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NAME OF CORPORATION: Pinecrest Baptist Church of Sanford

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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:

Jamison Jessup

(Name of Contact Person)

c/o Jessup, Inc.

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1642 N Volusia Av Ste 201

(Address)

Orange City, FL 32763

(City/ State and Zip Code)

jamison@jamisonjessup.com

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

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Jamison Jessup

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Division of Corporations

March 1, 2018

JAMISON JESSUP
C/O JESSUP INC
1642 N. VOLUSIA AVE - STE. 201
ORANGE CITY, FL 32763

SUBJECT: PINECREST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANFORD
Ref. Number: 748570

We have received your document for PINECREST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANFORD and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The current name of the entity is as referenced above. Please correct your document accordingly.

The original name of the corporation goes in the heading as the corporation amended and restated articles are being filed for.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF**

PINECREST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANFORD

Document Number 748570

PREAMBLE

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (Articles) are adopted to amend and otherwise replace the Constitution (and any subsequent amendments) of Pinecrest Baptist Church of Sanford, a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Florida Division of Corporations as Document Number 748570.

ARTICLE 1: NAME.

The name of this corporation shall be Connect Church of Sanford, Inc.

ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

As used in these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, the term:

- (A) "Articles" means these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation;
- (B) "Church" means Connect Church of Sanford, Inc.;
- (C) "Member" means an individual who becomes and maintains membership in the Church;
and,
- (D) "The Elder Board" means the collective group of the Elders of the Church and is also the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Section 1. The principal address of the Church shall be 601 E. Airport Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773.

ARTICLE 3: REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

Section 1. The registered office of the Church shall be 601 E. Airport Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773.

Section 2. The registered agent of the Church shall be Eric Allen, 601 E. Airport Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773.

Section 3. The registered office, registered agent and/or principal address of the Church may be amended and otherwise changed by a majority vote of The Elder Board. Any such amendment and change shall be recorded with Florida's Division of Corporation or with any other state agency required by law.

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ARTICLE 4: CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation organized for the religious purposes as a church pursuant to the *Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act* (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes) and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

ARTICLE 5: PURPOSES

Section 1. General. The Church's purpose is to connect people to God and others. This is done through:

- (A) FELLOWSHIP. The Church encourages its members and others to gather together.
- (B) WORSHIP. The Church celebrates God's presence by worship. It strives to help its members and others to participate in public worship services together and to maintain personal daily devotions. (See John 4:24.)
- (C) EVANGELISM and OUTREACH. In order to fulfill the Great Commission, the Church communicates God's message by evangelism and outreach. The Church strives to share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in its community and throughout the world. (See Matthew 28:12-20, Acts 1:8, and, 2 Peter 3:9.)
- (D) EDUCATION. The Church educates God's people. It strives to help its members and others to develop toward full Christian maturity and trains them for effective ministry. (See Ephesians 4:11-13, Matthew 18:20, and, 2 Timothy 2:2.)
- (E) MINISTRY. The Church demonstrates God's love through ministry and service. It strives to serve unselfishly, in Jesus' name, meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of its members and those in the community and in the world. (See Ephesians 4:11-13.)

Section 2. Exempt Purposes. The corporation is formed to operate as a church for religious purposes as will qualify it for an exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations qualifying as exempt tax organizations under the Code. There shall be no capital stock issued, and this corporation is not organized for profit, nor shall any person or member derive any benefit whatsoever, nor shall any pecuniary profit or benefit inure to the members of this corporation, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described herein.

ARTICLE 6: STATEMENT OF FAITH

Section 1. Biblical Authority. The entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and men were moved by the Spirit of God to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, the Bible is without error and is the only basis for Christian beliefs for faith and practice.

Section 2. Interpretation. The Church, by and through its Elder Board, retains and maintains the sole right to interpret the Holy Bible, its scriptures, and the governance of the Church.

Section 3. Salvation. The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, God freely offers salvation to those who repent and place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot lose your salvation. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

Section 4. Ordinances. Christ has ordained two ordinances for the Church: Believer's baptism by immersion and The Lord's Supper (Communion). Neither of these ordinances impart saving grace; but, rather are pictures of that grace.

Section 5. God. God exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to humanity and to become the Savior of the lost world.

Section 6. Jesus. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Section 7. Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

Section 8. Humanity. All people were created in the image of God to have fellowship with him but became alienated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, people are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through their own efforts.

Section 9. Christian Life. Christians should live for Christ and not for themselves. By obedience to the Word of God and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the image of Christ.

Section 10. Church. The church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith in the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving him and by making him known to the lost world.

Section 11. Creation. The Universe and mankind are not result of random and coincidental processes; but, rather are the product of the direct and intentional actions of God. God created all that exists from nothing by His own power without the aid of any outside entity. Nothing in creation "just happened." God made it all.

ARTICLE 7: AUTONOMY AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Autonomy. The Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs independent of any denominational control.

Section 2. Cooperation. Recognizing the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, the Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention and Seminole Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 8: TERM

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE 9: MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership in this Church shall consist of all persons who have met and maintain the requirements of membership.

Section 2. Existing Members. Those individuals who are existing Members of the Church on the date of the adoption of these Articles and have attended at least one worship service within the 60-day period immediately preceding the adoption of these Articles continue to be Members of the Church as of the date of the adoption of these Articles. (The Elder Board may elect to continue membership of any existing member who has been unable to attend church because of sickness and/or injury.)

Section 3. Becoming a Member. Any person may apply to the Board of Elders to become a member of the Church. The Elder Board, by a majority vote of those in attendance, shall vote to grant membership status to those it deems are eligible for membership.

Section 4. Qualifications of Membership. The Elder Board may adopt and amend qualifications of membership providing such qualifications include, at a minimum that a Member must:

1. Have a personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation;
2. Have been baptized by immersion as a testimony of salvation;
3. Complete the Church's membership class and its requirements;
4. Be in basic agreement with the Church's statement of faith; and,
5. Subscribe to a Membership Covenant provided for in the Church's membership class.

Section 5. Classes of Membership. Active Members are all members who are currently and regularly attending worship services. The Board of Elders may deem a Member of the Church to be an Inactive Member if a Member is no longer regularly attending worship services. The Elder Board may elect to continue active membership for those who no longer regularly attend worship services due to sickness and/or injury.

Section 6. The responsibilities of membership are described in the Membership Covenant.

Section 7. Voting Rights of Members. Every Active Member, who is eighteen years or age or older, shall have the right to vote on the following matters providing they are in attendance at the meeting of the Members whereby such matters are being determined:

1. The total amount of the annual budget of the Church;
2. The merger or dissolution of the Church;
3. The affirmative vote to hire and/or appoint the Lead Pastor, Executive Pastor and Elders;
4. The removal/termination of the Lead Pastor and Executive Pastor; and,
5. Other matters brought to the membership by a unanimous vote of The Elder Board.

Section 8. Voting. Voting by proxy is prohibited. A three-fourths vote of active members present will be required to remove/terminate the Lead Pastor, Executive Pastor and Associate Pastor(s). A simple majority vote of the active members present shall be required for all other matters.

Section 9. Termination of Members. A member's membership shall be terminated for the following reasons:

1. Death;
2. Joining the of membership to another church;
3. Resignation;
4. Being deemed an Inactive Member for a period of one-year or more; or,
5. Removal by a majority vote of The Elder Board when it determines any Member's conduct, behavior, demeanor and/or lifestyle is inconsistent with Biblical standards and who it deems has failed and/or refuses to repent.

ARTICLE 10: THE ELDER BOARD.

Section 1. The Lead Pastor, when elected/affirmed by the Church, shall serve as an Elder and Chairman of The Elder Board. In the event of the vacancy of office of the Lead Pastor, the Executive Pastor shall assume the role of the Lead Pastor and Chairman of the Elder Board until a new Lead Pastor has been elected. In the event there is a vacancy in the office of the Lead Pastor and there is no Executive Pastor, the Elder Board shall elect an Interim Lead Pastor to serve until a new Lead Pastor has been elected. Interim Lead Pastors may not remain in office for longer than 180 days without affirmation of the Members.

Section 2. The Executive Pastor, when elected/affirmed by the Church, shall serve as an Elder and Vice Chairman of The Elder Board. In the event of vacancy of the office of the Executive Pastor, the Elder Board may elect an Interim Executive Pastor to serve until a new Executive Pastor has been elected. Interim Executive Pastors may not remain in office for longer than 180 days without affirmation of the Members.

Section 3. Whenever there are less than three Elders, the remaining Elders shall nominate for affirmation by the Members as many Elders as are necessary to bring the number back to at least three Elders and present them to the Church membership for affirmation.

Section 4. The Elder Board may make binding decisions that are not specifically required to be voted on by the Church's Members including establishing policies, regulations and/or rules for the operation of the Church. The Elder Board shall also be known as the Board of Directors and/or Board of Trustees and shall be empowered as such.

Section 5. The qualifications, terms of office and election procedures for Elders shall be stated in the Bylaws; however, no person may serve as an Elder without being affirmed by the Membership after first being nominated by The Elder Board.

Section 6. The initial members of The Elder Board are:

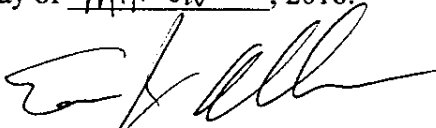
1. Eric Allen, Lead Pastor, Chairman, 1092 Sylvia Drive, Deltona, FL 32725
2. Jamison (Jamie) Jessup, Executive Pastor, Vice Chairman, 557 Noremac Avenue, Deltona, FL 32738
3. Len Gill, Elder, 724 Panama Place, Sanford, FL 32771.

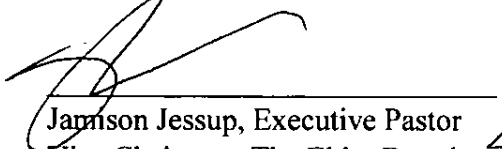
The Lead Pastor, Executive Pastor and Elder listed above are hereby elected by this reference.

ARTICLE 11: APPROPRIATION OF DIVIDENDS OR PROFITS UPON DISSOLUTION

Section 1: "Dissolution" means the complete disbanding of the Corporation so that it no longer functions as a corporate entity. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its property shall be applied and distributed as follows: (1) all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid and discharged or adequate provision shall be made therefore; (2) pursuant to a plan adopted by The Board of Elders, assets shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more Southern Baptist Churches, Seminole Baptist Association, Florida Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and/or organization affiliated with these organizations providing such transfers and conveyances may only occurred to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were approved by a sufficient vote of The Elder Board at a meeting properly called for amending and restating these Articles on this 5 day of MARCH, 2018.



Eric Allen, Lead Pastor
Chairman, The Elder Board


Jamison Jessup, Executive Pastor
Vice Chairman, The Elder Board

Secretary

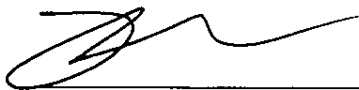

Len Gill, Elder

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT: Having been named as the registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Pinecrest Baptist Church of Sanford. I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

 3/5/18
ERIC ALLEN, Registered Agent
601 East Airport Blvd
Sanford, FL 32738

AGREEMENT TO AN ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING. The Elder Board received a reply from the Division of Corporations (Exhibit A) to the filing of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation. Inasmuch as the correction requested was a minor, but technical issue, the undersigned Elders, constituting 100% of The Elder Board, unanimously agree to amend the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Pinecrest Baptist Church of Sanford to make the correction requested by the Division of Corporation. Attached as Exhibit B are the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Pinecrest Baptist Church of Sanford.

The undersigned Elders unanimously agree to treat this decision as if the decision was made in The Elder Board properly called for the purposed of making this decision.



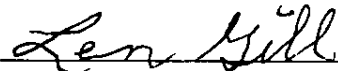
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Jamison Jessup, Secretary,
Executive Pastor and Vice Chairman
The Elder Board



Date: 3/5/18

Eric Allen, Lead Pastor
and Chairman
The Elder Board



Date: 3/5/18

Len Gill, Elder
The Elder Board