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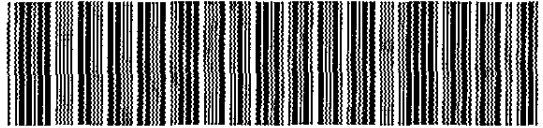
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September 19, 2003

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: EVERGLADES BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Our File No: 03-1002

Dear Sir/Madam:

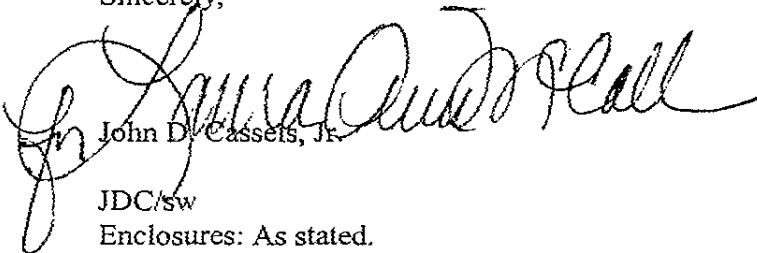
You will find enclosed herewith an *original* executed Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced not for profit corporation along with a copy of same. Also enclosed is our firms's check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the following:

Filing Fee of Articles	\$35.00
Certified Copy of Articles	\$8.75
Certificate Designating Registered Agent	\$35.00

Please return the certified copy of the Articles, together with your Certification of Incorporation at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



John D. Cassels, Jr.

JDC/sw

Enclosures: As stated.

cc: Everglades Baptist Church without enclosures.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
EVERGLADES BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be EVERGLADES BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., herein referred to as the "Association", or the "Corporation".

**ARTICLE II TERM**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

1. This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes 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. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to the directors, trustees, officers, members, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments or distributions in furtherance of its religious or charitable purposes. The assets of the corporation shall be dedicated to the religious and charitable purposes of the corporation.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

**ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS**

A. The affairs and property of the corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors, which shall be known as the "Board of Trustees".

B. Trustees shall be elected by the voting members in accordance with the By-Laws at regular annual meetings of the membership of the Association, in the manner set out by the By-Laws. Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of one (1) year. In the event of a vacancy, the elected trustees may appoint an additional trustee to serve the balance of the term

C. The number of trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees of the Corporation is three (3), which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the Corporation but in no event shall the number ever be less than three (3). The name and street address of each person appointed to act as trustees until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are as follows:

GEORGE BALL	501 SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Okeechobee, FL 34974
HEATH LAWRENCE	120 NW 138 <sup>th</sup> Street Okeechobee, FL 34972
BETTY BURTON	1540 SE 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street Okeechobee, FL 34974

#### **ARTICLE V PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS**

The Corporation's initial Principal office shall be in Okeechobee County, Florida. The Board of Trustees may from time to time move the registered office to any other address. The street address of the initial Principal office is:

677 SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

#### **ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent of this Corporation shall be: **Darrell Bailey** of 2130 SW 22<sup>nd</sup> Circle North, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

#### **ARTICLE VII MEMBERS**

The membership of the church shall consist of individuals of like faith who have qualified for membership according to the constitution and by-laws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION**

Each trustee and every officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding to which he may be a party or in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a trustee or officer of the Corporation, whether or not he is a trustee or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except when the trustee or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the

performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement the indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Trustees approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such trustee or officer may be entitled under Florida law.

#### ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the organization and after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization (or organizations) organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of general jurisdiction, of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR

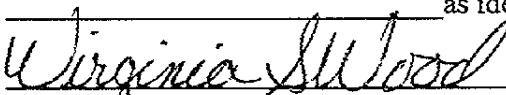
The name and address of the incorporator is: DARRELL BAILEY, 2130 SW 22<sup>nd</sup> Circle North, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

Executed by the undersigned at Okeechobee, Florida on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

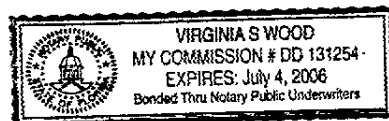
  
DARRELL BAILEY, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003, by DARRELL BAILEY, (☒) who is personally known to me, or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Virginia S. Wood  
Printed/Typed/Stamped Name of Notary  
My Commission Expires:



**CONSENT OF RESIDENT AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE**

I, DARRELL BAILEY, having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for EVERGLADES BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., at 2130 SW 22<sup>nd</sup> Circle North, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, 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.

  
DARRELL BAILEY, Resident Agent

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