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October 2, 2002

Business Organization Filing Section Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Mainstream Florida Southern Baptists, Inc.

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following items submitted for a Florida Non-Profit Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation (2 copies)

Check in the amount of \$78.75

Incorporation Fee - \$35.00

Designation of Registered Agent - \$35.00

Certificate Under Seal - \$8.75

If all is in order, please send your Letter of Notification, the Certificate Under Seal and one copy of the Articles to the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,

Clement H. White

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

SECRETARY OF STATE

MAINSTREAM FLORIDA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, INC.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming and organizing a corporation, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and do hereby adopt and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation.

PREAMBLE

We hereby declare and establish MAINSTREAM FLORIDA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, INC. to secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner so to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation is: MAINSTREAM FLORIDA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE & DURATION

Section 1. Purpose: Our mission is to help local Southern Baptist churches of Florida to reach people for Christ through voluntary cooperation according to historic Baptist principles.

Section 2. <u>Duration</u>: This Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation shall exist in Perpetuity.

ARTICLE III - CORE VALUES AND GOALS

Section 1. Core Values: We celebrate our salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. We declare Holy Scripture is our authority for faith and practice. We believe in soul competency and the priesthood of all believers within the community of faith. We are active members of local churches who voluntarily cooperate in the work of the Florida Baptist State Convention. We value truth, accuracy and fairness in communication and trust informed Baptists to make wise decisions. We assert that associations and conventions are the servants of cooperating autonomous churches. We believe that no individual government or system has the right to come between God and the individual.

Section 2 Goals: To encourage Southern Baptist Churches in Florida to support missions and ministries as informed partners in extending the Kingdom of God; To call Florida Baptists toward a common community avoiding the extremes that have fragmented Baptist life in recent years; To resist the imposition of confessional statements in a creedal fashion; To enlist people to become active participants in Florida Baptist work and decision making; To promote participation from among the wide diversity of Florida Baptist members and churches; To inform Southern Baptists in Florida about the nature, functions and workings of Florida Baptists; To work to promote free and open discussions.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS, POWERS AND MANAGEMENT

- Section 1. Officers, Councils and Committees: The corporation shall elect officers and directors, but no less than three, and may establish councils and committees and specify the number, method of selection, qualifications, duties and functions in the by-laws.
- Section 2. <u>Powers</u>: The corporation, in addition to the powers granted by Florida law, shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said corporation, and to hold possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of the same.
- Section 3. <u>Management</u>: The board of directors shall, as further provided in the bylaws, serve as the corporate management body.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL CORPORATE OFFICE, INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT

The initial corporate address is 2811 NW 12th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32605. The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 2811 NW 12th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32605. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Dr. Robert K. Casey.

ARTICLE VII- INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

NAME

ADDRESS

Robert K. Casey, M.D. 2811 NW 12th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605-5026

Lance W. Anderson 66 Luana Place, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455-5900

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT & BYLAWS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and bylaws may be enacted, amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a regular or specially called board meeting of the corporation, provided the following actions have been accomplished:

- 1. Proposed amendments to the Articles, enactment or amendment of Bylaws must be presented in writing and be made available to all board members at least one week prior to a regular or specially called board meeting, where such will be discussed and possibly amended; then voted upon.
- 2. Two-thirds of the board members present and voting with a quorum of at least 51% of the voting membership must give their approval of the enactment or amendment of Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws.
- 3. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State of Florida in accordance with the manner provided for in law.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

The existence of this non-profit corporation shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to another Baptist organization of like faith, order, doctrine and polity as selected by the board which has qualified for exemption under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. None of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporators and registered agent for the Corporation, so accepting that appointment, execute these Articles of Incorporation on the <u>2</u> day of October, 2002.

Robert Casey, M.D., Incorporator

And Registered Agent

Lance W. Anderson, Incorporator

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by ROBERT K. CASEY, M.D. and LANCE W. ANDERSON.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this 2 day of October, 2002.

Clement H. White Commission #DD149794 Expires: Sep 12, 2006 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co. Inc.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Registered Agent's Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, I hereby accept appointment as its 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 duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Robert K. Casey, M.D.