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SUBJECT: BIBLE BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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City, State & Zip

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
AND BY LAWS
OF
BIBLE BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC.
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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ARTICLE I

CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation is BIBLE BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general religious, charitable and educational purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III
DURATION**

The term of the existence of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV
INTRODUCTION**

Foremost in the operation of this Corporation and its Bylaws is the Word of God as taught in Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible. All provisions herein are declared to be subject to the Word of God which is to every possible extent incorporated herein by reference as a whole and unless otherwise stated to be found in the King James Version or New American Standard Version or other version of the Holy Bible generally accepted among Bible-believing congregations, churches or fellowships throughout this nation or the reading together of these versions to produce an understanding of the Truth of the sayings of God to men as found in the Holy Bible.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICES**

The principal office of the corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Church", shall be located at 1575 Hammock Bay Court, Orange Park, Florida 32003. The mailing address is P.O. Box 8239, Fleming Island, Florida 32006. The Church may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Incorporation, as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

ARTICLE VI PURPOSES

The Church shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding section in order to, at its discretion:

- (a) Minister the Word of God to the faithful;
- (b) Conduct a religious worship service through various forms of ministry;
- (c) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations ministering within a community;
- (d) Spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, television, radio and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God;
- (e) To operate for any other purpose as set out in the Church's Articles of Incorporation.

This Church is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to its members and it is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. The property, assets, and net income of this Church are irrevocably dedicated to charitable, religious and educational purposes. Any money (tithes, offerings or donation) or property given to the church will be used by the church at its discretion and is not refundable. On the dissolution or winding up of this Church, its assets remaining after payment of, or provisions for payment of all debts and liabilities of the Church shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation that is organized and operated for charitable, educational and religious purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding sections.

ARTICLE VII

MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- A. Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons and shall be elected or appointed as provided for by the By-Laws; provided the number of directors may be increased or decreased as set forth in the By-Laws, but the number shall never be less than three. The first Board of Directors of the corporation shall be three (3) as named herein:

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Irish L. Beckles, 1575 Hammock Bay Ct., Orange Park, Florida 32003
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ARTICLE VIII TENETS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE

The Church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these Statements of Fundamental Truths and Doctrine.

Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12)

Section 2. The One True Godhead. The triune Godhead is comprised of three (3) separate and distinct personalities, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with The Father and The Holy Spirit.

Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness". But, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

Section 4. The Salvation of Man.

(a) *Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.* On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace we are saved through faith. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:8-10).

(b) *The evidence of Salvation.* The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

(c) *Faith and Works.* Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity (Romans 10:9-1 and II Cor. 5:10).

Section 5. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

Section 6. The Lord's Supper. And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way

also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:24; 25, 28).

Section 7. The Promise of the Father. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6; 1:8).

Section 9. The Church. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven (Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

Section 10. Total Prosperity.

- (a) Spiritual. John 3:3, 11; II Cor. 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10.
- (b) Mental. II Tim. 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3.
- (c) Physical. Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:17; I Peter 2:24.
- (d) Financial. III John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:6-10; Deut. 28:1-14.
- (e) Social. Proverbs 3:4.

Section 11. Blessed Hope. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven (I Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:16-17; and II Thess. 2:1).

Section 12. The Lake of Fire. Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

Section 13. The Millennial Reign of Jesus. The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His Saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised (Romans 11:25, 27; 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-7). After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21).

Section 14. Christian Life; Scriptural Conduct.

(a) **Personal Ethics.** "Everything is permissible for me—allowable and lawful; but not all things are helpful—good for me to do, expedient and profitable when considered with other things. Everything is lawful for me, but I will not become the slave of anything or be brought under its power" (1 Cor. 6:12 amp). "All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits—the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Proverbs 16:2 (AMP)). "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you" (I Thessalonians 5:12).

(b) ***Obedience to Law.*** "Obey the government, for God is the one who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow" (Romans 13:1-2 (LB)). "Obey the laws, then, for two reasons: first, to keep from being punished, and second, just because you know you should. Pay your taxes too, for these same two reasons. For government workers need to be paid so that they can keep on doing God's work, serving you. Pay everyone whatever he ought to have; pay your taxes and import duties gladly, obey those over you, and give honor and respect to all those to whom it is due. Pay all your debts except the debt of love for others - never finish paying that! For if you love them, you will be obeying all of God's laws, fulfilling all his requirements. Another reason for right living is this: you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for the coming of the Lord is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:5-8, 11 (LB)).

(c) ***Family; Household.*** "Honor your father and mother, that you may have a long, good life in the land the Lord your God will give you" (Exodus 20:12). "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (I Timothy 3:5) "Their wives must be thoughtful, not heavy drinkers, not gossipers, but faithful in everything they do" (I Timothy 3:11 (LB)). "The men you choose must be well thought of for their good lives; they must have only one wife and their children must love the Lord and not have a reputation for being wild or disobedient to their parents. These elders must be men of blameless lives because they are God's ministers. They must not be proud or impatient; they must not be drunkards or fighters or greedy for money" (Titus 1:6-7 (LB)). "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children" (Titus 2:2-4). "You wives must submit to your husbands' leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord. For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of his body the Church. (He gave his very life to take care of it and be its Savior!) So you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the Church obeys Christ. And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the Church when he died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's Word: so that he could give her to himself as a glorious Church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault. That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really doing himself a favor and loving himself when he loves his wife. No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body the Church, of which we are parts. (That the husband and wife are one body is proved by the Scripture which says, "A Man must leave his father and mother when he marries, so the two shall be one.") So again, I say, a man must love his wife as a part of himself: and the wife must see to it that she deeply respects her husband - obeying, praising and honoring him. Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing. And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice" (Ephesians 5:22-31, 33-6:4 (LB)).

(d) **Control.** "....For a man is a slave to whatever controls him" (II Peter 2:19 (LB)). "Even if we believe that it makes no difference to the Lord whether we do these things, still we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves; for we must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others - of those who feel these things are wrong. Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord" (Romans 15:2-3 (LB)).

(e) **Adultery; Immorality.** "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). "...try hard to live without sinning; and be at peace with everyone so that he will be pleased with you when he returns" (II Peter 2:14 (LB)). "You shall not commit adultery. But I say: Anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28 (LB)). "...Don't fool yourselves. Those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshipers, adulterers or homosexuals will have no share in his Kingdom ... "(I Cor. 6:9 (LB)). "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat" (I Cor. 5:11 (LB)).

(f) **Drunkennes; Drugs.** "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious and won't obey; he is a worthless drunkard. Then the men of the city shall stone him to death. In this way you shall put away this evil from among you, and all the young men will hear about what happened and will be afraid" (Deuteronomy 21:20-21 (LB)). "...envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all that sort of thing. Let me tell you again as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:21 (LB)). "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 6:10 (LB)). "Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by Him" (Ephesians 5:18 (LB)). "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags" (Proverbs 23:21).

(g) **Smoking.** "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple are ye" (I Cor. 3:16-17). "Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that He lives within you? Your body does not belong to you. For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God, because He owns it" (I Cor. 6:19).

(h) **Homosexuality.** "You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22). "...God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God's natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. And the men, instead of having a normal sex relationship with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved. So it was that when they have God up and would not even acknowledge him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness and sin" (Romans 1:26-29). "Don't you know that those doing such things have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshippers, adulterers or homosexuals will have no share in his Kingdom... "(I Cor. 6:9-10).

ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Members. The membership of the Church shall be two (2) classes of membership: members of the congregation (nonvoting) and Board of Directors members (voting).

Section 2. Candidacy: Membership is open to all persons in sympathy with the purpose of this church. Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership. All such candidates shall be presented to the Church at any regular church service for membership in any of the following ways:

- (a) By professions of faith and for baptism according to the policies of the church.
- (b) By promise of a letter of recommendation from another church.
- (c) By restoration upon a statement of prior conversion experience when no letter is obtainable.

Manner of Admission: Any persons aspiring to become members of this church must complete the new member's discipleship orientation class and upon completion of the class, sign the discipleship book witnessed by a disciple in good standing and either the Pastor or a minister on the ministerial staff.

Any applicant shall give clear evidence of their new birth in Christ, live a consistent Christian life and worship at the Church on a regular basis for at least a three (3) month continuous period, support the Church financially, and subscribe to the Tenets of Faith as defined by these Bylaws.

Section 3. Voting Rights. No member of the congregation shall be entitled to any voting rights. All voting rights and management of the Church are reserved in the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member of the congregation for cause after an appropriate hearing.

Section 5. Resignation. Any member of the congregation may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary.

Section 6. Reinstatement. On written request signed by a former member of the congregation and filed with the secretary, the Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, may reinstate such former member of the congregation to membership of the congregation on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 7. Transfer of Membership. Membership in the congregation of the Church is not transferable nor assignable.

Section 8. Regular Religious Services. The members of the congregation shall meet for regular religious services. The day of the week and time for each regular religious service shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Schools and Seminars. Instruction in the Word of God shall be provided at schools and seminars for members and non-members of the congregation. Private Christian education for the body may also be provided.

Section 10. Code of Discipline.

(a) ***Cooperative Action.*** The members of the congregation of the Church shall give consent to its forms of government, together with the past policies, and to the policy of fundamental unity and agreement, alike in doctrine, conduct and action, and shall conform to the Scriptural injunctions that there be no division in the body. They shall be subject to the Board of Directors as the Word of God plainly teaches, that the principles of Christian fellowship may be kept inviolate and perpetuated, recognizing its fundamental importance.

(b) ***Attitude Toward Strife.*** Inasmuch as no Christian institution can comply with the plain teaching of Scripture unless unity and harmony predominate within its circle, no member of the congregation may use means to incite or engender strife, but shall work in harmony with the other members of the congregation, the Board of Directors and the Church's officers, as did the early church (Acts 2:42). If there is cause for dissatisfaction, it shall be called to the attention of the pastor or another member of the Board of Directors. At their discretion, necessary adjustments shall be made (Acts 6:1-7; Matt. 18:15-18).

(c) ***Financial Support.*** All members of the congregation shall be expected to support the programs and needs of the Church in proportion as the Lord shall prosper them (Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 16:1, 2; II Cor. 9:6-9), thereby acknowledging that any institution can stand or be of full service only in proportion as all of the members of the congregation accept their responsibility of maintaining it.

(d) ***Discipline.*** The responsibility of administering discipline in the Church is that of the Board of Directors. Some grounds for exercising discipline, suspension of or expulsion from membership in the congregation are as follows:

(1) There shall be an annual membership renewal for all members of the congregation. Failure to renew will result in an automatic removal from the membership in the congregation.

(2) Any member of the congregation who shall without reasonable cause willfully absent himself from the regular services for a period of three (3) consecutive months, shall be temporarily removed from active membership in the congregation. The Board of Directors may inquire, under appropriate circumstances, whether the temporarily removed member is desirous of continuing membership in the congregation.

(3) Unscriptural conduct, failure to maintain membership requirements, or doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith, shall be considered sufficient grounds upon which any person may be disqualified as a member. Such discipline shall be prayerfully administered according to Scriptures by the Board of Directors (Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6).

(4) The Board of Directors shall be empowered to place on the inactive list those who have disqualified themselves as provided for in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to restore to active membership in the congregation those, who in the opinion of the Board of Directors are not at fault and those who, although at fault, have through repentance requalified for membership in the congregation.

(5) The Board of Directors shall recognize its duty to interview and encourage a proper attitude on the part of those who have been placed on the inactive

list. It shall proceed carefully to press for final decision in each case. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

ARTICLE X DIRECTORS (ELDERS)

Section 1. The Directors hereinafter named and wherever the word "Director" shall appear in any corporate document, shall be taken to refer to and mean the word "Elder" as defined in Chapter One of the Epistle to Titus in the New Covenant of the Holy Bible. The initial Directors (Elders) shall be the following persons:

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And such other persons as may be determined from time to time by appointment of the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board of Directors as hereinafter described. The number of Directors which shall constitute the Board shall not be less than three (3) Directors.

Section 2. Vacancies and newly created directorships shall be filled by appointment of the Chairman of the existing members of the Board of Directors and each person so appointed shall be a Director until his successor is appointed in like manner.

Section 3. The business of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors under the final authority of the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board of Directors as to all decisions as set forth below in these Bylaws. Otherwise stated, no decision shall become a corporate act without approval from the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board of Directors.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may hold meetings, both regular and special, either within or without the state of incorporation.

Section 5. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board.

Section 6. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board without necessity of any prescribed notice period.

Section 7. At all meetings of the Board at least one of the Directors in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present when approved by the Pastor (President) - Chairman of the Board shall be the acts of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or these Bylaws. One or more Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of Directors,

the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. No meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place without the Chairman of the Board of Directors present.

Section 8. If the Pastor-President - Chairman of the Board of Directors shall take any action which is intended as a corporate act, such action shall be as valid a corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors. However, no corporate act shall take place or be authorized without the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Section 9. Directors as such shall not receive any stated salary for their services but, by resolution of the Board, a fixed sum, and expenses of attendance if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular meeting or special meeting of the Board or at meetings of the Executive Committee; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

Section 10. Any individual Director may be removed from office by the Pastor - President - Chairman of the Board without assigning any cause whatsoever. In case one or more Directors are so removed, new Directors may be appointed at the same meeting or as the Pastor - President - Chairman of the Board deems appropriate.

ARTICLE XI NOTICES

Section 1. Notices to Directors shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed to the Directors at their addresses appearing on the books of the Corporation. Notice by mail shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be mailed. Notice may also be given by telegram or telephone personally.

ARTICLE XII OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a Pastor - President, Vice President(s), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board may also choose additional Vice Presidents and one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. Any of the aforesaid offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. The President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as he shall deem necessary who shall hold their offices for such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The salaries, if any, of all officers and agents of the Corporation shall be fixed by the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The officers of the Corporation shall hold office until their successors are appointed by the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors. Any officer elected or appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors. However, the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board may not be removed except by voluntary resignation or for gross error defined as severe deviation from the teachings of the Bible (Old and New Testaments read together as a whole) which would tend to spiritually endanger and lead the members of the fellowship away from the Lord, the God of the Bible.

PRESIDENT (PASTOR)

Section 5. *The Pastor-President:* The Church finds its headship under the Lord Jesus Christ, in its Pastor. The Pastor-President shall be the chief executive officer of the Church. He shall be a continuing member of the Board of Directors. He shall have general management of the business of the Church and general supervision of the other officers. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, subject, however, to the right of the Board to delegate to any other officer or officers of the Church any specific powers, other than those that may be conferred only upon the Pastor-President. He shall execute in the name of the Church all deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts and other documents authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of president or a corporation.

No person shall be invited to speak, teach or minister in the Church without his approval. He shall be designated attorney-in-fact for the Church by virtue of his office. He shall have the authority to appoint and approve any assistants that would be necessary to properly carry out the work of the Lord. The President (Pastor) shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, having general and active management power of the business of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The word "President" wherever used in any corporate document of this Corporation shall be taken to be and mean the word "Pastor" of the Church. As Pastor, the President shall officiate all commonly known duties limited to leading the congregants of the Church in regular prayer and worship services, meetings and Bible studies.

Section 6. The President (Pastor) shall at all times simultaneously occupy the office of the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President (Pastor) shall execute any necessary documents and instruments on behalf of the Corporation, except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. The original President (Pastor) shall be elected by the original Director or Directors. Thereafter, the succeeding President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be appointed as more particularly described in Article Four, Section 7, below.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Section 7. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as

the Chairman of the Board may from time to time prescribe. The office of the Chairman of the Board shall at all times be held by the same single person as the President (Pastor). Any successor to the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board shall only come into existence at the appointment of the existing President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board who may appoint his successor to take office in accordance with the written instructions of the then existing President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board. In the event that the existing President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board should become unable for any reason to continue in the office of the Chairman of the Board and be unable to appoint a successor President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board, whether during his lifetime or by his Last Will and Testament, then and in that event a successor President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority of the remaining Directors where at least three (3) days advance written notice of such meeting is delivered to each Director, such notice containing the time, place and date and purpose of the meeting to be the election of a successor President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board of Directors.

ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

Section 8. The Assistant To The Pastor as appointed by the President (Pastor) - chairman of the Board, shall in the absence or disability of the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Chairman of the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

VICE PRESIDENT

Section 9. Vice President(s) shall assist the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board or the Assistant Pastor, as the case may be, in any and all duties deemed necessary and appropriate by the President. The duties of the Vice President(s) shall be known as and be taken to be such as the term "Deacon" as described in the New Covenant of the Holy Bible.

SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

Section 10. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and record all the proceedings of the Board of Directors in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform like duties for the Executive Committee when required. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all special meetings of the Board of Directors - President (Pastor) under whose supervision he shall be.

Section 11. The Assistant Secretary or, if there be more than one, the Assistant Secretaries, in the order determined by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the Secretary, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Secretary and shall perform such other duties and shall have such other powers as the Chairman of the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURERS

Section 12. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities donated to the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 13. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President (Pastor) - Chairman of the Board, at its regular meetings, or when the Chairman of the Board of Directors so requires, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

Section 14. If required by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, he shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.

Section 15. The Assistant Treasurer, or if there shall be more than one, the Assistant Treasurers, in the order determined by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Treasurer and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Chairman of the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND BOARD OF ADVISORS

Section 1. Committees of Directors. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate one or more committees which committees, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Church; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual Director, of any responsibility imposed on it or him by law.

Section 2. Other Committees. Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Church may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each such committee shall be members of the congregation of the Church, and the Pastor shall appoint the members thereof. Any member thereof may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Church shall be served by such removal.

Section 3. Elders and Deacons. Elders and/or deacons may be chosen by the Board of Directors from the membership of the congregation of the Church who demonstrate that their lives conform to the Scriptural qualifications thereof, (I Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9; I Peter 5:2-3). The Board of Elders shall rule and teach. The Board of Elders

shall consist of those Heads of Departments in the Church which are designated by the Pastor. Elders and Deacons shall function to provide spiritual support to the Pastor in the discipleship of new converts, praying for the sick (James 5:14), encouraging and developing spiritual gifts and ministries in the body, and to assist in the administration of the ordinances of the Church. Their number and term of office shall not be pre-determined. They shall have no vote on the Board of Directors; however, shall give counsel and mutual assistance to the Board of Directors and the Pastor in the administration of business and work of the Church as specifically assigned by the Pastor.

Section 4. Board of Advisors. A Board of Advisors may be appointed as set forth below. It shall be the responsibility and privilege of the Board of Advisors to provide Godly counsel to the Pastor-President and the Board of Directors. Counsel shall be in organizational, financial, legal or other areas wherein the Pastor-President determines professional counsel is needed and/or desirable. No minimum or maximum number of members of the Board of Advisors shall be established and the appointment to the Board and tenure thereon shall be at the pleasure and in the complete discretion of the Pastor-President.

ARTICLE XIV MINISTERS

Section 1. Ordination and Licensing. The Board of Directors may ordain and/or license a person as minister of the Gospel after first examining the applicant's background, moral and religious character, and what previous Bible course and/or independent study applicant has received. Final determination shall be within the absolute discretion of the Pastor.

Section 2. Limitation. The Board of Directors may, in the discretion of the Board, limit any licensee or ordainee to an area of special emphasis. The following areas are (although not intended to be inclusive) recognized by the Board of Directors:

- (a) Music;
- (b) Youth;
- (c) Christian Education; and
- (d) Outreach Ministry.

Section 3. Pastor-President. The pastor-president shall be a licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel. Assistant or associate ministers may or may not be either licensed or ordained.

Section 4. Application. Application for ordination and/or licensing as a minister of the Gospel shall be on the form provided by the Board of Directors. An applicant's application shall be either approved or denied within thirty (30) days of the completion of the investigation of the applicant. Those applicants who are approved shall receive a certificate evidencing the approval.

Section 5. School of Ministry. The Pastor may establish a School of Ministry, setting forth a prescribed curriculum and course of study leading to ordination and licensing of ministers. The School of Ministry shall prepare the student in the knowledge of the Word of God and in ministering to the needs of mankind through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

GENERAL PROVISIONS INTERESTED DIRECTORS

Section 1. No contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Directors and officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are also Directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for such reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present as or participates in the meeting of the Board which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if:

(a) The material fact as to his interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or known to the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Board in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction; or

(b) The contract or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors which authorizes a contract or transaction in the preceding section.

ARTICLE XV AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Audit and Compliance Committee. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, establish an Audit and Compliance Committee consisting of no fewer than two (2) members, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and each of whom shall have all the powers and duties set forth below.

Section 2. Election of Committee Members. Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term, subject to dismissal prior to the end of the term only by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Date and Record of Meeting of Audit and Compliance Committee. Meetings of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be held no less frequently than two (2) times a year. At least three (3) days before the date of each meeting, notice thereof shall be given by the Chairman of the Audit and Compliance Committee to each member of the Committee either orally or in writing. Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded by the Committee and reported to the Board of Directors no less often than two (2) times each year.

Section 4. Compensation of Committee Members. Members of the Committee shall receive no salary or other remuneration for their services to the Committee; provided, however, that each Committee member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for out-of-town

out-of-pocket expenses associated with attendance at Committee meetings. The Committee member shall be required to submit a request for reimbursement with substantiating receipts to the Board of Directors prior to approval of such reimbursements.

Section 5. Financial Audits. It shall be the duty of the Committee to employ an independent accounting firm to conduct annual audits and to issue certified audits and financial reports. In addition, it shall be the duty of the Committee to ensure that the independent accounting firm receives such information and assistance as it may reasonably require of the officers and employees of the Church.

Section 6. Compliance Audits. It shall be the duty of the Committee to employ an independent accounting firm to conduct annual compliance audits to determine if the organization is complying with the Internal Revenue Code and the rules and Regulations thereunder. Such audit shall specifically include the following:

(a) A review of the total compensation and benefits paid to employees of the Church who are also members of the Board of Directors;

(b) An audit of the payment of corporate funds in excess of \$100,000 annually to any single vendor to determine whether any special relationship exists;

(c) An audit of the use of corporate aircraft to determine whether such use is being limited to exempt purposes and whether the use is being properly documented;

(d) An audit of the use of automobiles for exempt purposes and whether the use is being properly documented;

(e) an audit of the purchase and use of clothing for Church activities to determine whether the use of clothing is being tagged, inventoried and stored in segregated facilities and whether such purchases and use is properly documented;

(f) an audit of the provision of housing to employees of the Church who are also members of the Board of Directors and other employees who receive compensation which is in the top ten percent (10%) of the compensation paid to individual employees to determine whether the provision of such housing is serving exempt purposes and is being properly documented;

(g) An audit of gifts received by principal officers and employees to ensure that the gift policy of the Church is being complied with; and

(h) An audit of all exchanges, purchases or sales of real and personal property exceeding \$25,000 in value.

(i) It shall be the further duty of the Audit and Compliance Committee to ensure that policies adopted by the Board of Directors regarding conflict of interest and the purchase of real or personal property are fully observed.

Section 7. Compliance Audits for Open Years. It shall be the duty of the Committee to employ an independent accounting firm to conduct compliance audits covering substantially the same areas described in Section 6, above.

Section 8. Compliance Reporting. It shall be the duty of the Committee to report its actions for consideration at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

CHECKS

Section 3. All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Chairman of the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

FISCAL YEAR

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall run concurrently with the calendar year.

ANNUAL REPORT

Section 5. (a) The President and Treasurer shall present annually to the Directors a report, showing in appropriate detail the following:

(i) The assets and liabilities, including trust funds of the Corporation as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(ii) The principal changes in assets and liabilities including trust funds during the immediately preceding year.

(iii) The revenue or receipts of the Corporation for the immediately preceding year, including separate data for each trust fund held by or for the Corporation.

(iv) The expenses or disbursements for the immediately preceding year, including separate data for each trust fund held by or for the Directors.

(b) The annual report shall be filed with the minutes of the annual meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE XVI DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the Church, the Board of Directors shall, after the payment of all the liabilities of the Church, dispose of all of the assets of the Church exclusively for the purposes of the Church in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for the purposes of the Church in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, directors, or any person except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments in the furtherance of the Church. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws of the Church, the Church shall not carry on any activity 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 by the corresponding section of any future Revenue Code of the United States

of America) or (b) by a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law).

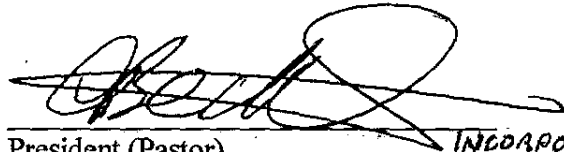
ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be altered, added to, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Directors, but in no event without the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is:
Curtis A. Beckles, 1575 Hammock Bay Court, Orange Park, Florida 32003.

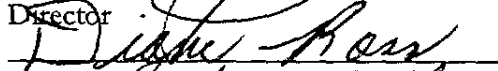
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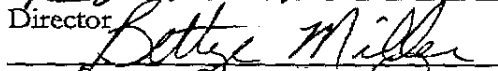
President (Pastor) INCORPORATOR
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Director



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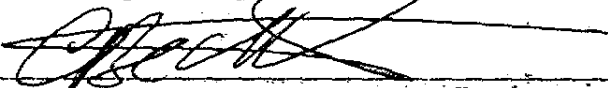
Director

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of 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.



Signature/Registered Agent

06-28-03
Date



Signature/Incorporator

06-28-03
Date

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