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NEW BEGINNINGS BAPTIST CHURCH A FULL GOSPEL MINISTRY, INC. SUBJECT: (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

\$70.00 Filing Fee

\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of

Status

\$78.75

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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

JOHN EUGENE KENNEDY FROM: Name (Printed or typed) 2324 Sherrington Street Address Jacksonville, Florida 32209 City, State & Zip 356-9821 (904) Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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The undersigned, acting as incorporation(s) of a corporation pursuant to TARY OF STATE chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

New Beginnings Baptist Church A Full Gospel Ministry, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II

#### PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

2324 Sherrington Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

# ARTICLE III SECTION 2.1 PURPOSE, LIMITATION AND DISSOLUTION

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: New Beginnings Baptist Church is a full Gospel - New Testament Local Church, an assembly of professing believers in Christ, who have been baptized by the spirit of Christ into his body and organized to carry out the great commission, go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20), and to carry out God's will here on earth as the pillar and the ground of the truth (I Timothy 3:15). A community of believers, and they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house did eat their meat with gladness and

singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:46-47); this includes a number of things: observing the ordinances, evangelizing, building up believers, worship services, paying tithes and giving offerings, ministering to all age groups, and to all peoples etc. The leaders of the New Beginnings Baptist Church will operate under the congregational type of government which describes:

Authority: the leadership will be led by the Holy Spirit and the word of God. The word of God is the final authority.

Autonomy: New Beginnings Baptist Church is autonomous, with no individual or organization above it, except Christ Jesus the Son of the living God, and the head and creator of all things, his body; the church. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one; (I John 5:7).

Responsibility: Congregationalism does not imply that the entire congregation votes on every decision; responsibility is delegated to New Beginnings Church officials and leaders though like other members of this local church body they have only one vote in this congregation.

Discipleship: the whole church body is empowered to exercise discipline (Matthew 18:17; I Corinthians 5:4; 2 Corinthians 2:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15). Since this important matter of discipline is not committed to the leaders only, but to the whole congregation, this will also support the concept of Church Polity - congregational government.

Leadership: the whole New Beginnings Baptist Church family will be involved in choosing leaders as the word of God and his divine Holy Spirit gives guidance and instructions, (Acts 1:23, 26; 6:3,5; 15:22, 30; 2 Corinthians 8:19).

#### **MINISTRIES**

Pastor-Teacher (I Timothy 3:1-7; Jeremiah 3:15; I Peter 5:1-14;

Ephesians 4:11)

Deacon Ministry (I Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7)

(St. Mark 9:35; 16:43)

(I Timothy 4:6; I Thessalonians 3:2)

Deaconess Ministry (Romans 16:2)

Trustees Ministry (I Corinthians 4:2)

Evangelism Ministry (St. Mark 16:15-20)

Missionaries Ministry (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:7-8)

Youth Ministry (Proverbs 8:17)

Bus Ministry (Luke 14:23)

Women Ministry (Joel 2:28-29; Galatians 3:27-28)

Ordinances: Will be observed according to the Holy scriptures; Baptism-

Holy Communion by the whole church body (Matthew 28:19-

20; I Corinthians 11:17-34)

The New Beginnings Baptist Church will hold business meetings with the whole church body four (4) times a year at scheduled times agreed by the pastor and congregation.

The New Beginnings Baptist Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay their pastor reasonable compensation for services rendered according to the Word of God; Scriptural support (I Timothy 5:17-18; 2 Corinthians 9:10-15; Luke 10:7).

Section 2.2 <u>Limitations on Actions</u> no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, director, officer or other private person, 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 section 2.1 of this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 2.3 <u>Dissolution</u>; upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively to such charitable; religious, scientific or educational organizations which would then exist and qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or if not, to such organization or organizations which are then so qualified as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation or to such organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as the court shall determine.

### ARTICLE IV PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. This corporation existence shall commence with filling with the Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE V**

This corporation is original under a non-stock basis.

#### ARTICLE VI MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: the qualification of directors and the manner of their admission and dismissal shall be developed by the Board of Directors, and provided for in the by-laws, which shall govern the internal affairs of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number constituting the initial Board of Directors, trustees or managers of the corporation is eight. The initial Board of Directors will serve until the scheduled business meeting. When the whole New Beginnings Church body meet and accept the recommendations from the initial Board of Directors to elect if needed Directors in compliance with the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons to serve initially are:

John Eugene Kennedy (P-Pastor, President) 2324 Sherrington Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Mary Kennedy (V-Vice President)

2324 Sherrington Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

George Turner (D-Deacon, Director)

1518 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

John Fordham (D-Director)

3132 Columbus Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32254 Lenora Martin

(D-Director)

207 West 21st Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

LoTonya Martin

(D-Director)

207 West 21st Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Annette Martin

(D-Director)

207 West 21st Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Scherell Kemp

(D-Director)

4350 Tentex Drive, North Jacksonville, Florida 32209

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

### ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

John Eugene Kennedy 2324 Sherrington Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

### <u>ARTICLE X</u> **INCORPORATOR**

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The name and address of the Incorporator is:

John Eugene Kennedy 2324 Sherrington Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

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

<u> Z ~ 9 ~ 2002</u> Date