministers, Gospel Ministers and all others that in this category shall work in closely with the Pastor and Executive Administrator. The Pastor will make all final decisions that affect any area of the church after conferring with the Ministers. All departments will have a written curriculum that will be agreed upon with the Pastor. All Ministers shall be tithing members.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The financial Secretary will be responsible for paying all salaries, bills and comprise all reports for all business meetings monthly. That person will be responsible for maintaining all books and computer reports and keeping the church apprised of any and all tax information that the church needs to be aware of. The Financial Secretary shall be a member of this church and will be responsible for signing all checks for the church with a co-signature of appointee by Pastor.

The Financial Secretary will be responsible for the annual budget report that is due to the state for the filing and maintaining of the 501©3. (Tax Exempt, Non-Profit Status). This person is to be a Tithing servant of the body of Christ.

All financial officers and Secretary of the church shall have business savvy. Officers shall attempt, with good conscience, to attend all business meetings that will be held monthly. Regular business meeting for the church shall be held quarterly with written statements.

### **TREASURER**

This is the official officer of the church that will be responsible for all deposits of the church and receipts and banking policies. This person is to also be a Tithing servant in the body of Christ.

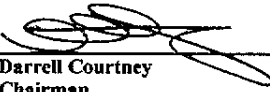
### **MEETINGS**


No meetings are to be held without the Pastor(s) being present and all meetings shall be held at the church with prior notification of at least one week in advance in writing and church announcement.

**ADOPTION**

Adoption of this constitution and by-laws of New Joy Christian Fellowship in Jacksonville, Florida shall duly be recorded in the minutes of a special business meeting called for this purpose upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF January, IN THE  
YEAR OF OUR LORD 2003.

Signed:   
Darrell Courtney  
Chairman

Signed:   
Terrell Courtney  
Vice-Chairperson

Signed:   
Allesha Everett  
Secretary

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