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RE: ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Dear Madam or Sir,

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the articles of incorporation for the above-referenced entity and a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the filing fee and certificate of status for same.

We thank you in advance for your time and assistance. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 941/639-3034 immediately.

Sincerely,



Elder Isaac Thomas, Jr.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 21, 2001

ELDER ISAAC THOMAS, JR.
605 MARY ST
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

SUBJECT: ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Ref. Number: W01000011512

We have received your document for ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6925.

Cynthia Blalock
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ST. MARY
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

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Article I

The name of the corporation is ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Code (Chapter 617 F.S.).

Article II

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 605 Mary Street, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida 33950 and the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Clifton John Moore.

Article III

The directors of the corporation (hereinafter the Board of Trustees) shall be appointed annually according to the applicable sections found in the by-laws of the corporation.

Article IV

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Trustees are as follows:

Emmit Jenkins
421 E. Helen Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Julia Moore
515 E. Virginia Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Hazella Johnson
220 Lee Ave. South
Arcadia, FL 34266

Sarah Murrell
958 N.W. Dupin
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Steve Jones
4228 Blitzen Terr.
North Port, FL 34287

James Moore
515 E. Virginia Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Isaac Thomas, Jr.
26372 Asuncion Dr.
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Article V

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

Article VI

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are the following:

- (A) The corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996, as amended (the "Code") including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (B) This corporation is not organized and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the property or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, 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 set forth in Article VI hereof. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in a loss of its exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article VII

Upon the dissolution of the corporations affairs, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute, transfer, convey, deliver and pay over all of the assets of the corporation then remaining in the hands of the corporation to any other exempt organization qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as an exempt organization, to be used exclusively for religious purposes, as described in Article VI hereof. In the event that, for any reason, upon dissolution of the corporation the Board of Trustees shall fail to act in the manner herein provided within a reasonable period of time the Senior Judge of the Civil Court of Charlotte County, Florida shall make such distribution, exclusively upon the application of one or more persons having a real interest in the corporation or its assets.

Article VIII

- (a) 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 of the Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).
- (b) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).
- (c) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).
- (d) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).
- (e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).

Article IX

The name and address of the incorporator is Elder Isaac Thomas whose address is 26372 Asuncion Dr., Punta Gorda, Florida 33983 and telephone number is 941/639-3034.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed and attested by its duly authorized trustees, this 9th day of May 2001.

ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

By: Issac Thomas
Elder Issac Thomas, Jr., Incorporator

ATTEST:

By: James Moore
James E. Moore, Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND
REGISTERED OFFICE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, "Not for Profit Corporations", the following is submitted:

St. Mary Primitive Baptist Church, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at 605 Mary Street, Punta Gorda, County of Charlotte, State of Florida 33950, has designated Clifton John Moore whose street address is 605 Mary Street, Punta Gorda, County of Charlotte, State of Florida, 33950, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ST. MARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

By: Isaac Thomas, Jr.
Elder Isaac Thomas, Jr.

ACCEPTANCE

Having been designated as agent to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and to comply with the provision of said law relative to same.

Clifton John Moore
Clifton John Moore, Registered Agent

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