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SUBJECT: FIRST FAMILY CHURCH INCORPORATED

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We have received your document for FIRST FAMILY CHURCH INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain a registered agent with a Florida street address and a <u>signed</u> statement of acceptance. (i.e. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.)

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UNDER THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT

Secretary of State, Florida

We, the Incorporators						
Incorporator's Name	Number Street	City	State	Zip		
Dr. Michael L. Lowery	1958 Allard Drive N	Clearwater	FL	33763		
Brandi N. Lowery	1958 Allard Drive N	Clearwater	FL	33763		
Nicholas W. Lowery	1978 Allard Drive N	Clearwater	FL	33763		

Being natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not for Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Florida, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is: First Family Church Incorporated. The corporation is a Religious Non-Profit Corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE III

The address of the principle office, registered agent and registered office are:

Principle Office:

1958 Allard Drive North Clearwater, FL 33763

Registered Agent:

Michael L. Lowery

Registered Office:

1958 Allard Drive North Clearwater, FL 33763

#### ARTICLE IV

The initial Board of Directors (Trustees) shall be (five) in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

Director's Names	Number Street	City	State	Zip	
Dr. Michael L. Lowery	1958 Allard D	rive N	Clearwater	FL	33763
Brandi N. Lowery	1958 Allard D	rive N	Clearwater	FL	33763
Nicholas W. Lowery	1958 Allard D	rive N	Clearwater	FL	33763

#### ARTICLE V

The purpose for which the corporation is organized are; to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, educational and distinct ecclesiastical purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding statute thereto, and such purposes shall include the following:

- (a) Religious
- (b) To conduct a local church by the direction of The Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all of the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:
  - I. A recognized creed, code of doctrine, discipline and forms of worship shall be established.
  - II. An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.
  - III. Ordination of ministries upon completion of the prescribed course of study, designated by this Church Ministry.
  - IV. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of First Family Church Incorporated.
  - V. Establishment of a church membership based upon acceptance of recognized creed and belief and support of the church.
  - VI. Spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, radio, television, establishment of church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.
  - VII. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized creed, form of worship, code of doctrine and discipline of the church and the establishment of Sunday Schools and religious schools for Christians and educational instruction to the young and old.
  - VIII. Establishing a University, Bible Training School or School of Theology (not considered secondary educational institutions) for the preparation of ministers who minister to: First Family Church Incorporation.
  - (c) Minister the Word of God to the faithful, and all others.
  - (d) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations ministering within the community.
  - (e) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for church purposes, as maybe necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

#### ARTICLE VI

In accordance with and in addition to the powers conferred by the laws of the state of Florida, the Non- Profit Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.
  - (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage, and dispose of property, both real and personal.

- (d) To conduct and carry on religious service and instruction through the public media, including internet, electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, internet and cable television.
  - (e) To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/or telecasting facilities.
  - (f) To issue annuities and to enter into gift-annuity contracts.
  - (g) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (h) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of share of the capitol stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carry out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.

#### ARTICLE VII

First Family Church Incorporated is not organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees or individuals, except that First Family Church Incorporated shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V hereof. No substantial part of the activities of First Family Church Incorporated shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and First Family Church Incorporated shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) a political campaign. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, First Family Church Incorporated shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- (a) A corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or,
- (b) A Corporation, contributes to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law)
- (c) In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property, and assets of the Corporation shall go and be distributed to such Non-Profit Corporation qualifying as an Organization exempt under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding statute thereof, and as an Organization qualifying as a public charity under the provisions of Section 509 (a) (1) or 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding statute, as the Directors or Trustees of the Corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of the said assets of property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principle office of the Corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or the Organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

Special provisions authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation, are shown as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII

This Corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Code. All Trustees of this Corporation now in good regular standing, and such other members as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time admit to membership, shall be members of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of not less than (3) Directors (Trustees). The present Trustees now duly constituted and elected shall constitute of the Board of Trustees and they shall hold their offices permanently and so far and may be until other or further election. In the event of any trustee to act, or in the event of death of any Trustee, the remaining Trustees shall elect another Trustee, or Trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. Each Trustee shall be a member in good standing of the Corporation. A new Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the total Trustees, excluding the Trustee whose position is being filled by vote.

- (a) The Trustees in their collective capacity shall be known as the Board of Trustees and under that name shall constitute the governing body, and shall conduct and transact all business of the Corporation.
- (b) Trustees shall be power and authority to hold an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and may be likewise hold special meetings as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the Corporation in Clearwater, Florida on the first Monday of February in each year as possible for the Trustees to call such meetings; and any special meetings may be held at the offices of Corporation in Clearwater, Florida.
- (c) There shall be but one class of membership in this Corporation. Membership in this Corporation may be obtained by natural persons of all races, creeds and colors, who shall publicly profess belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and who shall further profess their belief in the purposes of this organization as set for herein above, and who shall thereafter be accepted into membership in such manner as provided by the Board of Trustees of this Corporation. The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and the initial Directors of this Corporation shall be and constitute the initial members of this Corporation. Any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be made only by the Board of Trustees of this Corporation, having received the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees in office.
- (d) The Board of Trustees shall have authority and power, which is hereby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required tests and qualifications for entrance into the ministry of the Church, hereby being established and organized and by and into the ministry thereby license, commission or full ordination with all Church authority possible for any Church or ecclesiastical body to be given or to possess or to administer, giving therein authority to administer all sacred services of baptism.
- (e) The Board of Trustees shall have the authority and power, which is hereby given, to establish, institute, operate, and maintain any and all such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/or any and all such vehicles as may be deemed appropriate and advisable by the Board of Trustees for the propagation of the Gospel and Christian and religious worship and where within the United States of America and/or in any other country.
- (f) The Board of Trustees of First Family Church Incorporated shall have power and authority which is herby given to negotiate all of the business transactions, all receipts and all disbursements, for any such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/or any and all such other vehicles established or instituted by this Corporation.
- (g) A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction by the Board of Trustees of any and all business, in accordance to the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE X

The manner in which the Directors or Trustees of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The Corporation shall be a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The place where the business of First Family Church Incorporated shall be transacted is in Clearwater, Florida, where said principle office shall be.

This action was taken by unanimous written consent of all Board of Trustees of the Incorporation in accordance with the appropriate statutes of the State of Florida, requiring no notice and received the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees in office, there being no members having voting rights in respect thereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we the undersigned Board of Trustees, have hereunto 1005 set our hands in Clearwater, Elorida on this day of (President) Incorporator Director (Trustee) (First Vice Pres. & Secretary / Treasurer.) Incorporator Director (Trustee) (Second Vice President) incorporator Director (Trustee) Comor D **Erandi** Michael Louberdame on this 6 day of Subscribed and sworn to by Or. Vieholasw. Lowery My Commission Expire ZUBAIDA M. ALIDREESI ∴∨ COMMISSION # DD 084305 EXPIRES: February 1, 2006 muses Thru Notary Public Underwriters

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE<sup>05</sup> AUG 15 PM 1: 33

PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN THE DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE / REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: First Family Church, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Dr. Michael L. Lowery, DD., Senior Pastor 1958 Allard Drive Clearwater, Florida 33763

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agræ to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with all of 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.

Signature

Date

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