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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

WE, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation for religious public, educational, and recreational purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby agree to the following:

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

# **ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation shall be 3030 Waterfield Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33803, and the mailing address is, at the present time, the same.

# **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America. It is not formed for pecuniary profits and will issue no stock.

The corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America. In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority:

- A. To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;
- B. To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;
  - C. To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- D. To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and

the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church.

- E. To receive tithes, offerings, and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.
- F. To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal object of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.
- G. To take, purchase or otherwise acquire: to own, hold, occupy, use and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any building, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.
- H. To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.
- I. To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.
- J. To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefor; to draw, make, accept, endorse, and execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind

and secure any or all obligation of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or other wise.

- K. By its Board of Directors to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers and employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;
- L. By its Board of Directors, to adopt or rescind bylaws regulating the corporation and providing for:
  - 1. A definite and distinct governing structure;
  - 2. Adoption of formal Articles of Faith;
  - 3. A congregational membership;
  - 4. An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
- 5. A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
  - 6. A literature of the church:
  - 7. regular religious services;
  - 8. Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;
  - 9. Schools for the preparation of its ministers;
  - 10. Schools for Christian education of children:
  - M. To minister sacerdotal functions;
- N. To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its non-profit, tax-exempt purposes;
- O. To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance or its non-profit tax-exempt purposes;
- P. To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored;
- Q. To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the word of Jesus Christ;
- R. To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of their purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or

hereafter conferred by the laws of this State.

- S. To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.
- T. The several clauses contained in this Article III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to our inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall NOT engage in any political activity prescribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### <u>ARTICLE IV - CORPORATE AUTHORITY</u>

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and be in accordance with the Old and New Testament. Thus with the guidance of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Board of Directors shall conduct all business of the corporation (church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (church) except for election of the directors which shall be voted on by the church members. Membership qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation. The qualification of all members and their manner of admission shall be as stipulated in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS**

The manner in which the directors of this corporation are to be elected or appointed shall be stated in the By-Laws of this corporation. The number of Directors, and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation and be elected for 2 year terms.

#### **ARTICLE VII - POWERS**

This corporation shall be entitled to exercise all powers conferred on similar corporations as outlined by the laws of the State of Florida, including Florida Statute 617.0302 and 617.0303, as they may be amended from time to time.

### ARTICLE VIII - REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent of this corporation shall be THOMAS E, HEAPE, and the street address of the initial registered office is 3030 Waterfield Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33803.

# **ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of each incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

**NAME** 

**ADDRESS** 

THOMAS E. HEAPE

3030 Waterfield Lane Lakeland, Florida 33803

# ARTICLE X - COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISTRIBUTION

No officer, member, or Directors of the corporation may receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any dividend or may part of the income or profit from the operation of the corporation, except compensation for services or reimbursement of actual expenses to or on behalf of the corporation if authorized by the Board of Directors.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# <u>ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as directed in the By-Laws of this corporation and in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto

set our hands and seals this 15 day of	June	, 2004, for the purpose
of forming this corporation not for profit un-	der the laws of the State	of Florida
	THOMAS E. HEAPE	E Degre
STATE OF FLORIDA		
COUNTY OF POLK		
The foregoing instrument was  June, 2004, It  Articles of Incorporation for the purposes the  Victor J. Troiano  Commission # CC 968283  Expires Oct. 12, 2004  Bonded Thru  Aftentic Bonding Co., Inc.	by THOMAS E. HEA	me this <u>15</u> day of PE, who executed foregoing
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# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First -- That FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named THOMAS E. HEAPE located at 3030 Waterfield Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33803, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: (MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

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

THOMAS E. HEAPE, Registered Agent