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Secretary of State Corporate Records Bureau Divisions of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: SUNCOAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Enclosed please also find our check no. 1365 made payable to the Secretary of State in the sum of \$70.00 in order to defray your filing fee.

Please return the filed stamped copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very sincerely yours,

Anthony M. Nardella, Jr.

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SLORETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SUNCOAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of F.S. Chapter 617, the undersigned, being a natural person, does hereby act as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a not-for-profit corporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation ("corporation") is SUNCOAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.

ARTICLE II

The existence of the corporation shall begin immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

ARTICLE III

The corporation is formed for the purpose of spreading the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord throughout the world. The corporation shall operate exclusively for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as qualify it as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under federal and state law.

ARTICLE IV

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is 6205 N. Himes, Tampa, Florida 33614.

ARTICLE V

The initial street address of the corporation's registered office is 6205 N. Himes, Tampa, Florida 33614. The initial registered agent for the corporation at that address is Rev. Lynn Sayne.

ARTICLE VI

The initial board of directors shall consist of three (3) members. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the bylaws. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the bylaws provided that at no time shall the number of directors ever be less than three (3). The name and address of the persons who will serve on the initial board of directors are:

Name

Address

Rev. Lynn Sayne Bill Harrell Jim Jasutis

6205 N. Himes, Tampa, Florida 33614 308 W. Hilda Street, Tampa, Florida 33603 2329 Fern Place, Tampa, Florida 33604

ARTICLE VII

The name and street address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

Name

Address

Rev. Lynn Sayne

6205 N. Himes, Tampa, Florida 33614

ARTICLE VIII

The members of the corporation shall be admitted to membership as regulated by the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III hereinabove, nothing herein shall be construed to permit the corporation to engage in any activity which would be inconsistent with its classification as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time, or any equivalent section of the Internal Revenue Code in effect at any time. As such, the corporation shall not allow any expenditure of any part of the net earnings of the corporation to inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), nor shall any member, director, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, be entitled to share in a distribution of the corporation's assets on dissolution of the corporation nor shall a substantial part of the activities of the corporation be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication and distribution of statements) in the political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Provided, further, that if at any time the corporation is deemed to be a Private Foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time, then for so long as the corporation is deemed a Private Foundation, the following provisions shall also be applicable:

- 1. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 2. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 3. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 4. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE X

The corporation shall have all the powers, rights, and privileges of a corporation not for profit under Florida law. The powers of the directors shall be limited to carrying out the directives of the members of the corporation as regulated by the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

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These articles of incorporation may be amended as set forth in the bylaws.

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ARTICLE XII

Upon the liquidation, dissolution or the winding up of the affairs of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational organizations which are then qualified under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time, or any equivalent section of the Internal Revenue Code in effect at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this ______day of January, 2001.

Name: Kev. Lynn Sayne

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for SUNCOAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC. at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to F.S. 617.0501(3).

Name: Rev. Lynn Sayne

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