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

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SUBJECT: Faith Christian Center Church, INC.

(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

Pastor George L. Davis

\$70.00 Filing Fee

FROM:

\$78.75

Filing Fee

& Certificate

□\$122.50

\$131.25

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P. Hall

& Certified Copy

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Name (Printed or typed)

7500 Merrill Road

Address

Jacksonville, FL 32277

City, State & Zip

(904) 744-0908

Daytime Telephone number

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

April 30, 1998

DOROTHY BLACKBURN 7500 MERRILL RD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32277

SUBJECT: FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC.

Ref. Number: W98000005289

We have received your document for FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC. and check(s) totaling \$131.25. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable. Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

If you have any further questions concerning your document, please call (850) 487-6915.

Pamela Hall Document Specialist

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

PREAMBLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The present name of the corporation is FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a non-profit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

1.1 Name.

The name of this corporation is FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE II

2.1 Location of Church.

The location of the Church shall be in the State of Florida, the exact location to be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees. Until further Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, the location shall be 7500 Merrill Road in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, 32277.

2.2 Location of Registered Office.

The address of the current registered office is 7500 Merrill Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32277.

2.3 Registered Agent.

The name of the current resident agent at the registered office is George L. Davis.

2.4 Reports.

The Corporation shall inform the appropriate authorities of the State of Florida of all changes in the registered office and/or the resident agent.

ARTICLE III

3.1 Duration.

The time for which the Corporation shall be created shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

4.1 Independence.

The members of the Church shall worship and labor together according to the discipline, rules and usage of no recognized major denomination inasmuch as this Church is independent, with its own disciplinary structure as designated in ARTICLE V, Sub-section 5.2, and in ARTICLE VI, Sub-section 6.1.

ARTICLE V

5.1 Purpose Exclusively Religious.

This non-profit Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Corporation is not empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to said Section 501(c)(3).

5.2 Powers and Authority.

In furtherance of its non-profit, tax exempt purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers and authority.

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;

- (b) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the Corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act in the pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method where in practice or association it does, it shall do so as a free Church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent nor amenability nor as an active nor passive nor implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a Church;
 - (c) To adopt By-Laws regulating and providing for:
 - (1) a definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
 - (2) a formal code of doctrine and discipline;
 - (3) a congregational membership;
 - (4) an organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
 - (5) a system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
 - (6) schools for the preparation of its ministers;
 - (7) a literature of the Church;
 - (8) regular religious services;
 - (9) Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old; and
 - (10) such other Christian objects as the Board of Trustees may determine.

- (d) To minister sacerdotal functions;
- (e) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, the Son of God, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;
- (f) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in the United States of America and elsewhere;
 - (g) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (h) To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws related to the transfer of property by gift or will;
- (i) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal object of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust;
- enjoy; manage, improve, develop and dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation or association, or any Federal, State or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated;
- (k) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, or association or any corporation;
- (l) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of

every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated;

- (m) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other negotiable or transferable interests, including debentures of the Corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the Corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise;
- (n) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authorities and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof, for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places. "Good reason" in this connection includes the requirement of conformity to the religious tenets of the Church;
- (o) To contract for and receive the services of qualified counsel and other necessary persons or organizations to carry out the purposes of the Corporation;
- (p) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its non-profit, tax exempt purposes;
- (q) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its non-profit, tax exempt purposes;
- (r) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the Corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State of Florida;
- (s) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes for which the Corporation is established, provided that such incidental power shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax exempt status as a

religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

5.3 Clauses Sporadic.

Several clauses contained in this ARTICLE V shall be construed both as purposes and powers, and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers

5.4 Political Activity.

Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall NOT engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

5.5 Private Gain Prohibited.

No income or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

ARTICLE VI

6.1 Board of Trustees.

To assure the Corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the Church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the Corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the Corporation (Church) and shall be the only voting members of the Corporation (Church). The number of Trustees, their qualifications, and the method of election of trustees shall be as established in the By-Laws of this Corporation. The trustees set forth in these Articles of Incorporation shall comprise the original Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII

7.1 Non-Stock.

This non-profit Corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock. This Corporation possesses no assets at the time of incorporation. Finances shall be raised by contributions.

ARTICLE VIII

8.1 No Assessments.

The private property of the Trustees and members of the congregation shall be nonassessable and shall not be subject to payment of any Corporate debts, nor shall a Trustee nor members of the congregation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

9.1 Dissolution.

Upon dissolution of the Corporation for any cause all of the assets and property, both real and personal, then owned or controlled by this Corporation shall revert to and become the property of an Eleemosynary Institution accorded tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, to be designated by the Board of Trustees; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall first be paid. Upon dissolution none of the assets or property of the Corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity except as provided above in this ARTICLE IX.

ARTICLE X

10.1 Amendments.

These ARTICLES may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

ARTICLE XI

The necessary number of members as required by statute at a meeting held on the day of Apr. 30, 1998, voted in favor of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XII ~ INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

George L. Davis, 12058 Saverio Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32225.

Signature/Incorporator

Date

The following is a

COPY OF THE CALL FOR THE MEETING

All members of the Board of Trustees of FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH, INC. are hereby notified that a meeting will be held on the 30^{T4} day of April , 1998 at the office of the Church at 7500 Merrill Road, Jacksonville, Florida, at 1 P.M. to consider approving the Articles of Incorporation of the Church as shall be set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

George L. D**à**vis

President, Board of Trustees and Pastor of the Church

The following is a

COPY OF THE MINUTES OF SUCH MEETING

The number of members present at such meeting was three (3).

The number of members voting in favor of the Articles of Incorporation was three (3).

The total number of members eligible to be present and vote was three (3).

Signed this 30⁷⁴ day of Apric , 1998 by persons controlling the temporal affairs of FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH, INC.

George L. Davis

President, Board of Trustees and Pastor of the Church

Trustee

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

On this 30Th day of April , 1998 before me personally appeared GEORGE L.

DAVIS and APRIL DAVIS to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

My Commission expires: 04/12/02



ACCEPTANCE

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.

 $\frac{4/30/98}{\text{Date}}$