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NAME OF CORPORATION: Temple Baptist Church of Lee Co., Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 707921

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Kenneth R. Griffith
(Name of Contact Person)

Temple Baptist Church of Lee Co., Inc.
(Firm/ Company)

18841 State Road 31
(Address)

N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917
(City/ State and Zip Code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Kenneth R. Griffith at (239) 543-3222
(Name of Contact Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

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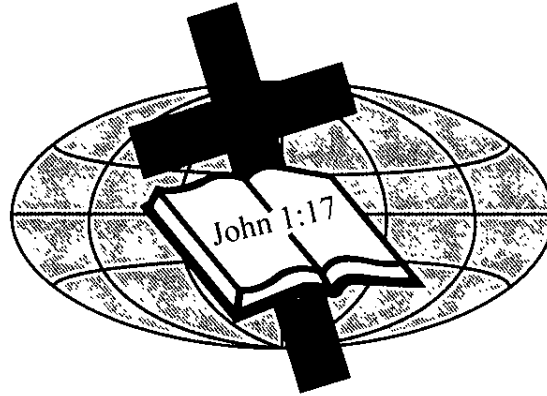
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Associate Pastor



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Ken Griffith
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RE: Ref Number 707921
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

Per your request please find enclosed only the required documents for filing.
Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Bukowski".

Anne Bukowski, Office Manager
Temple Baptist Church & Christian School



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

February 26, 2009

KENNETH R. GRIFFITH
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEE COUNTY, INC
18841 STATE ROAD 31
N. FORT MYERS, FL 33917

SUBJECT: TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEE COUNTY, INC.
Ref. Number: 707921

We have received your document for TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEE COUNTY, INC. and check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The Constitution is not filed with the Division of Corporation and should be maintained with the records of the corporation. Please remove it from the Articles of Amendment and correct the document accordingly.

Please return 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) 245-6905.

Thelma Lewis
Document Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 209A00006798

Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc.
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

707921

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:
(Principal office address **MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS**)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:
(Mailing address **MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX**)

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent: _____

New Registered Office Address: _____ (Florida street address)

_____, Florida
(City) (Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:
 (Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:
 (attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

Please find attached the Resolution Amending Articles of Incorporation of Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc. on December 7, 2008. They will replace all previous filed Articles of Incorporation and Amendments for Temple Baptist Church, Inc. of Lee County.

Resolution Amending Articles of Incorporation of

Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc.

Dated December 7th, 2009

RESOLVED, that this is a non-profit Ecclesiastical Corporation organized under the provisions of chapter 614, Florida statutes; and that for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation in the manner provided by such act: said Articles of Incorporation of this corporation be and they are hereby amended so as to read in their entirety as follows:

**ARTICLE I
Description and Purpose**

- Section 1. The name of the corporation is: Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc.
- Section 2. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- Section 3. The address of its Registered Office in the state of Florida is 18841 State Road 31, North Fort Myers, Lee County.
- Section 4. The name of the current resident agent is Rev. Kenneth R. Griffith.

Section 5. The officers of this corporation along with all other members of the Deacon Board shall act as the Board of Trustees and be responsible for the temporal interests of the church.

Section 6. The original Articles of Incorporation filed and granted by the state of Florida, Secretary of State, on the 6th day of October, 1964, were signed by the following:

- 1) Rev. Joe Pelfrey Fort Myers, Florida
- 2) Charles A. Erickson Fort Myers, Florida
- 3) Karl Kramer Fort Myers, Florida

Section 7. The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose and object of this corporation is, briefly, to carry on religious, benevolent, educational, and missionary work; in agreement with the historical principles of the Baptist Church, to purchase and hold real estate and personal property, and to receive, hold and possess property, both real, personal and mixed by device, donation, subscription, or by the revenue received and obtained in the usual conduct of the affairs of said church, with the right to use, transfer, or sell the same, as it seems advisable for the accomplishment of the above named ends.

Section 8. Temple Christian School is a ministry of Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc. and subject to its complete control. It is not a separate organization, but rather, an outreach ministry of the church. The school has been established on the basis of conviction and belief and has a Constitutional First Amendment right to be separated from any governmental control. The school shall have a racially non-discriminatory policy as to students and staff, therefore, will not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color and national or ethnic origin.

ARTICLE II
Reception of Members

- Section 1. Any person confessing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and agreeing to uphold the doctrines and principles of this church, may, upon having been scripturally baptized, be received into the membership of this church.
- Section 2. Members from other Baptist churches may be received by letters of recommendation and dismissal from their respective churches.
- Section 3. Persons who are not currently an active member of a Baptist Church, who have been scripturally baptized, may be received by Statement of Faith.
- Section 4. No person shall be received into the membership of this church, to whose admission a majority of those voting members present at any regular service object.

ARTICLE III
Duties of Members

- Section 1. It is the duty of each member to cultivate and cherish brotherly love for all other members of the church; and to show this love by using all proper measures to promote their spiritual benefit and prosperity.
- Section 2. Toward those who are not connected with the church, it is the duty of members, as opportunity enables, to speak to the unsaved about Christ the Savior and to commend the Gospel to them.
- Section 3. It is the duty of each member to cheerfully contribute to the support of the church through attendance and prayer, as well as through regular financial giving.

ARTICLE IV
Limitations of Membership

Section 1. Any member in good standing shall be entitled, at any time, to a letter of transfer, so long as it is to be sent to another Baptist church. Letters cannot be given to members for the purpose of uniting with a church with which we are not in doctrinal agreement.

Section 2. Members of this church who unite with another church in our area shall automatically cease to be members with us.

Section 3. On the death of any member, his or her name is simply removed, as having been transferred above by one who awaits not the action of any church.

Section 4. Any member failing to attend the regular services of the church, without being providentially hindered, for a period of six months shall have his/her membership termed inactive. Any inactive member shall forfeit his/her right to vote at business meetings. An inactive member may return to active status upon one month of regular church attendance.

Section 5. Any member absent from the church for a period of one year, without making contact with the church, shall be dropped from the membership.

Section 6. The following shall be sufficient cause for dismissal from membership:

- A. Causing dissension and strife among the brethren.
(Romans 16:17&18)
- B. Spreading false teaching contrary to church belief.
(II Thessalonians 3:6)
- C. Gross immorality, bringing reproach upon the Church.
(I Corinthians 5:9-13)

Reinstatement of membership can be made only upon the recommendation of the Pastor and the approval of the membership as stated in Article II, Section 4.

Section 7. The right to vote shall be given only to those who have reached eighteen years of age, and who are in good standing as a member.

ARTICLE V Church and Corporate Officers

Section 1. We recognize in this church that there are only two scriptural offices required by the New Testament; that of Pastor, called also Bishop and Elder, and that of Deacon. There are also corporate positions required by government, but these are regarded as appointments for a specific task.

Section 2. The Pastor of the church shall be chosen by the congregation for an indefinite period, and shall be voted upon at a meeting of the congregation specifically called for that purpose. Notice of such meeting shall be given one week prior to such election. The approval of a three-fourths majority of the voting members present shall be necessary to elect a Pastor.

If at any time the relations between Pastor and congregation become such as to be detrimental to the welfare of the church, the relationship may be terminated by the congregation at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. Notice of action by the congregation to terminate the Pastoral relationship shall be given two weeks prior to such meeting. The disapproval of a simple majority of the voting members present shall be necessary to terminate the Pastor's services.

If services are to be terminated, by the resignation of the Pastor, the Pastor is to receive two months of severance pay for every five years of service he has rendered to the Church, with a

maximum allowance of twelve months severance pay for thirty or more years of service. The distribution of the severance package shall be negotiated between the Pastor and the Deacon Board. This severance package does not apply unless the Pastor leaves under his own volition. If the church membership, as per Article V, Section 2, Paragraph 2, has terminated the Pastoral relationship, all severance pay is forfeited.

Section 3. The minimum number of Deacons for this church shall be five, provide that five men are available who exhibit the scriptural qualifications necessary to be elected to this office. Additional Deacons may be selected as needed, with the provision that the number of Deacons shall not exceed fifteen in number. The Pastor shall recommend candidates to fill any vacancy on the Board of Deacons, but actual nominations shall come from the Church membership. The simple majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting shall be necessary to elect a Deacon. Term of office shall be two calendar years in duration, with each elected board member holding office until his successor is duly chosen. Deacons are eligible for successive terms.

At the recommendation of the Pastor, two members of the Deacon Board may be elected as Senior Deacons, whose term of office is for an indefinite period. Any man considered to fill the role of a Senior Deacon should exhibit an exceptionally high degree of spiritual maturity and discernment.

It shall be the duty of the Deacons to seek out such members of the church as need pecuniary assistance; to visit the sick; to assist in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper; and to cooperate with and assist the Pastor in the performance of his duties.

Section 4. The officers of this corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees. The Pastor of Temple Baptist Church shall be President of the corporation and, as long as he remains the Pastor of the church, his term shall be indefinite. The Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

shall be appointed from the Board of Deacons, with all remaining Deacons acting as Trustees. Such appointments shall be made by the Pastor, subject to the approval of a majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting. Term of office shall be two calendar years in duration, with each Corporate Officer holding office until his successor is duly appointed. In the absence of a Pastor, the Vice President shall fulfill the role of President, until a new Pastor is duly elected.

Section 5. The President (Pastor) shall preside at all business meetings and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the corporation. The President shall perform all such other duties as are incidental to his office. In the case of absence or disability of the President, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President.

Section 6. The Corporate Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings during business meetings; take charge of all records; and keep a register of all members of the church. All gifts shall also be recorded, and an accurate record kept of same. The Corporate Secretary may be assisted by the church secretary, if one is employed.

Section 7. The Corporate Treasurer shall be responsible to receive and account for all monies given to the church. He shall deposit all receipts in such bank account as the Deacon Board shall designate. The Corporate Treasurer may be assisted by the church Secretary, if one is employed.

ARTICLE VI **Manner of Conducting Business**

Section 1. Regular business meetings shall be held the second Sunday evening of each quarter, with the church year corresponding to the calendar year. Special business meetings may be called by

the Pastor or Board of Deacons, provided that two weeks prior notice has been given to the membership of same.

Section 2. All business meetings shall be conducted following the procedures outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII Disbursement of Funds

Section 1. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by the Pastor in agreement with the annual budget, which must be approved by a majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting.

Section 2. Any surplus funds are to be placed in reserve, to be used for budget deficits. The Pastor's authority to approve the use of surplus funds, outside of budget deficits, shall be limited to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per purchase. Projects, outside of the budget, in excess of this amount must be approved by a majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting.

Section 3. All funds withdrawn from the church checking account shall be signed by the Pastor, countersigned by one of the Deacons of the church. In the case of absence or disability of the Pastor, the signature of two Deacons shall suffice.

Section 4. The Pastor shall have authority to enter into, make and perform contracts of every kind and description, provided a duly authorized resolution has been passed by a majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting. All contracts requiring corporate liability shall be signed by the Pastor, countersigned by one of the other Corporate Officers. In the case of absence or disability of the Pastor, the Vice-President of the corporation shall be empowered to act in his stead.

Section 5. The Deacon Board shall act as an auditing committee. This committee shall meet with the Pastor once each quarter to determine if the disbursement of corporate funds is in agreement with the prescribed plan as outlined in Article VII, Section 1. The Corporate Vice-President shall act as the Chairman of the Deacon Board, and shall give a report of the Board's findings at each quarterly business meeting.

Section 6. The Pastor shall have the authority to sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, convert and/or otherwise dispose of or grant options with respect to any surplus item owned by the church. This authority shall not pertain to any real estate, or appendages built thereon, owned by the church in part or in full. The membership-at-large shall make decisions concerning such items.

ARTICLE VIII Licensing and Ordaining

Section 1. Any male member who, in the judgment of the church, gives evidence, by a godly life, zeal, and aptness to teach, that he is called of God to the work of the ministry, after having preached in the hearing of the Church at a regularly scheduled service, may be licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provided that three-fourths majority of the voting members presents shall agree thereto.

Section 2. If the Pastor decides that one of the church's male members possesses the scriptural qualifications for full ordination, he shall call upon the Deacon Board, and any ordained Baptist ministers that are available, to examine the qualifications of the candidate, to which council the propriety of ordaining shall be wholly referred.

ARTICLE IX
Dissolution

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation. In such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, or charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal officer of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In the event that Temple Baptist Church of Lee County, Inc. ceases to exist, it shall be the primary duty of the Officers and the Board of Trustees to locate: Independent, Fundamental, Baptist Churches, Baptist Colleges, or Baptist Missionaries, or a combination thereof, that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code to receive any remaining assets.

Article X
Resolutions and Amendments

Section 1. Temple Baptist Church is and shall remain an independent, fundamental, Baptist Church.

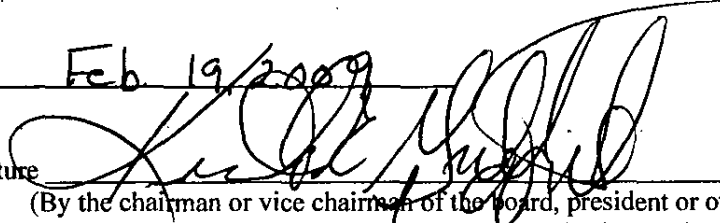
Section 2. Resolutions to the church constitution or changes, amendments, or suspension of any item in the foregoing Church Covenant, Statement of Faith, or Articles of Incorporation may be enacted upon the approval of three-fourths majority of the voting members present at any regular or special business meeting. Any proposed resolution, change, amendment, or suspension must be displayed in a conspicuous place for all to see at least two weeks prior to the meeting in which the vote is to be taken.

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: December 7, 2008

Effective date if applicable: _____
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated Feb 19, 2009
Signature 
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Kenneth R. Griffith
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President
(Title of person signing)