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Re: Joy and Praise Fellowship of Citrus County, Florida, Inc.

Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above described corporation. Please file the original document with your office and then certify and return the copy to my office. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$78.75 covering the Filing Fee, the Certificate designating registered agent and the Certified Copy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

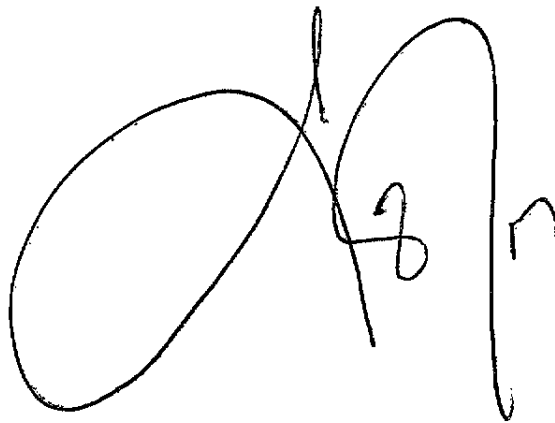
Yours very truly,

STEVEN H.L. BOWMAN, P.A.


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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

JOY AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.

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We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and amenities of a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be **JOY AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.** with its principal place of business at 5397 N. Bronco Terrace, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465 and its mailing address being P.O. Box 640852, Beverly Hills, Florida 34464.

ARTICLE II

GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, of the United States of America:

- A. To operate under the present name;
- B. To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes

of this corporation;

C. To adopt and use a corporate seal;

D. To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches; as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence;

E. To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will;

F. To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated;

G. To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests;

H. To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated;

I. To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

J. By its Board of Trustees (Directors) to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

K. To adopt Bylaws regulating and providing for:

1. A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
2. A formal code of doctrine and discipline;
3. A congregational membership;
4. An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
5. A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
6. A literature of the church;

- 7. Regular religious services;
- 8. Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;
- 9. Schools for the preparation of its ministers;
- 10. Schools for the Christian education of children;
- L. To minister sacerdotal functions;
- M. To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- N. To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- O. To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;
- P. To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- Q. To do any lawful act or activity for which non-profit corporations may be organized under the laws of this state and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, of the United States of America;
- R. To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, of the United States of America;
- S. The several clauses contained in this Article II shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in

no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation SHALL NOT engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated as provided for in the corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

GOVERNING BOARD

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament Church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the board of Trustees (Directors) shall conduct all the business of the corporation (Church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (Church). The number of Trustees (Directors) and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE V

NON-PROFIT STATUS

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE VI

TRUSTEE AND MEMBER'S NON-LIABILITY

The private property of the trustees and members shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees or members of the corporation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 II hereof;

B. 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;

C. 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

D. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding

section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and for such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles or any provisions herein may be amended, altered, changed or repealed at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Directors), or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority.

ARTICLE IX

EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE X

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of the corporation shall be at 5397 N. Bronco Terrace, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465 and the registered agent shall be CHRISTINE GARRISON.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES (DIRECTORS)

All Officers and Trustees (Directors) shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office.

The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Trustees (Directors) for any liability asserted against or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Trustees (Directors), or arising out of their status of such.

ARTICLE XII

BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees (Directors) and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

SUBSCRIBERS

The name and the street addresses of the Subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

RICHARD D. NELSON

312 Hiawatha Avenue
Inverness, Florida 34452

CHRISTINE GARRISON


5397 N. Bronco Terrace
Beverly Hills, Florida 34465

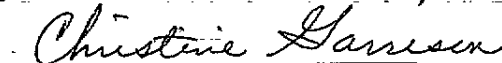
DAVID MEEKS

437 E. Savoy Street
Lecanto, Florida 34461

We, the undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, have set our hands and

seals this 26th day of July, 2002.


RICHARD D. NELSON
Subscriber


CHRISTINE GARRISON
Subscriber


DAVID MEEKS
Subscriber

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CITRUS

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this day personally appeared before me an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, RICHARD D. NELSON, CHRISTINE GARRISON and DAVID MEEKS, to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instruments or who provided FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE as identification and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS, my hand and official seal at Inverness, County of Citrus, and State of Florida, this

26th day of JULY, 2002.

Angela Banach
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires:



APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT AND ACCEPTANCE

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act: FIRST, that JOY AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with the location of its principal place of business, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 5397 N. Bronco Terrace, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465, has named CHRISTINE GARRISON of 5397 N. Bronco Terrace, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Dated: _____

7/26/02


CHRISTINE GARRISON
Registered Agent

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