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August 14, 2007

Corporate Division Secretary of State The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32304

RE: Articles of Incorporation

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
A Non-Profit Corporation

Dear Secretary:

Please find the original and one fully conformed copy of the Articles of Incorporation of SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, for filing with the Secretary of State.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 for the Filing Fee of the Articles and a Certified Copy of same.

Please return the Certified Copy of the Articles to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. SECRETARY OF TALLAHASSEE, F

The undersigned incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

#### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, including but not limited to:

- 1. The general nature of the object of this corporation is to conduct for the religious worship and instruction churches, schools, pastorisms and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning those articles of faith which are most surely held among Southern Baptist Convention Churches and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; and to aid in he spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also to educated, prepare and ordain Christian men and women for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2. To recruit, refer and place like minded individuals who are willing to assist, serve or contribute to the needs of the community.
- 3. To take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise, property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation, and to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property, and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income therefrom in such manner as, in the judgment of the Directors, will best

promote the purposes of the corporation;

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, this corporation shall have the power to do any and all incidental acts and things and to exercise any and all other powers which a partnership or natural person doing business on a non-profit basis could do or exercise as may be authorized by law, and shall possess such general and additional powers as are conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon non-profit corporations which are likewise and similarly organized, subject to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; provided, however, that this corporation shall be operated exclusively for the attainment of its stated objectives and shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal and State taxation.

#### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who is willing to confess Him publically as Lord and King and follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinances of Christ and to be governed by His laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporations. The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of dismission from other churches of like faith and order and by satisfactory statement of former membership in a Southern Baptist Convention Church, and profession of faith as hereinbefore provided, upon a favorable majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said Church. The present membership of the Springfield Baptist Church, INC. And those hereafter admitted to such membership shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

## ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis and this corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

#### ARTICLE V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The existence of this corporation shall commence as of the date these Articles are duly filed, and it shall exist perpetually thereafter.

# ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Resident Agent for this corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in these Articles of Incorporation at City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, has named **DIANNE JONES**, 1106 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

# ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have five (5) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time, by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3), nor more than ten (10).

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

Section 3. The Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the Corporation are:

FRANK J. PINTELLO JR. 2724 Townsend Blvd.

Jacksonville, Florida 32211

JOHN W. BAXLEY 6624 Pickettville Road

Jacksonville, Florida 32254

RICHARD F. GODBOLT 2456 Drake Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32218

ANTHONY S. PHILLIPS 12436 Richfield Blvd.

Jacksonville, Florida 32218

In addition to said Board of Directors, said corporation shall have a pastor, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Training Director, W.M.U. President, Brotherhood President, and such other officers as may be necessary. Such officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the corporation present at any business meeting of said corporation for such term as the corporation may provide by its by-laws.

## ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

FRANK J. PINTELLO JR.

2724 Townsend Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32211

#### ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

PRESIDENT/ DIRECTOR	JOHN W. BAXLEY	6624 Picketville Road Jacksonville, Florida 32254
VICE PRES./ DIRECTOR	RICHARD F. GODBOLT	2456 Drake Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32218
SECRETARY/ DIRECTOR	ANTHONY S. PHILLIPS	12436 Richfield Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32218
TREASURER/ DIRECTOR	ANTHONY S. PHILLIPS	12436 Richfield Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or as provided in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time. Until such time as the By-Laws are amended, the By-Laws contained in the proposed charter filed in Duval County, Florida on September 23, 1957, shall govern the operation of the corporation.

Section 2. Upon proper notice the By-Laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE XI. POWERS

. Consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and with Florida Statute 617, and at all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law:

- A. The corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of the law that will or might prevent it at any time qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, contributions to which are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification;
- B. No part of the assets or net earnings of this corporation shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized for the purposes which are not exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- C. This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on trade or business for profit;
- D. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene in any matter, or to any extend, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, whether by publishing or distributing statements or otherwise;
- E. This corporation shall never discriminate against any person or persons upon the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex or age;
- F. At no time shall this corporation engage in any activity which is unlawful under the laws of the State of Florida, of the United States of America, or any transaction prohibited by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- G. No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporator, or any substantial contributor to the corporation unless such payment is permissible as reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and/or as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation; and no part of the assets or net

earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such person, or inure, to be used for, accrue to or benefit any such person or any private individual:

- H. No solicitation of contributions of this corporation shall be made, and no gift, bequest or devise to the corporation shall be accepted upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose its exemption from payment of Federal and/or State Income Taxes;
- I. This corporation may be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of the Board of Directors. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, or all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a Not For Profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present.
- Section 2. Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

#### ARTICLE XIII. LOCATION

The location of this Corporation is 1106 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, with a mailing address of 1106 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

#### ARTICLE XIV. INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as Directors or Officers, or who, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, may serve or at any time have served as Directors or Officers of another Corporation in which the Corporation at such time owned or may own shares of stock or of which it was or may be a creditor, and their respective heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, against any and all expenses,

including amounts paid upon judgments, counsel fees, and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such persons in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, quit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, of which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being or having been Directors or Officers or a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or of such other Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such Director or Officer or former Director or Officer or person shall be adjudged in any action, suit or proceeding to be liable for their own negligence or misconduct in the performance of their duty. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under the law, by-law, agreement, vote of the stockholders, or otherwise, and the Corporation shall indemnify any Officer or Director, or any former Officer or Director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal, this HA day of Hugus to 2007, A. D., for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

FRANK J. PINTELLO JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA }

COUNTY OF DUVAL }

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take oaths and acknowledgments, personally appeared **FRANK J. PINTELLO JR.**, to me personally known or who produced a Florida Driver's License, as the person described as subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who did take an oath before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC

# CATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Chapter 48.09l, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its' principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation of 1106 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, has named DIANNE JONES, 1106 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Registered Agent

DATED: