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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Joy Fellowship Ministries Inc

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Robin Bryant  
(Name of Contact Person)

Joy Fellowship Ministries Inc  
(Firm/ Company)

5978 Old Bethel Rd  
(Address)

Crestview, FL 32536  
(City/ State and Zip Code)

rbryant@joyfellowship.net  
(E-mail address) (to be used for future annual report notification)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

September 7, 2022

ROBIN BRYANT  
JOY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES INC  
P.O. BOX 279  
CRESTVIEW, FL 32536

SUBJECT: JOY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED  
Ref. Number: 733816

We have received your document for JOY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You cannot submit our application and Articles of Incorporation. What you need to do is either file our form or submit Amended and Restated Articles. Our form has all the required information in it so if you submit the Amended and Restated Articles make sure everything that is in the application is in your document.

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.

Diane Cushing  
Senior Section Administrator

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AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

JOY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED OF CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA

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We, the undersigned subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation, being the representatives of the Joy Fellowship Ministries of Crestview, Florida, Incorporated located in Okaloosa County, State of Florida, do hereby associate ourselves together to form a corporation not for profit, organized under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE I-NAME**

The name of the corporation is: Joy Fellowship Ministries, Incorporated of Crestview, Florida, P.O. Box 279, Crestview, Florida, 32536 whose address is 5978 Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536. Joy Fellowship Ministries, of Crestview, Florida will hereafter be referred to as the corporation or Joy Fellowship Ministries, Inc.

## **ARTICLE II-EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

## **ARTICLE III-PURPOSE**

The purpose of this corporation shall be:

Section 1: To bring men, women and children to a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the entire Gospel of Christ Jesus.

Section 2: To proclaim the inerrant Word of God through the Holy Bible.

Section 3: To bear witness to all Biblical truths including those relating to the Spirit-filled life.

Section 4: To conduct religious services at the times and places appointed.

Section 5: To collect monies, receive gifts and bequests, and otherwise raise money to fulfill the above stated purpose.

Section 6: To expend, contribute, disburse and otherwise handle and dispose of (utilize) funds received.

Section 7: To purchase, lease, rent, acquire, own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of (or utilize) any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the above purposes.

Section 8: To borrow money, issue bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations secure for monies so borrowed or in payment for property; for any of the purposes stated above.

Section 9: To govern itself according to these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws adopted for the government of the corporation. The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the elders in the manner provided by said bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IV-ELDERS**

This corporation shall have Pastoral Elders as a governing body to execute the oversight of the corporation. The Pastoral Elders hereafter may be referred to as either Pastoral Elders or elders. The Pastoral Elders shall be appointed and ordained in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V-BY-LAWS**

This corporation shall adopt By-Laws for the rules and government of itself. Said by-Laws shall be adopted, altered or rescinded by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the elders of the corporation at the annual business meeting or called special meeting upon recommendation by 2/3 of the elders.

#### **ARTICLE VI-MEMBERSHIP**

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members will be determined as stated in the bylaws. At a minimum, members must agree with the Statement of Faith as stated in Article VII.

#### **ARTICLE VII-STATEMENT OF FAITH**

These shall constitute our Statement of Faith:

##### **Section 1: INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES:**

We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments: (II Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; I Peter 1:25, II Peter 1:19-21).

##### **Section 2: GOD:**

We believe in one God revealed in the Holy Trinity (three persons): The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:15-17, 28:19, John 17, John 1:1-2, Genesis 1:2)

##### **Section 3: MAN**

We believe man in his natural state is a sinner lost, undone, without hope and without God (Ephesians 2:1-2, 12; Romans 3:19-23; Galatians 3:22, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:12,19)

##### **Section 4: DIVINITY AND HUMANITY OF CHRIST JESUS**

We believe Jesus is God come in the flesh and He is both divine and human (Acts 2:36; 3:14-15; Luke 1:26-38; Philippians 2:5-12, 1 John 4:1-3).

## Section 5: BLOOD ATONEMENT

We believe in the saving power of the blood of Jesus and His imputed righteousness (Ephesians 1:3-15; Romans 5:1-11, 4:1-9; Acts 4:12). (Ephesians 1:3-10, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 1:7-9, Revelation 1:5)

## Section 6: BODILY RESURRECTION

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:39-43; John 20:24-29). (Matthew 28:5-10, Acts 1:3)

## Section 7: ASCENSION

We believe Christ Jesus ascended to the Father to prepare a way for mankind to have a relationship with God and is interceding for the saints. (John 14:1-6, Romans 8:34, Acts 1:9-11)

## Section 8: SECOND COMING

We believe in the visible, bodily return of Christ Jesus to this earth to rapture His Church (Bride) and judge the world (Acts 1:10-11; James 5:8, II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 1:7). It is not necessary that we all believe alike concerning whether He is coming before, during or after the Great Tribulation. (I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 14:14-16)

## Section 9: SALVATION

We believe the terms of salvation are repentance toward God for sin and a personal, heartfelt faith in the Lord Jesus Christ which results in Regeneration of the person. This salvation is entirely by grace of our Lord and not of works. Works are excluded except as FRUIT and Evidence of salvation (Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 4:1-5, 5:1; Acts 3:19-20). (Acts 16:31, Matthew 3:8).

## Section 10: LOCAL CHURCH

We believe the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a body of believers who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who are under recognized delegated authorities and who assemble to worship, carry forth the great commission, and minister as the Holy Spirit leads (Matthew 16:18, 28:19-20; Acts 2:40-47, 20:28; I Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 5:22-32).

## Section 11: ORDINANCES

We believe the two ordinances of the church are Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Baptism: Submersion in water in the name of the Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Ghost (Spirit) (Matthew 3:15-16, 28-19-20; Roman 6:4, Acts 2:38). A symbol of identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

Lord's Supper: A memorial of the death, resurrection and second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 22:13-20).

## Section 12: SEPARATED LIFE

We believe believers should seek, as the early disciples did, to practice the separated life from the world and unto Christ and to set standards of conduct which will exalt our Lord and His Church (Colossians 3:17; Romans 12:1-3; II Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:11; Galatians 2:20).

## Section 13: HEAVEN AND HELL

We believe the Scriptures clearly set forth the doctrines of eternal punishment for the lost and eternal bliss and service for the saved—Hell for the unsaved and Heaven for the saved (John 14:1-3; Matthew 25:34, 41, 46; Luke 16:19-31, Revelation 20:1-15).

## Section 14: HOLY SPIRIT (GHOST)

We believe the Holy Spirit to be the third person of the Trinity whose purpose in the redemption of man is to convict man of sin, regeneration of the repentant believer, guide the believer into ALL truth, indwell and give gifts to believers as He wills, that they may minister as Christ would to men. We believe the Manifestations of the Holy Spirit recorded in I Corinthians 12:8-11 will operate in present-day churches which yield to the Lord (Luke 11:13; John 14:16-17, 16:7-14, 7:37-39).

We believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is for all believers as promised by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11), Jesus (Acts 1:4-5, 8), Peter (Acts 2:38-41) and as was witnessed by the early disciples of the Lord.



#### Section 15: DIVINE HEALING

We believe God uses doctors, medicines and other material means for healing but Divine Healing was also provided in the Atonement (Isaiah 53:5) and may be appropriated by laying on of hands by elders (James 5:14-16), laying on of hands by the believers (Mark 15:18), (Acts 19:11-12), by the prayers of an anointed person gifted for healing the sick (I Corinthians 12:9) or by a direct act of receiving this provision by faith (Mark 11:23) (Matthew 9:21-22).

#### Section 16: PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

We believe each believer is a priest of the Lord (Revelation 1:6) and has direct access to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. Each person must believe for themselves, be baptized for themselves, obey for themselves and answer to the Creator for themselves. (1 Peter 2:9)

#### Section 17: GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH

We believe the New Testament Church should be Apostolic in nature and should be governed by delegated authorities. These authorities at Joy Fellowship Ministries, Inc. are set forth in Articles IV and V of these Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the By-Laws of the church.

#### Section 18: MARRIAGE:

We believe the term "marriage" has only ONE meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25).

### **ARTICLE VIII-NOT FOR PROFIT**

This corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers afforded to nonprofit corporations under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. However, this corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it has been organized as described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

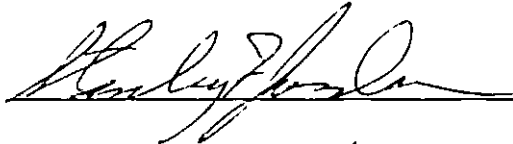
### **ARTICLE IX-DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this, all its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in accordance with the requirements defined in the bylaws. None of the assets will be distributed to any member of this corporation.

### **ARTICLE X-AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in accordance with the Bylaws.

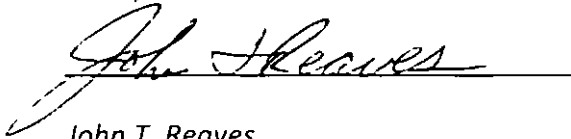
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and our seals this 18 day of October 2022.



Stanley F. Jordan



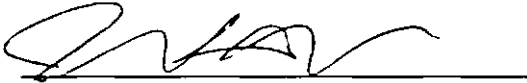
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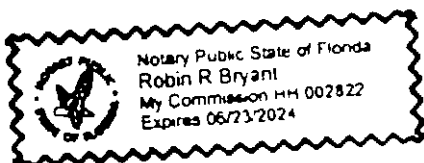
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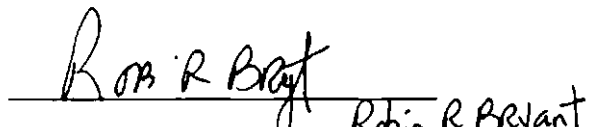
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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Stanley F. Jordan, Randy T. Harsch, John T. Reaves, Rex A. Watkins and Justin C. Witcher who stated, under oath, that they executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 18 day of October 2022.



  
Notary Public

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Required Signature/Registered Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ARTICLE VI ARTICLE CONSOLIDATION**

These adopted restated articles of incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments to them.

**ARTICLE VII REQUIRED ADOPTION INFORMATION**

**Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)**

☐ These restated articles of incorporation contain an amendment to the articles of incorporation which required member approval. The date of adoption of the amendments was \_\_\_\_\_, and the votes cast were sufficient for approval

☒ These restated articles of incorporation were adopted by the board of directors.