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SUBJECT: The Church of God at Tallahassee Corporation
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Esther France Burns
Name (Printed or typed)

1336 Lola Drive
Address

Tallahassee, Florida 32301
City, State & Zip

(850) 942-7102
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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: The Church of God at Okeechobee Corporation

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:
620 Northeast 15th Avenue Okeechobee, Florida 34972

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To engage in any lawful activity for which non-profit corporations may be formed under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, as now existing or hereafter amended, and especially, but without limitation, for the purpose of preaching the Gospel, sending forth missionaries, the holding and administering of property, real, personal, and mixed, so that the same may be devoted to religious service, charitable and educational and literary purposes, and shall possess all the powers, rights, privileges, capacities and immunities which non-profit corporations are authorized, and may hereafter be authorized, to possess under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

All members of the Board of Directors except those who are designated in these Articles of Incorporation shall be elected by affirmative vote of at least 3/4th of the membership of this corporation present and voting at a membership meeting called for that specific purpose.

Management and executive power of this corporation shall be vested in and controlled by a Board of Directors which shall be either 3 or 5 (never 4) in number, who shall be required to be members of this corporation and who shall hold office for the remainder of their lifetime unless they sooner resign or become heretical to Church of God Doctrine as stipulated in Article V. The said Board of Directors may borrow money, purchase immovable or movable property or sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise alienate any of the movable or immovable property belonging to this corporation, without obtaining the approval, or a resolution, authorizing the same by the members of this corporation as contradistinguished from the said Board of Directors.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be necessary to consider any question that may come before the meeting of the Board of Directors. If a quorum is not present at a duly assembled meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but may not transact any other business until a quorum is secured. A quorum begin present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present will be necessary to decide any question relating to general business matters.

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Unless or until removed from office as provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the names and addresses of the first Board of Directors of this corporation are as follows:

Esther France Burns
1336 Lola Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

Gregory John Slaton
1336 Lola Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

Johnnie Marilyne Burns Slaton
1336 Lola Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

The officers of this corporation are: Esther France Burns -President, Johnnie Marilyne Burns Slaton-Vice President, Gregory John Slaton-Secretary/Treasurer. They will remain in the stated positions until their successors are elected by the Board of Directors.

This corporation is to be organized on a non-stock basis. There shall be but one class of membership. The subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation together with Johnnie Marilyne Burns Slaton and Gregory John Slaton, shall be the first members of this corporation.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The sole qualifications for additional members in the corporation are as follows:

1. New birth as prescribed in John 3:3 and John 3:5-7
2. Baptism by immersion in the name of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19
3. Live a holy life in accordance with I Peter 1:15-16 and Titus 2:10-12
4. Observance of the following ordinances and doctrinal points.

Ordinances

- a) Baptism by immersion - Matthew 28:19-20
- b) Feet washing as set forth in John 13: 1-7
- c) The Lord's Supper as a memorial - I Corinthians 11: 23-30

Doctrinal Points

- a) Believe that Jesus purchased, built and is the governing head of the Church- Acts 20:28 Matthew 16:18 Colossians 1:12-18
- b) God admits members - Acts 2:47
- c) Abiding in Christ is necessary (only saved persons are members) John 15:2-6
- d) Believe in Divine Physical Healing - James 5:14-16
- e) Membership is offered to all - Revelation 22:17
- f) Accept the Biblical name of the Church - Acts 20:28 I Corinthians 1:2
- g) Final judgment of all - Hebrews 9:27, II Corinthians 5:10, John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:12-15
- h) Believe that Jesus Christ is the had of the Church, and the Church is the body of Christ. There is no earthly head nor earthly headquarters - Colossians 1:18 Ephesians 5:23-27
- i) Justification by faith - Romans 5:1
- j) Sanctification - I Thessalonians 5:23 Acts 1:8
- k) All Biblical verses are to be viewed in accordance with the King James Authorized Bible

- l) Believe in the Holy Ghost (Spirit) as a Comforter and Spirit of Truth
John 14:15-17, John 14:26, John 16:13
- m) Believe that the Holy Ghost (Spirit) empowers given after justification (second work of grace) - Acts 1:8 , Acts 19:2 -Speaking in *Tongues*(an established language- not evidence)
- n) Accept the Bible definition of *Tongues* as an established language used for the preaching of the Gospel - Acts 2:4-8
- o) Must view the so-called Pentecostal Movement as unscriptural
II John 1: 9-11
- o) Acknowledge that divorce and remarriage is Biblically acceptable for reason of fornication/adultery Matthew 9:9

Qualifications for Elders and Deacons

Elders(pastors) and deacons are ordained by God. The Church is the body of Christ. God sets the members in the body as it pleases Him - I Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11-16

The following is designed to outline the necessary qualifications one must have to fulfill the position of elder(minister/preacher) or deacon in the Church of God at Tallahassee.

- a) An elder must be living whole heartedly to all aforesaid items in Article V.
- b) Gender, age nor race shall not be a determining factor for anyone to hold this position- Acts 10:34-35, Galatians 3:28, Philippians 4:3
- c) A bishop (I Timothy 3:1) is synonymous with elder, overseer and pastor
I Timothy 3:1-7 sets forth the criteria that one must meet in order to fulfill the position of an elder. The calling is sanctioned by the laying on of hands of the presbytery (Church of God elders and pastors) -I Timothy 4:14-16

Replacement of Pastor

Whenever the occasion necessitates a replacement, the brother or sister must meet the requirements as stated in Article V. As part of the requirements the potential pastor should not be polygamist -husband of one wife, or wife of one husband. Pastors are elders, but not all elders are pastors.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is:
Esther France Burns 1336 Lola Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:
Esther France Burns 1336 Lola Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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

Esther France Burns
Signature/Registered Agent

March 2, 2001
Date

Esther France Burns
Signature/Incorporator

March 2, 2001
Date