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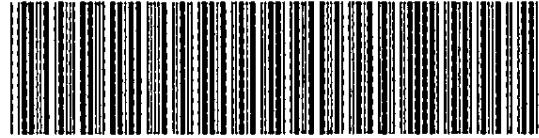
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NAME OF CORPORATION: First Christian Church of Avon Park, Florida, Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 710728

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

First Christian Church of Avon Park, Florida, Inc.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

710728

(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:**

Avon Park Christian Church, Inc. *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**)

N/A

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

N/A

**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: N/A

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

N/A, 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.*

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*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)*

*Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:*

*P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.*

*Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation. Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.*

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF AVON PARK, FL

A Corporation not for profit

NAME

#### Article I

The name of this Corporation shall be "AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC." (previously known as "FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, INC."), and it shall be located in or near the city of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida.

NATURE, PURPOSE, OBJECT

#### Article II

The object and purpose of the Corporation shall be the promotion, teaching and general furthering the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in that part of the Bible known as the New Testament; it being the purpose hereby to perpetuate an organization of Christians, purely democratic in nature, self-governed and self-controlled as to all religious activities, land and property rights. This Corporation shall not be subservient to, nor controlled by, any ecclesiastical body or society and shall have no creed other than Christ.

#### Article III

The Corporation shall, under its Corporate name, have the power to sue and to be sued, to contract and be contracted with, to own, buy or sell real estate, or to mortgage, or pledge its property, real or personal and to receive gifts or devices and together with all other powers allowed to it as a Corporation not for profit now and as here after authorized by the laws of the State of Florida.

#### Article IV

The principal office or place of business shall be located in the building known as the Avon Park Christian Church, in Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida.

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### Article V

All believers in Jesus Christ as the Divine Son of God, who obey his commands and who have confessed His name before men that JESUS IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, and who have been baptized by immersion into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, shall be eligible for membership in this Corporation. Members shall be admitted upon their request when their qualifications, as set forth above, are known or made known by appropriate and/or reliable means, to the members of this Corporation.

#### Article VI

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### OFFICERS

#### Article VII

#### Section 1. MANAGEMENT

The management of all routine matters of normal physical operation of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF AVON PARK, Florida, shall be vested in a Board of Officers consisting of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. The congregation of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH reserves and retains the right to act in all matters relating to policy and procedure. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer shall be the Trustees.

#### Section 2. TRUSTEES

The Trustees of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be three in number and shall be entrusted and empowered to act for AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

in all matters relating to property and shall be custodians of all matters concerned therewith. They shall derive their power to act in each specific case relating to a transfer, sale, or acquisition of real property, as it arises and as they are directed by a majority vote of the congregation at a meeting specifically called for that purpose or at the annual congregational meeting if so noticed.

### Section 3. ELDERS AND DEACONS

The number of Elders and Deacons of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be increased or decreased from time to time, prior to the annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Elders and Deacons, a quorum being present and voting at said meeting. Those for nomination shall have been an active member of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH for a period of at least one year. Election of Elders and Deacons shall take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting or at a Special Congregational Meeting. On approval of the congregation, the senior minister may become an Elder with all the rights and privileges thereto with the exception of voting on any matters related to compensation for the senior minister or retention of the senior minister at a meeting of the Board of Elders and Deacons. These two topics will be decided by the remaining board members during a meeting of the Board of Elders and Deacons.

### Section 4. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The officers of the Board of Elders and Deacons shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and such other officers as the Board may deem desirable and advisable, from time to time, to elect. These officers shall also be officers of the Church. All officers must be an Elder or Deacon of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

#### Paragraph 1. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Elders and Deacons and of the Church at large, appoint all committees, be member ex-officio of all



committees, call special and regular meetings of the congregation and/or the Board of Elders and Deacons, and perform such other duties as the Board may assign to him.

Paragraph 2. VICE CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of the inability of the Chairman to act.

Paragraph 3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of all meetings, both regular and special, of the Board of Elders and Deacons, and of the congregation at large. The Secretary shall also maintain an up-to-date roster of the membership of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, or see that it is maintained by the Church Administrative Assistant.

Paragraph 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all money received into AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, same to be deposited in a responsible bank or banks in the name of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH; said bank or banks to be used with approval of the Board of Elders and Deacons. The Treasurer shall also keep a correct account of all disbursements made as authorized by the Board of Elders and Deacons, and submit a detailed report to the Board at their regular monthly meeting, same to be filed with the Secretary and be incorporated with and become a part of the minutes of that particular meeting. The Treasurer and /or Assistant Treasurer or designated person or firm, shall count all monies upon receipt and post such totals on the proper Bulletin Board before the following Sunday.

Paragraph 5. ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Assistant Treasurer shall act in the event of the inability of the Treasurer to act.

## Article VIII

### BIBLE SCHOOL

#### Section 1. INTRODUCTION

The AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH believes that Christian education is a vital necessity to the growth of the Church in following the great commission of Jesus Christ. To that end, a Bible School has been established and is operated by the AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The Bible School is not a separate organization of the AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH and no individual part of the Bible School is separate or independent of the control, oversight, and direction of the Officers of the Church. To assist in the complete integration of the Bible School in the evangelistic program of the Church, all of the affairs of the Bible School shall perpetually come under the control and Supervision of the Elders of the Church.

#### Section 2. BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD

The Elders of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall serve as the governing body of the Bible School and all matters of policy, curriculum and the approval of teachers shall come under its supervision as outlined in the various sections of this article.

#### Section 3. CURRICULUM

The curriculum of the Bible School shall be centered about the chief text book, The Holy Bible. All of the supplementary materials to be used in any of the classes in operation or ever to be formed, shall be true to the Bible and Christ-centered in their emphasis.

#### Section 4. TEACHERS

All teachers of all classes of the Bible School of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH now in operation or ever to be formed must be recommended by the Minister or Chairman of Eldership, to the Board of Elders for approval, such approval being

tantamount to appointment. No person may be approved as a teacher of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Bible School unless he or she holds membership in this congregation. Exceptions may be made by the Eldership at their discretion.

#### Section 5. REMOVAL OF TEACHERS

The Board of Elders shall have sole power to remove from the faculty of the Bible School, any teacher of any class when, in their judgment, such action is necessary to the best interest of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH and/or Bible School.

#### Section 6. YOUTH GROUP

The Board of Elders shall be responsible for and govern the Youth Groups, in the same manner as provided for the Bible School in the various sections of this article.

#### ELECTION – TERMS OF OFFICE – GENERAL

#### Article IX

#### Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In October of each year, the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons will name two Elders, and One Deacon and two members from the Congregation at large, to serve as a nominating committee for Elders and Deacons of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The Minister of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be a member ex-officio of this committee. The Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons shall also designate the Chairman of this committee from one of the five so selected.

#### Section 2. POSTING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be announced by posting same on the Bulletin Board of the Church, no later than the second Sunday of November. Same to remain posted until the day of election. Further, the names of the

Nominating Committee Members shall be printed in the weekly Church Bulletin on the second Sunday of November.

### Section 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Nominating Committee shall, after their appointment, meet to fulfill its duties and to interview, recommend, and nominate members of the Church for election to the various offices of the Church as outlined in Article VII hereof. In the selections of Elders and Deacons, the Nominating Committee will be governed by the provisions of Article VII, Section 3. The Committee shall post their list of nominees on the Church Bulletin Board not later than the fourth Sunday of December and same shall remain posted until after election. Same also to be printed in the Church Bulletin until the annual meeting.

### Section 4. NOMINATION BY MEMBERS

Should any member of the Congregation desire to nominate someone for a particular office, he or she may do so by submitting the name to the Nominating Committee in writing, not later than the second Sunday in December to insure that the committee has time for the interview process. The Nominating Committee shall investigate and consider all names submitted and take such action as deemed necessary for the best interest of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Names not submitted prior to the above date need not be considered by the Nominating Committee.

### Section 5. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The annual meeting of the congregation of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be held on the second Sunday in January of each year. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons, and for the discussion and approval of the following year's budget as well as other matters requiring membership approval that were properly noticed.

#### Section 6. RIGHT TO VOTE

All active members of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH are entitled to a ballot at the time and place of election. An active member is defined as one being a member of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH who has regularly attended worship service of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH for six months during the previous year and has contributed to its work.

#### Section 7. NOTICE

In all instances where Officers or Directors are to be elected, or AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Budget is to be discussed, the members of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be advised of the meeting by announcing it from the pulpit not less than 14 days before the meeting, and it must also be published in the weekly bulletin for at least two Sundays before the date of the meeting.

#### Section 8. TERM

Elders, Deacons, and all Officers of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, with the exception of the Trustees, shall be elected annually. Elders and Deacons are to be elected for three year terms, making one-third of their number to expire each year. Elders and Deacons not attending monthly Board Meeting shall be dropped from office if three consecutive meetings are missed without an excused absence.

#### Section 9. REQUIREMENTS OF ELECTION

All Elders and Deacons must receive at least seventy-five percent affirmative vote to be declared elected.

#### Section 10. TIME OF ENTERING OFFICE

The newly elected Elders, Deacons, and Trustees shall take office the first Sunday in February.

## Section 11. GENERAL

All old officers of the Board of Elders and Deacons, officers of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Bible School, and the Trustees, shall continue to hold their offices until the new officers shall be duly elected and qualified, except in the case of special officers of the Board of Elders and Deacons may not see fit to continue for the ensuing year. In this case, the office will be abolished until the close of the Church year.

## COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

### Article X

#### Section 1.

The committees/ministries shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons and such other committees/ministries as he or the Board shall deem necessary. The Chairman shall have the right to remove any committee/ministries member and appoint another person to fill the vacancy. Procedures and duties for each committee/ministry shall be established in a written procedure document.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

### Article XI

#### Section 1. CALLING OF MEETINGS

Special Congregational meetings may be called at such time as deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons, or as he may be directed to do so by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Elders and Deacons at a regular or special meeting of said Board of Elders and Deacons. A quorum being present.

## INDEBTEDNESS

### Article XII

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this Corporation may subject itself shall be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000) DOLLARS unless approved by an 80% affirmative vote of the congregation at a "special congregational meeting" as defined in Article XI and noticed as set forth in Article IX, Sec. 7.

### Article XIII

It is intended that all rights and powers granted to charitable and religious corporations and/or corporations not for profit granted to such organizations by the State of Florida, not specifically mentioned herein, shall be included in the powers of the Corporation and form a part of these Articles of Incorporation.

## AMENDMENTS

### Article XIV

Any proposed amendment to the Constitution of AVON PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH must be presented to the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons in writing. The Chairman shall present the proposed amendment to the Board of Elders and Deacons at the next regularly scheduled meeting, by reading it to the members present. The amendment will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Elders and Deacons. A three-fourths affirmative vote of the board members present is required for presentation to the congregation for acceptance or rejection.

## NOTIFICATION

### Article XV

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall first be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and thereafter submitted to and approved by the membership of the corporation before becoming effective. Such amendments may be passed upon at any regular or special meeting of the membership of the corporation provided not less than 14 days notice of the time, place or purpose of such meeting shall have been given in writing directed to each member at his or her last known address by United States Mail, postage prepaid. A majority of those attending any regular or special meeting shall be sufficient for the amendment of all Articles of Incorporation.

Articles II and XV (this article) of these Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended, altered or rescinded without the unanimous vote of all duly enrolled members, which vote shall be taken at a meeting called for that sole purpose, notice of which shall have been given in writing to each member at least once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to said meeting. Voting at said meeting shall be by secret ballot.

## MINISTER

### Article XVI

#### Section 1. PULPIT COMMITTEE

Any time the Church is in need of a minister, the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons shall appoint a committee for the purpose of calling a minister. This committee shall meet and return its recommendation to the Board of Elders and Deacons for ratification. This committee shall be composed of two Board members and one member of the congregation.



## Section 2. NEW MINISTER

When a new minister is to be recommended, the committee referred to in Section 1. of this Article will canvas the field of available New Testament ministers and recommend their choice as soon as possible to the Board of Elders and Deacons for ratification by an 80% vote of the membership of said Board of Elders and Deacons. An 80% vote shall be required for presentation to the congregation for election. If favorable, it shall be presented to the congregation at a meeting duly and properly called. A 75% affirmative vote of the congregation shall be required for ratification.

## Section 3. REMOVAL OF MINISTER

Removal of the Minister for any cause shall be by the recommendation of the Board of Elders and Deacons, by a 75% affirmative vote of the total membership of the Board of Elders and Deacons, and ratification by the congregation by a 75% affirmative vote in a meeting called according to the provision as set forth in Article VII, hereof. In the event of dismissal, the Minister shall be paid two months salary as severance pay, or as provided by contract, unless denied by a unanimous vote of the Board of Elders and Deacons. A new minister will be called in accordance with the provision of Section 2. of this article.

## Article XVII

### Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of Avon Park Christian Church Avon Park for any reason, all of its assets and property shall be distributed or sold and the proceeds thereof distributed to the organization which shall be a successor to Avon Park Christian Church Avon Park, provided that such organization shall first have obtained either:

1. A ruling exempting it from Federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
2. Under the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws (the "Code"), as an organization of the type described in Section 501c3 of the Code. If such successor

organization has not obtained such ruling within a reasonable time following its establishment, or if there shall be no successor to Avon Park Christian Church Avon Park, then all of Avon Park Christian Church Avon Park assets and property shall be distributed or sold and the proceeds thereof distributed to or among such one or more organizations as may be selected by the current Church Board as organizations having objectives and purposes similar or related to those of Avon Park Christian Church, Avon Park, provided that no distributions shall be made to an organization which does not have a ruling exempting such organization from Federal income taxation as described above. In no event shall any part of such assets or property, or the proceeds of sale thereof, be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any member or of any individual.

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: \_\_\_\_\_, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 April 2, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Ricky G. Helms \_\_\_\_\_

(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)

Ricky G Helms  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of person signing)