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Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: Filing of Non-Profit Corporation ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Dear Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and an original and one copy of the Designation of Resident Agent. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$122.50, which represents the filing of the documents and a certified copy of the Articles.

Please return the certified copies to this office after the filing of theses documents.

Sincerely,

Lloyd E. Peterson, Jr.

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

December 8, 1998

LLOYD E. PETERSON, JR., ESQ. RT. 12 BOX 736 LAKE CITY, FL 32025

SUBJECT: ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Ref. Number: W98000027479

We have received your document for ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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.

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6924.

Sharon Davis Document Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 998A00058048

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

# ARTICLE I.

The name of this Corporation is: ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

## ARTICLE II.

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE III.

The period or duration of this Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## ARTICLE IV.

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised as its properties is controlled, and its affairs conducted by, the Church and the Church Board. The number of board members of the corporation shall be not less than five (5) and not more than fifteen (15); provided, however, that such number may be changed by by-laws duly adopted by the members of the corporation.

The board members named herein as the first Board shall hold office until the first meeting of members for the purpose of electing new board members to be held within twelve (12) months after the filing of these Articles of Incorporation at which time the new board members may be elected in their stead.

Board members shall serve for a term of not less than one (1) year and two (2) years as set forth in the by-laws of the corporation. This shall not prohibit a board member from being elected to successive terms of office. The annual meeting for the corporation shall be held at the

time and place set forth in the corporation by-laws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board members under any provisions of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent, in writing, to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by the unanimous vote of the Board. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to actions so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board, without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of this corporation authorize the Board to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

#### ARTICLE V.

The initial incorporator of Athens Baptist Church, Inc. shall be Dammie Kitchings, whose address is Route 14, Box 2431, Lake City, Florida 32024.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The names and addresses of the first members of the Board are as follows:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>		
LEON MEEKS	Rt. 14, Box 2435		
DAMMIE KITCHINGS	Lake City, FL 32024 Rt. 14, Box 2431		
	Lake City, FL 32024		
LAURIE KIRBY	P. O. Box 567 Lake City, FL 32056		
BERT ALEXANDER	18 Country Club Rd. Lake City, FL 32025		
ROSCO McCORMICK	Rt. 14, Box 415		
IM IZOON	Lake City, FL 32024 Rt. 15, Box 3166		
JM KOON	Lake City, FL 32024		

The pastor of the Church shall be ex officio President (Chairman) of the congregation and the Board. The Board shall elect the following officers: Clerk and Treasurer; and such other officers as the by-laws of this corporation may authorize the Board to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the effective date of these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, such officers shall be elected by the Board at the first annual congregation meeting of the corporation. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporation officers:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u></u> :	<u>OFFICE</u>
LEON MEEKS	Rt. 14, Box 2435 Lake City, FL 32024	±- =	Trustee
DAMMIE KITCHINGS	Rt. 14, Box 2431 Lake City, FL 32024	<del>-</del>	Trustee
LAURIE KIRBY	P. O. Box 567 Lake City, FL 32056	<u>-</u> -	Trustee

#### ARTICLE VII.

The Corporation's principal office and mailing address is Route 14, Box 2440, Lake City, Florida 32024.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

This Corporation shall be dissolved and its affairs concluded by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Corporation's members eligible to vote. All the property and assets of this Corporation are and shall be irrevocable dedicated to religious, charitable, scientific, educational, sports, athletic and recreational purposes meeting the requirements for exemptions provided by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as amended. No part of said property or assets shall ever inure to the benefit of any member, Trustee or Officer or to the benefits of any private individual or entity. Upon dissolution, winding

up or abandonment of the Corporation provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be made to the extent assets available. If after payment of all such debts and liabilities there remains any Corporate assets, such assets shall be distributed for use in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation as set forth or then such assets shall be distributed to an organization being operated for charitable purposes which are similar to the purposes of the Corporation, provided that such organization is qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3). Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine.

## ARTICLE IX.

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is: <u>Route 14, Box 2431</u>, <u>Lake City, Florida 32024</u> and the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is: DAMMIE KITCHINGS.

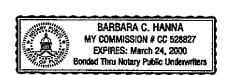
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Article of Incorporation this 25 day of February, 1999.

Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

The foregoing Article of Incorporation of ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. were acknowledged before me this 25 day of Feb., 1999, by DannierKitchings, as Incorporator, who is personally known to me or who produced personally Known as identification.

(SEAL)



bara C. Hanna Notary

#### ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

OF

#### REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to Section 48.091 and 607.037, Florida Statutes, the undersigned acknowledges and accepts the appointment as registered agent of ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and agrees to act in that capacity and to comply with the provisions of the Florida General Corporation Act. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts the obligations of, Section 607.325, Florida Statutes.

February 25 1999

Date

DAMMIE KITCHINGS, Registered Agent

