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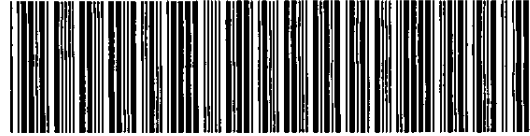
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TO: Amendment Section
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church, Inc

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 720123

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Bishop Kenneth R. Brown/Joyce Harris

(Name of Contact Person)

Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church, Inc

(Firm/ Company)

1047 North Ohio Avenue

(Address)

Lakeland, FL 33806

(City/ State and Zip Code)

PRFWBC@AOL.COM

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Bishop Kenneth R. Brown/Joyce Harris

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(Name of Contact Person)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

June 12, 2015

BISHOP KENNETH R. BROWN
PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST
1047 NORTH OHIO AVENUE
LAKELAND, FL 33806

SUBJECT: PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Ref. Number: 720123

We have received your document for PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please file the document as either Articles of Amendment or Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to applicable Florida Statutes.

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) 245-6050.

Irene Albritton
Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 815A00012429

Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church, Inc

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

720123

(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:

N/A

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:

N/A

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

N/A

(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: Joyce Harris

1047 North Ohio Avenue

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

Lakeland

(City)

Florida 33805

(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

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.

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

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

See Attach Amended Articles

**AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
PILGRIM REST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Florida, each being competent to contract, hereby form ourselves and our successors into a corporation not for profit in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., State of Florida (Not for Profit); and under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) hereby adopt the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation as our Charter.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church, Inc.** located in the City of Lakeland, County of Polk and State of Florida; herein referred to as **PRFWBC**.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The purpose of the **PRFWBC** shall be the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth to glorify Him and exalt Jesus Christ above all human goals as its members participate in: **Worship** (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:24-25), **Teaching the whole Word of God** (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8), **Administering the ordinances of the Church** (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26), **Defending the Faith** (Hebrews 10:23; Jud 3; Revelation 3:8) by disciplining its membership and helping to meet the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Economic Welfare of its members and community. As a means to these ends the following Bodies, Committees and Ministries shall be in operation.

Deacons, Trustees, Sunday School Department, Young People Christian League (YPCL), Training Department, Mission and Educational Department, Evangelism Department, Women Home Mission Department, Brotherhood Dept., Youth & Children Dept. Couples Ministry, Singles Ministry, Love in Action Ministry, Food Bank, Cloths Closet ect. As the PRFWBC have need.

ARTICLE III
AFFILIATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

PRFWBC is autonomous and subject only to Christ, the Head of the Church. The PRFWBC declares affiliations/associations with the United American Freewill Baptist General Conference Inc., Annual Conference, and National Convention of Free Will Baptist USA. PRFWBC reserves the right to withdrew fellowship from these affiliations/associations if they compromise their original biblical conviction.

ARTICLE IV ORDINANCES

- Section 1. We practice believer's baptism by single immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost after a confession of faith. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4)
- Section 2. We practice close communion, which is believers celebrating the Lord's Supper after self-examination. (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34)
- Section 3. We practice as believer's the washing of the saint's feet as recorded in the Word of God. (John 13:1-20)

ARTICLE V POLICY/LAW

The PRFWBC shall be governed by its members on the basis of majority rule and the principles of the New Testament. We believe the PRFWBC has the resources within itself to make policies and resolve differences.

We believe that the members of the PRFWBC have sufficient intelligence and virtue to render the intervention of outside authorities unnecessary, and that the Pastor and the Executive Committee is the PRFWBC sole authoritative interpreter of Scripture.

We believe according to the **Word of God that marriage is Ordained by God** that of the union of a **Man and Woman**, (Genesis 2:21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:2-4) and therefore the Church **Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church, Inc.** and her Pastor and associate Ministers shall not be compelled or demanded to perform such unions that are not Ordained by God's Holy Word. And therefore **cannot be held Liable by Local, State and Federal Law** for not performing said unions between (**Homosexual; Lesbian; Transsexual and Transvestite**).

We will not discriminate against the attendance in services of persons with **alternative sexual preferences, life styles and behavior (Homosexual; Lesbian; Transsexual; Transvestite)**, because the Bible says (who so ever will let in come). And therefore the PRFWBC does have the right according to the Word of God to say who can Join/Become Members of the PRFWBC. We stand on the Word of God that all who practices such life styles are still living in willful Sin and have not Repented turn away from this life style (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10) and therefore cannot become a member of the Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1. Any person professing by Faith to have received the Lord Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Statement of Faith and the Covenant held by this Church, may upon Baptism be received into its membership.

SECTION 2. A Letter of recommendation and demission from their respective Churches may receive members from Churches of the same Faith and order.

SECTION 3. Those who has been Scripturally Baptized and who accept the view of Faith and practice adopted by this Church may be by virtue of their Christian experience.

SECTION 4. Any member can be excommunicated should He or She becomes an offense to the Church and to its New Testament standard by reason of un-Christ like conduct, or by persistent breach of his/her covenant vows, the Church may terminate his/her membership. Only after due notice and a hearing before the Pastor and the Executive Committee after faithful efforts have been made to bring about repentance and reconciliation should such action be taken (**Matthew 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 5:1-13**).

SECTION 5. Excommunicated members may by a majority vote be restored to membership on confession of their error (Sin) and by giving evidence of their repentance (**2 Corinthians 2:5-11**).

ARTICLE VII **MEMBERSHIP RULES**

SECTION 1. **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** All those who show their interest in the welfare of the Church and the Kingdom of God by regular attendance and financial support and those who, because of illness and infirmities, are unable to attend service or contribute financial support to the work shall be classed as active members.

SECTION 2. **INACTIVE MEMBERS:** being notified by letter and given (30) thirty days to restore themselves to active status and to indicate their desire to continue their membership will be Dismissed and All those who do not classify as Sick or Shut-in members, who without reasonable excuses, DO NOT attend the regular services of the Church for a period of (3) three months, all members who fail to communicate with the Pastor and Church for a period of (3) three months, shall be removed from the Church Roll Book.

ARTICLE VIII **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER**

SECTION 1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** This committee shall be appointed by the membership of the Church by vote of majority rules. All directors/officers of the Church shall be recommended by the appointed nominating committee and presented to the membership in the annual business meeting to be voted upon by majority rules.

SECTION 2. **TERM OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS:** All directors/officers are elected for a term of one year. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment upon

approval of the Church membership by vote of majority rules. The Pastor has the right to appoint a member to any position that he feels will be able to carry on the work of God and the Church with spiritual and efficient means, with the approval of the Church membership by vote of majority rules.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT OF DEACONS: Deacons shall be recommended by the Church and Deacon Board with the approval of the Pastor according to the New Testament pattern {Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3: 8-16}. Any member upon recommendation and majority vote shall be set-aside for a period of (3) Six months prior to Ordination.

ARTICLE IX

CHURCH - PASTOR RELATIONSHIP

SECTION 1. CALLING A PASTOR: When the Pastorate is vacant, the Deacons and Trustees shall select a pulpit committee of seven of the Church to seek candidates of worthy reputation, character and education (with a minimum of a High School Diploma) as a prospect for Pastor, the committee shall recommend them to the Church for its consideration. The call shall be extended in a regularly monthly business meeting or a call meeting of the congregation. A vote of majority rules of the members present and voting shall be required for a valid call. Candidates shall be presented to the Church. Public announcements for the call meeting must be made in the following ways; (1) LETTERS (2) ANNOUNCEMENTS in public worship service on at least (2) TWO consecutive Sunday prior to the date of the call meeting.

SECTION 2. CONDITION OF THE CALL: The Pastor shall have a written notice of the call stipulating the conditions, including; Salary, Vacation, provisions for housing, retirement, social security and other such provisions as may be appropriate.

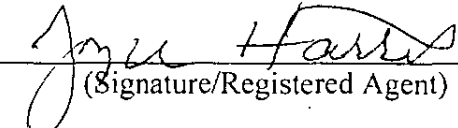
SECTION 3. TERMINATION OF PASTORATE: A pastorate may be terminated by a notice of (90) ninety days on the part of the pastor or the Church under normal conditions. A pastorate may be terminated should He become an offense to the Church and to its New Testament standard by reason of un-Christian conduct, or by persistent breach of His covenant vows or conduct. The Deacons and Trustees have the rights to request the resignation of the Pastorate to be presented to the Church membership for voting by majority rules. The termination shall be extended in a regular monthly business meeting or a call meeting of the congregation. A vote of majority of the members presented and voting shall be required for a valid dismissal.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, notice of which business meeting and reason therefore, shall have given (1) one week preceding the meeting, both through the Church Paper or Reminder and by announcement from the Pulpit.


ARTICLE XI
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

Joyce Riley Harris
1047 North Ohio Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33805

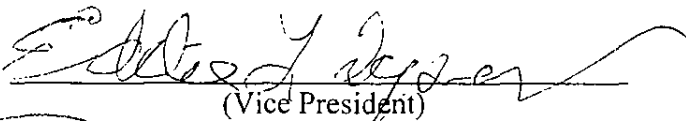

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ARTICLE XII
INCORPORATOR

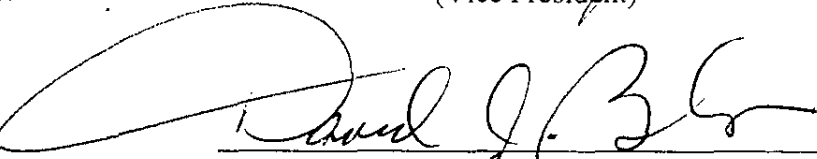
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(President)


Eddie Tyson
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(Vice President)

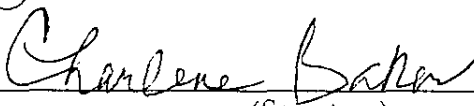
David J. Baker
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(Treasurer)

Joyce R. Harris
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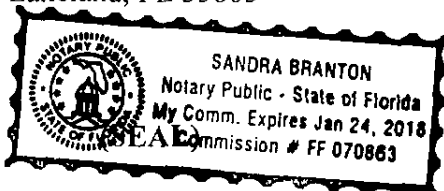

(Chief Financial Officer)

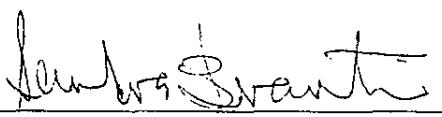
Charlene Baker
1047 North Ohio Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33805


(Secretary)

Charles Oldham
1047 North Ohio Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33805


(Director)




(Notary)

May 13, 2015

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

May 13, 2015

Effective date if applicable:

(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

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- ☒ 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

5-1-2015

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)

Frank Coleman

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Chairman of Trustee President

(Title of person signing)