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FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC.

621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Email: Chabermministries@aol.com

January 7, 2003

Divison Of Corporation
PO Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Attn: New Filing Section

Dear Sir/Madam:

We the several persons whose names and addresses are set forth herein, desirous of forming ourselves into a corporation not for profit by the name of FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC., do hereby apply to have FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC. incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

And:

In support of hereof, we submit the following:

1. Three (3) copies of the Articles of Association. Please return stamped copies.
2. Filing fees in the amount of ~~\$78.00~~ 78.75 JD

Sincerely,


Incorporator


Incorporator

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC.

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WE, the undersigned, residents of the State of Florida, pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, have associated ourselves together and hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida, as a corporation, not for profit, pursuant to the articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is: FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

A. The specific and primary purposes are:

- (1) The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, and educational, within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- (3) The Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of any individual.

B. In furtherance, but not in limitation of the foregoing religious, charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

- (1) To buy, own, sell, assign, mortgage, or lease any interest in real estate and personal property and to construct, maintain, and operate improvements thereon, necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes set forth herein.
- (2) To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, or other lien on the corporation's property.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The government of this church is vested on the body of the members who compose it. Thus the final authority for decision shall be the congregation to whom the Church Board and staff are responsible. Membership in the corporation shall be duly determined in accordance with the Church's bylaws; such bylaws shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and membership at a duly called meeting for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV EXISTANCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators to these articles of incorporation are as follows:

1. Rev. Dr. John S. Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
2. Elsa Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This corporation shall have three (3) Trustees initially, the number of trustees may be increased or diminished from time to time by bylaws adopted by the members and Board of Trustees, but shall never be less than three. The bylaws shall determine those persons elected as Trustees. The Trustees shall be elected from the membership during the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VII INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- (1) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the initial Board of Trustees are as follows:
 1. Rev. Dr. John Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-788-1677
 2. Elsa Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-788-1677
 3. Eboni Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-788-1677
- (3) Any persons named as initial Trustees shall hold office for the first year of existence of this corporation or until a successor is duly elected or appointed in his stead.

ARTICLE VIII PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 621 Ashberry Ln. Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Trustees, proposed by them to the members, and approved at a regularly convened meeting of members by a simple majority vote of members. Provided that any amendment may be made by the unanimous written decision of all members of the Board of Trustees and all members entitled to vote. Provided further that no amendment shall be made to the Articles of Faith contained herein except by the unanimous vote of the head of the corporation by whatever name style or title he be called, all members of the Board of Trustees and all members of the corporation, at a specially convened meeting called for the sole purpose of considering such amendment. Provided, however, that nothing herein, or heretofore, shall preclude necessary typographical, grammatical or purely cosmetic or non-consequential amendments.

ARTICLE X. ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE XI TAX EXEMPT STATUS

No part of the income or losses of this corporation shall be distributed to its members and/or trustees, except as compensation for actual services rendered. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in section 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or the Federal, State or Local Government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XII: STATEMENT OF FAITH

- (1) **THE WORD OF GOD** – We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscript, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (Jn. 17: 17; Rom. 15: 4, 2 Tim. 3: 16-17; 2 Pet. 1: 19-21).
- (2) **THE TRINITY** – We believe that there is one living and true God eternal existing in three persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute this distinct but harmonious office in the work of creation, providence and redemption. (Matt. 28:19, Jn. 1: 1-4; 1 Jn. 5:7).
- (3) **GOD THE FATHER** – We believe in God, the Father an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that he concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that he hears and answers prayers, that he saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Jn. 3:16-17; Jn. 4:24; Jn. 17:5).
- (4) **JESUS CHRIST** – We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. (Isa. 7:14, Jn. 1:14; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 1:2-3; Jn. 1:7; 1 Jn. 5:18; 1 Thess. 4:15-17).
- (5) **THE HOLY SPIRIT** – We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father, and the Son to convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. (Jn. 14:26; Jn. 16: 7-15; Rom. 8: 14-17; Eph. 1:13-14).
- (6) **REGENERATION** – We believe that all men are sinners in nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 1:12, 13; Jn. 3:3, 16, 17; Acts. 20:21; Eph. 2:1-9; Tit. 3:5).
- (7) **THE CHURCH** – We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task

of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world. (Mark 16:15, 16:Acts. 2:38-41; Eph. 2:19-22; Eph. 5:25-27).

- (8) **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT** – We believe that a Christian should like for the glory of God and the well being of his fellowmen; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions and that she should seek to realize for himself and others, to the full stature of maturity in Christ. (2 Cor. 9:6-8; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 2:14-16; Col. 3:17-23; 1 Thess. 5:17-18).
 - (9) **THE ORDINANCES** – We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that the Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the true God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ Jesus for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18, 20; Acts. 2:41; Rom. 6: 3-5; 1 Cor. 11: 23-32).
 - (10) **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** – We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore church and state must be kept separate as having different functions each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.
 - (11) **CHURCH COOPERATION** – We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such organization, whether regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary independent basis.
 - (12) **LAST THINGS** – We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked. (Jn. 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:1 – 15; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25: 31-46).
- C. To take, secure, accept, hold or acquire, by gift, purchase, legacy or otherwise, real and personal property, when it may deem the same proper, necessary and expedient in the work and purposes for which this body was organized and incorporated; and to hold lease, encumber, give, exchange or sell and transfer and dispose of the same, in part and in whole, when it deems such action expedient, necessary or beneficial in promoting and advancing the work and purposes for which this corporation was formed; and shall have all the powers and duties set forth under Florida and Federal Laws regarding not for profit corporations, except where variances permitted by law appear in these Articles.

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the Laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is **FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES, INC.**
2. The name of the address of the registered agent and office is:
Rev. Dr. John S. Weekes
621 Ashberry Lane
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714


Signature

Having been named as a registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation as 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.


Signature