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JULIA R. LAW

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re:

First Baptist Church of Linden, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Relative to the subject new corporation, enclosed please find the original and one copy of the articles of incorporation, which I would appreciate your filing and returning the copy to me certified.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$122.50, representing the \$35.00 filling fee, \$52.50 for certified copy, and \$35.00 for registered agent fee.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I remain

Sincerely,

JULÍA R. LAW

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC., a Not for Profit Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The corporation shall be a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and its name shall be:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC.,

and said name shall be so registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

ARTICLE II

The corporation shall have perpetual existence until dissolved by the laws of the State of Florida, said perpetual existence to commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

ARTICLE III

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be located at 4344 State Road 50, Webster, Sumter County, Florida 33597, or at such other place as may from time to time be specified by the Board of Directors (the Board).

The corporation shall maintain a mailing address as from time-to-time specified by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The corporation is formed to operate exclusively for charitable

b. This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene, by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The members of this corporation shall be the subscribers hereto and those persons who are and will be members of the congregation of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC.

ARTICLE V

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Directors who shall be the same persons as members of this corporations (no less than three), or by those persons who shall be duly appointed and shall qualify as "Trustee", provided two (2) or more persons have been duly appointed and qualified as "Trustee." Upon any member of said congregation being appointed and qualified as "Trustee" of said church, said "Trustee" shall automatically become a director of this corporation. Said directors shall serve so long as they remain members of this corporation and of the congregation of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC. The directors shall install from their own members a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve so long as they remain members of this corporation and of the congregation of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC., or until their successors are duly elected.

The procedure for election of the above officers and directors shall be as set forth in the bylaws of the corporation as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE VI

The corporation shall have all the powers set forth in Chapter 617, the Florida Not for Profit Corporation act, as in effect from time to time including, but not limited to the following powers:

a. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in

- d. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation.
- e. Adopt, change, amend, and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
- f. Increase, by a vote of its members cast as the bylaws may direct, the number of its directors so that the number shall not be than five but may be any number in excess thereof.
- g. Make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income.
- h. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have officers and exercise the powers granted by this act in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States or any Foreign country.
- i. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- j. Acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any other rights or interests thereunder or therein.
- k. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part or its property and assets.
- 1. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations,

- m. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, take and hold real and personal property was security for payment of funds loaned or invested except as prohibited by Section 617.0833, Florida Statutes.
- n. Make donations for the public welfare or religious, charitable, scientific, educational, or other similar purposes.
- o. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.
- p. Merge with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, if the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE VII

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE VIII

On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE IX

Unless otherwise set forth herein, the corporation reserves the right, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida governing corporations, to amend, alter, modify, or repeal any provision or provisions contained in these articles of incorporation, or any amendment thereto, and any rights conferred upon members is subject to this reservations.

ARTICLE XI

The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and of the individuals who are serving as the initial Directors of the Corporation at the time of Incorporation are as follows:

VERYL SUMMERLIN

12106 County Road 774A

Webster, Florida 33597

MAUDE OWENS TAYLOR

8152 State Road 471

Webster, Florida 33597

ERIC ANDERSON

day of <u>F50</u>, 2001.

STATE OF FLORIDA

4344 State Road 50

Webster, Florida 33597.

My Commission CC867588

WITNESS my hand and seal in the day of, 2001.	e County and State name	ed above this 22_		
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Sumur	Notary Public	Cheryl Wells My Commission CC867588 Expires August 30, 2003		
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THIS DAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared ERIC ANDERSON, who is personally known to me or who produced, as identification, who is one of the incorporators in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged that he subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation				
WITNESS my hand and seal in the day of, 2001.	County and State named	d above this 2)		
	***************************************	Cheryl Wells Mark My Commission CC867588 Mark Expires August 30, 2003		

STATE OF FLORIDA <u>DEPARTMENT OF STATE</u>

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

The following is submitted, in compliance with Chapter 617.023, Florida Statutes:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN, INC., a corporation not for profit, organized (or organizing) under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 4344 State Road 50, in the City of Webster, County of Sumter, State of Florida, has named ERIC ANDERSON, located at 4344 State Road 50, in the City of Webster, County of Sumter, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

OFFICERS:

Name

VERYL SUMMERLIN	President	12106 County Road 774A Webster, Florida 33597
DEVON TYSON	Vice President	9879 S. E. 22 nd Street Webster, Florida 33597
MAUDE OWENS TAYLOR	Treasurer	8152 State Road 471 Webster, Florida 33597
JANICE SIZEMORE	Secretary	9871 S. E. 22 nd Street Webster, Florida 33597

Title

DIRECTORS:

Name Specific Address

VERYL SUMMERLIN 12106 County Road 774A

Webster, Florida 33597

Specific Address

MAUDE OWENS TAYLOR 8152 State Road 471

Webster, Florida 33597

ERIC ANDERSON 4344 State Road 50
Webster, Florida 33597

Y: VERYL SUMMERLIN, President

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/ REGISTERED OFFICE

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- The name of the corporation is FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN,
 INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is ERIC ANDERSON, 4344 State Road 50, Webster, Florida 33597. 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.

ERIC ANDERSON, Registered Agent

Date:

2/22/01