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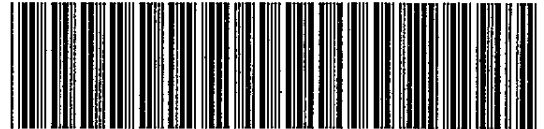
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September 29, 2004

John W. McKenzie  
6706 NW 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gainesville FL 32653

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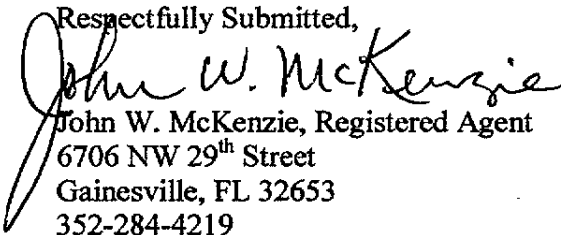
**SUBJECT: New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Labelle, FL., Inc.**

Dear Secretary of State

I, John W. McKenzie, Registered Agent for the New Bethel Baptist Church of Labelle, FL respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to corporations Not for Profit, under the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the New Bethel Baptist Church of Labelle, FL herein enclosed.

Please find additionally a check for \$87.50 to cover the Filing Fee, a Certified Copy and Certificate of Status of the Corporation.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John W. McKenzie, Registered Agent  
6706 NW 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
352-284-4219

Enclosures:

An original plus one copy of Articles of Incorporation  
An original plus one copy of By-Laws



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

October 1, 2004

JOHN W. MCKENZIE  
6706 NW 29TH STREET  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32653

SUBJECT: THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, OF  
LABELLE, FLORIDA, INCORPORATED  
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We have received your document for THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6973.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE  
FLORIDA, INCORPORATED**

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We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, INCORPORATED, and its principal place of business and place of worship shall be at 874 Suwannee Ave, in the City of Labelle, County of Hendry and State of Florida.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE**

The general purposes and objectives of this corporation shall be to conduct for religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, parsonages, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning those articles of faith which are most surely held among Southern Missionary Baptist Churches and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; and, to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also, to educate, prepare and ordain Christian men and women for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and for the purposes of promoting the foregoing objectives, this corporation shall have the right to acquire, either by gift or purchase, and to hold, own, sell, mortgage, or encumber in any manner, lease and improve real estate and personal property for itself and others, either as Trustee or otherwise.

**ARTICLE III  
USE OF INCOME**

All revenue profit, income and money received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used to promote the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II.

Since the church is a fellowship; and since the fellowship owns the Corporation; membership in the fellowship does not give to any individual member or group of members, equity or special property rights in the assets of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV POWERS

Said corporation is to have the power to do any and all things necessary or expedient for carrying out the said objectives and purposes of the corporation and in general to possess all rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits granted to corporations of similar character under the law of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE V QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord, and who is willing to confess to Him publicly as Lord and King and follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinance of Christ and to be governed by his laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of dismissal from other churches of like faith and order, or by satisfactory statement of membership in a Missionary Baptist Church, and profession of faith as hereinabove provided in Article V. The present membership of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, not INCORPORATED, and those hereinafter admitted to membership, shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VIII NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of those subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESSES
Linda Gunsby	850 Wilson Rd, Labelle, FL 33935
Cathy McKenzie	4006 San Ct. Labelle, FL 33935
Evelyn Baxter	814 Miller Ave, Labelle, FL 33935
Dessie Culliver	P.O. Box 2038, Labelle, FL 33975

Ray F. Johnson	791 West Lincoln Ave, Labelle, FL 33935
Regina Williams	707 Martin Luther King Blvd. Labelle, FL 33935
Jeanette Terry	781 West Lincoln Ave, Labelle, FL 33935

All being Residents of Hendry County, Florida.

#### ARTICLE IX BOARD OF DEACONS

The business affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the Pastor, who shall serve as Chief Executive Officer, and the Board of Deacons (subject to and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Church) of not less than two members. The business interest and advancement of all departments, auxiliaries, and ministries of the Church shall be under their direction and supervision and, in corporation with the Pastor; the Deacons shall assist the Pastor in the general oversight of all the work of the Church.

Deacons shall be elected from and by the membership of said corporation.

The regular meeting of the Board of Deacons shall be on the Wednesday night before the first Sunday in each month.

Special or Call meetings may be held at the discretion of the Pastor and Board of Deacons.

The said Board of Deacons shall, at their first meeting following the annual elections, elect from its own membership a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. The present Board of Deacons of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, not INCORPORATED, and whose names are set forth herein, shall constitute the Board of Deacons and shall hold office until their successors are elected, and take office, and in accordance with their present terms, to wit.

NAME	ADDRESSES
Jessie Johnson	P.O Box 926, Labelle, FL 33975
Lawrence Williams	4006 West Sunflower Circle, Labelle, FL 33935

#### ARTICLE X OTHER OFFICERS

The other officers of the corporation shall be the Church Clerk and the Church Treasurer and such other officers as the Pastor and Board of Deacons may appoint, subject to the approval of the Church membership, from time to time name and designate, and all such officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership of the corporation present at the business meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE XI PASTOR

When the vacancy of the office of Pastor of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, INC. Shall occur, the Deacons shall inform the Clerk to announce the meeting, whether it be called or regular business meeting, for the express purpose of electing a Moderator, who shall preside at said meeting. At such a meeting, a Pulpit Committee/Pastoral Search Committee shall be appointed or elected to seek out a Preacher for the fulfillment of the vacancy.

In a call meeting or a regular business meeting for the expressed purpose of electing a Pastor, the Pulpit Committee/Pastoral Search Committee shall present to the membership, the name of the preacher whom they deem qualified to fulfill the office of Pastor for their approval or disapproval. The membership shall vote on the said name with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present being sufficient for approval.

The term of office of the Pastor shall be set forth by an agreement, contractual or otherwise, between the Pastor and the membership of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, INC. and in accordance with Baptist polity.

## ARTICLE XII OFFICERS WHO ARE TO MANAGE

The officers who are to manage the affairs of this corporation until the first election are:

Bessie Gregory, Church Clerk  
811 Caloosahatchee Ave  
Labelle, FL 33935

Jennifer McClain, Treasurer  
4008 Albany Street  
Labelle, FL 33935

Pastor and Board of Deacons as set forth in Article IX herein.

## ARTICLE XIII MEETINGS

The Thursday night before the first Sunday in each quarter shall be set apart as a Church conference by its membership of the Church corporation for receiving reports of the committees, departments, auxiliaries and ministries of the Church, planning the program and activities of the Church, acting upon requests for letters of dismissal and for transaction of such other business as may be proper.

The annual business meeting of the membership of the Church shall be held Thursday night before the first Sunday in December of each year, at which meeting the annual reports shall be read.

All officers and heads of departments, auxiliaries, and ministries, shall be elected at the annual business meeting which is the Thursday before the first Sunday in December of each year.

All officers and heads of department, auxiliaries, and ministries elected at the annual business meeting shall assume office on January 1 of each year.

#### ARTICLE XIV BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There shall be a board of trustees, (subject to and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Church) of not less than five members, who shall have such duties as the By-Laws may provide and as the Board of Deacons shall from time to time assign.

Trustees shall be elected from and by the membership of said corporation.

All elections to membership on said Board of Trustees shall be annually on the Thursday night before the first Sunday in December.

The said Board of Trustees shall, at their first meeting following the annual elections, elect from its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be on the Monday night after the First Sunday in each month.

The present Board of Trustees of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, not INCORPORATED and whose names are set forth herein, shall constitute the Board of Trustees and shall hold office until their successors are elected and in accordance with their present terms to wit:

NAME	ADDRESSES
Lawrence Williams	4006 West Sunflower Circle, Labelle, FL 33935
Jessie Johnson	P.O. Box 926, Labelle, FL 33975
Dessie Culliver	P.O. Box 2038, Labelle, FL 33975
Bessie Gregory	811 Coloosahatchee Ave, Labelle, FL 33935
Shirley Williams	4006 W. Sunflower Circle, Labelle, FL 33935
Evelyn Baxter	814 Miller Ave, Labelle, FL 33935
Nora Fagin	707 Martin Luther King Blvd, Labelle, FL 33935
Augusta Ross	4007 San Ct. Labelle, FL 33935
Jennifer McClain	4008 Albany Street, Labelle, FL 33935



The members of the Church shall have the right to make and adopt such By-Laws as they shall deem proper and advisable and such By-Laws shall be made, altered, or rescinded upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, at any regular or special business meeting of the Church called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The By-Laws of the Church and these Articles of Incorporation may be altered, changed, or amended by the members of the Church at any regular business meeting called for that purpose, provided that proper notice has been given at a previous regular business meeting and, provided also, that such proposed changes have been submitted to the Pastor and Deacons for their consideration prior to bringing it to the Church for consideration. The Pastor and Deacons may express approval or disapproval but final action thereon is subject to the vote of the membership of the Church. All such proposed alterations, changes or amendments of the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation must receive the affirmative vote or two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting at such meeting.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, when approved by the membership, must also be forwarded to the Secretary of State of Florida and filed and approved by him before the same become effective.

#### ARTICLE XVII PROPERTY

All of the real property, personal property, assets, liabilities, obligations, contracts and choses in action of THE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, not INCORPORATED, shall become the real property, personal property, assets, liabilities, obligations, contracts, and choses in action of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE XVIII REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent shall be and hereinafter known as John W. McKenzie, whose physical and mailing address is 6706 NW 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32653

#### ARTICLE XIX INCORPORATOR

The name of the Incorporator shall be and hereinafter known as Alonzo C. McKenzie, whose physical and mailing address is 4006 San Court, Labelle, FL 33935

The effective date of this corporation shall be the date of filing.

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above named 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.*

*John W. McKenzie / John W. McKenzie*  
Signature and Print/Registered Agent

*9/29/04*  
Date

*Alonzo C. McKenzie / Alonzo C. McKenzie*  
Signature and Print /Incorporator

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