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RE: Refuge Baptist Church of Sebring, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent for the above referenced corporation. Please file these Articles and return a certified copy to this office. A check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed to cover the following charges:

Filing fee	\$35.00
Certified copy	8.75
Registered Agent Designation	35.00
Total	\$78.75

Thank you,

*Linda Kent*

LINDA KENT  
Legal Assistant  
Enclosures  
cc: Client

D. BROWN OCT 17 2000

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**FOR**

**REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.**

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL PLACE OF  
BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of the corporation shall be:

709 North Ridgewood Drive  
Sebring, Florida 33870

The mailing address of the corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 1508  
Sebring, Florida 33871-1508

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSES**

The specific purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized is (are):

To be a worshiping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His person, and responding in obedience to His leadership.

To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.

To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.

To be a Church that ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and the world in Jesus' name.

To be a Church whose purpose is to be Christlike in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

- SECTION 1. Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and giving satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, shall upon being baptized by immersion be admitted thereby to the fellowship and privilege to this church.
- SECTION 2. Members may be received from other churches of like faith and order into the fellowship of this church by statement of faith and evidence of baptism by immersion.
- SECTION 3. Any one having been a member of a sister church and in consequence of peculiar circumstances or unable to obtain a letter of dismission may be received in the fellowship of this church upon statement of baptism by immersion and presentation of satisfactory evidence of Christian character and former church relationship.

#### **ARTICLE V: MANNER OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The manner in which the trustees are elected or appointed is as follows:

Initially a five member board of trustees will be established by election by the founding members of the corporation. Said five member board shall serve for three years. Thereafter, the president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer shall continue to serve for an additional two years with the remaining two members of the board elected by the members of the corporation to a term of three years. Thereafter, all trustees shall be elected by the members of the corporation to serve three year terms.

#### **ARTICLE VI: LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS**

The powers of this corporation are as provided in §617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited by the constitution and by-laws duly adopted by the membership of the corporation or by the constitution and by-laws of the Florida Baptist Convention.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to the Orange Blossom Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, or one or more other organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding

sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purposes.

**ARTICLE VIII: INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator for those Articles of Incorporation are:

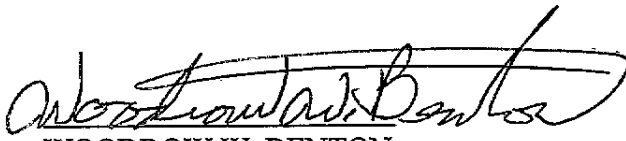
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ADDRESS

WOODROW W. BENTON

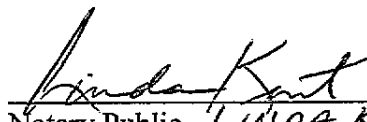
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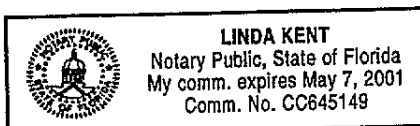
~~October~~ The undersigned incorporator has executed the Articles of Incorporation this 11 day of ~~September~~ 2000.

  
WOODROW W. BENTON

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of ~~September~~ <sup>October</sup> 2000, by WOODROW W. BENTON who is personally known to me or who has produced for identification \_\_\_\_\_ (type of identification) and is known to be the person described as Incorporator and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

  
Notary Public LINDA KENT  
My commission expires: May 7, 2001



**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**  
**REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

**FILED**  
**00 OCT 16 AM 9:59**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to the provisions of §617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

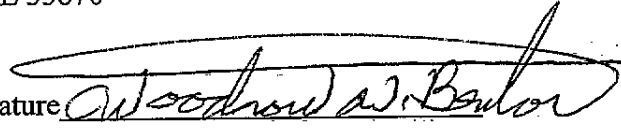
1. The name of the corporation is

**REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III  
551 South Commerce Avenue  
Sebring, FL 33870

Signature



Title Incorporator

Date 10-11-00

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE

  
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III

DATE

10-11-00