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April 22, 2004

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

RE: ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.

Dear Ladies or Gentlemen:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above captioned corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the following:

Filing Fee (Articles of Corporation)	\$ 35.00
Filing Fee (Registered Agent Designation)	\$ 35.00
Certified Copy of Articles	\$ <u>8.75</u>
TOTAL	\$ 78.75

If you find the enclosed in proper form, we would appreciate your approving, filing the same and returning the certified copy to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie M. Anderson

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE. FLORIDA

ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.

The undersigned does hereby make, subscribe and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a not for profit corporation organized solely for the purposes of organizing, conducting, and administering a Christ-centered ministry, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Part 1 of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

This corporation is organized solely for the purpose set forth ___ in Article II above, and any lawful related activities.

- A. This corporation is authorized to make and perform contracts of any kind and description for the purpose of attaining any of the objectives of the corporation; to do and perform any other act or thing; to exercise any and all powers which a copartnership or a natural person could do and exercise and which are now or hereafter may be authorized by law, and generally to do and perform any and all things necessary or incident to the performing and carrying out of the powers hereinabove specifically delegated or implied.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall operate exclusively for such charitable, educational, and/or religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code. This corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from federal income tax under the above-described statute.
- C. This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence

legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

D. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 of corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE IV. TERM

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

The members of this corporation shall be all persons listed hereafter, and all persons who subsequently become eligible under the constitution and by-laws of the corporation to become members.

The first members of the corporation shall be:

J. R. SMITH LYNWARD JONES WILLIE DIXON

ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATOR

Name and address of the Incorporator of the Articles of . Incorporation is:

J. R. Smith

396 NW Oosterhoudt Lane Lake City, Florida 32055

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its officers, who shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws, and who shall be elected or appointed in the manner and at the times stated in the by-laws, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Membership.

Other officers may be provided for by the by-laws. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Membership, to be held as provided in the by-laws, or at other meetings held pursuant to the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. TRUSTEES

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the

authority of, and the affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Trustees initially consisting of five persons. The Trustees shall be elected as set out in the constitution and by-laws. In the event of a vacancy on the Board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining Trustees shall fill such vacancy until the next annual or special meeting of the members. The following persons shall serve as the initial Board of Trustees until the first election thereof:

J. R. SMITH 396 NW Oosterhoudt Lane
Lake City, Florida 32055

LYNWARD JONES 265 SW Tunsil Street
Lake City, Florida 32024

WILLIE DIXON 118 SW Dozier Glen

Lake City, Florida 32024

ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS

The Membership of this corporation may provide such by-laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as it may deem necessary from time to time. The by-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Trustees adopting a resolution setting forth the amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members, which may be either the annual or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member within the time and in the manner provided in the by-laws for the giving of notice. The foregoing procedure shall be in addition to any other practice authorized by statute of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XI. STOCK AND DIVIDENDS PROHIBITED

The corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock. No dividend shall be paid and no part of the income of the corporation shall be distributed or inure to its members, Trustees, officers or employees, except that the corporation may set and pay reasonable salaries and allowances for the officers and employees of the corporation for services refidered.

ARTICLE XII. CONTRACTS

The Board of Directors agrees that no more than forty-nine (49%) percent of the individuals comprising the Board of Directors will be financially interested parties or parties related thereto.

"Financial Interests" include, but are not limited to, compensation (whether for services rendered as an officer/director or in any other capacity), leases, and other business contracts. Further, any director or officer who has a direct or indirect interest in a contract or other transaction (including salary and compensation) presented to the Board for authorization or approval shall not vote on, nor use his/her personal influence towards, nor participate in the discussions or deliberations for, such contract or transaction. Such person may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present, but may not be counted when the Board takes action on the contract or transaction.

ARTICLE XIII. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the corporation's initial business office is 222 NW Oosterhoudt Lane, Lake City, Florida 32055.

The registered agent for service of process is J. R. SMITH, whose address is 222 NW Oosterhoudt Lane, Lake City, Florida 32055.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned does hereby make, subscribe and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of April, 2004.

J. R. SMITH, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22nd day of April, 2004, by J. R. SMITH. He is personally known to me or he produced ______as identification.

(Notarial Seal)

Andrex L. Walden
My Commission DD260301
Expires October 21, 2007

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

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ECRETARY OF STATE
LLAHASSEE, FLORE

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, Sthe following is submitted in compliance with said act:

That ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA COUNTY,
INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida,
with its principal place of business at 222 NW Oosterhoudt Lane,
Lake City, Florida 32055 has named J. R. SMITH as its agent to
accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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

J. R. SMITH, Resident Agent