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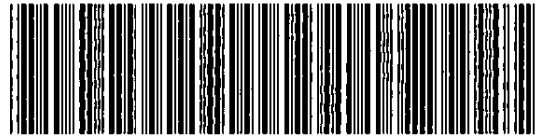
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*Where Friends Become Family*

January 29, 2009

Division of Corporations  
PO Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation along with a check for \$52.50 (\$35 filing fee + 2 Certified Copies).

We were instructed that by submitting the enclosed information to this address we would be in compliance and receive our certified copies back in the email. If this is not correct or you need additional information please contact me at 863-422-4488 ext. 2111.

Sincerely,



Amy Fowler  
Financial Administrator

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAINES CITY, FLORIDA, INC.

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We declare and establish this Church Constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern this local body of believers in an orderly manner. This Constitution will preserve the Purpose Vision Mission of our Church and the liberties of the individual members. While the Constitution identifies the corporation and outlines the basic principles for our existence, the Bylaws spell out the details of how this corporation conducts its articles of incorporation.

The amendments stated herein were approved by the members at the meeting of November 25, 2007 and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

### **Article I - Identification**

- A. **NAME:** This Church's name is First Baptist Church of Haines City, Florida, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation.
- B. **AFFILIATION:** Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, this Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, this Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its international, national, state, and local mission endeavors and expressions.

### **Article II - Address**

The principle place of business is located at 2250 State Road 17 South, Haines City, Florida.

### **Article III - Purpose**

The purpose of the corporation is to be a biblical Church, carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Elements of this corporation's purpose include the following:

- A. Clearly state the Purpose, Vision, and Mission (from here on expressed as PVM) of the Church.
- B. Identify the Church's strategy and annual plan to accomplish the Church's PVM. Such strategy shall include how the Church shall receive members.
- C. Structure the Church to accomplish its strategy and annual planning. The Church's principle means of financially supporting its PVM shall be the collection of tithes and offerings. The Bylaws shall give direction to the management of properties and the distribution and accounting of all resources.

### **Article IV - Our Doctrinal Statements**

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God and as the only authority for our beliefs and practice. An explanation of core beliefs is set forth in the Bylaws.

## **Article V- Dissolution Procedures**

Should this Church disband, all property and money shall be turned over to the Florida Baptist Convention and the Church Corporation shall be dissolved.

NorthRidge Christian Academy, as a non-profit ministry of First Baptist Church of Haines City (dba NorthRidge Church), shall operate under the leadership and direction of the Church as governed by its leadership and by the Bylaws and constitution of First Baptist Church. No provision is implied or given to violate or supersede the legal documents, financial and or property provision, certificate of incorporation, Bylaws, and constitution of First Baptist Church. In the case of dissolution of NorthRidge Christian Academy, any resources and property that may have been utilized for the purposes of education by the Academy shall be returned to First Baptist Church. Furthermore, in the case of dissolution any academic records that were not transferred with the student to another school of the student's choice will be held on the church property for one year from the time of dissolution. Beyond the period of one year, all remaining academic records will be surrendered to Polk County School Board for the retention and distribution of said records.

## **Article VI- Directors**

The Church shall annually designate up to five directors, who one of which will be designated as President and another as Treasurer. They, along with the Senior Pastor and the Church Administrator, shall execute all legal documents of the Church. Directors shall hold in trust the Church property. They will serve on behalf of the Church, in relationship with the Pastor's Council. Selection and functions of the Senior Pastor, Church Administrator, and Directors are set forth in the Bylaws.

## **Article VII- Incorporators**

The names and addresses of the amended and restated incorporators:

Kermit Sims	415 Dyson Road, Haines City, FL 33844
Tom Sheek	92 Pine Forest Lane, Haines City, FL 33844-9675
James Shytle	1100 Martinique Dr. #120, Winter Haven, FL 33884
Thomas Williams	P.O. Box 1691, Davenport, FL 33836
David Myers	20 Pine Forest Lane, Haines City, FL 33844

## **Article VIII- Ratification of Church Constitution**

- A. The original address for this amended and restated Articles of Incorporation is 2250 State Road 17 South, Haines City, Florida 33844.
- B. The Bylaws of this corporation can be made, altered, or rescinded by the membership of the corporation according to its decision making process.
- C. These articles of Incorporation, effective the 11th day of November, 2007 revoke all previous Constitution provisions of First Baptist Church, Haines City, Florida, Inc.
- D. *IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals at Haines City, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.*

E. Signatures of Incorporators:



Tom Sheek, President

Nov 25, 2007

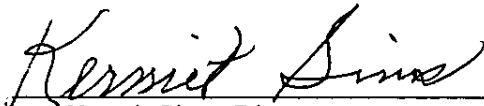
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Thomas Williams, Treasurer

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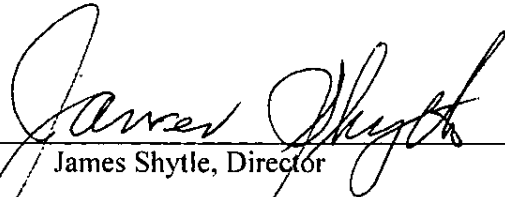
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Kermit Sims, Director

Nov 25, 2007

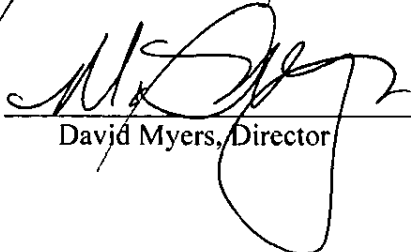
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David Myers, Director

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