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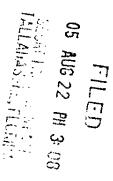
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (& BY-LAWS)

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the cooperation shall be: <u>Faith Works Christian Church</u>, <u>Inc.</u> (A Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Florida). The name has prayerfully been chosen from scripture as noted in James 2: 17-20,26

MISCELLANEOUS MINISTRIES OF FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

- 1. <u>FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER</u> is formed as an outreach pastoral counseling ministry of FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED. The primary purpose of the counseling center is to reach out to hurting and discouraged people who need help. The ministry will be set up to reach all hurting people, whether they are believers or not.
- A Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor will provide counseling services. A donation per counseling hour for services will be designated as the fee schedule and will be approved by the Board of Directors. Payment schedules will be arranged at the discretion of the pastoral counselor.
- From time to time, FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER counselors may
 participate in training seminars in order to bring Biblical principles and truths to people who
 are hurting and who need to know that Jesus Christ is the Great Healer.
- 4. The Executive Director of FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER will be the President of FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED, and will have all responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the center. The Executive Director will answer to the Board of Directors.

FAITH CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE

- 1. FAITH CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE is formed as a training ministry of FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED. The primary purpose of the training institute is to prepare believers who are called to counsel and evangelize people who are lost, hurting, and separated from Jesus Christ according to His written word, the Holy Bible. The goal is to bring reconciliation with sound Biblical counseling principles and techniques.
- 2. Deborah Simpson-Brown, the Executive Director of FAITH CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE, is certified as a Licenced Clinical Pastoral Counselor, a Certified Temperament Counselor and a Professional Clinical Member with the National Christian Counselors Association. She will maintain membership and licensor in the organization. She holds a Master of Arts in Counseling from Webster University, and is completing a Doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in Clinical Christian Counseling from

Cornerstone University through the National Christian Counselors Association with a projected completion date of September 2, 2005. She maintains licensor and ordination with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

3. A fee schedule for training classes will be established and approved by the Board of Directors.

DEBORAH BROWN MINISTRIES

 Deborah Brown Ministries will also operate as an outreach of Faith Works Christian Church in an Evangelistic capacity. The primary purpose of Deborah Brown Ministries will be to evangelize as noted in scripture, specifically as noted in Ephesians 4:11&12 relating to the five-fold ministry.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPLE OFFICES

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: located at **1548 Horizon Loop**, City of **Sneads**, County of **Jackson**, in the state of **Florida**. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without the State as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE (& STATEMENT OF FAITH)

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- 1. Faith Works Christian Church, Incorporated, is a non-profit corporation which exists for the purpose of churches as given in Holy Scripture. The specific purpose of this incorporated church is to help hurting and discouraged people find hope through God's only hope for man, which is Jesus Christ. This church feels a scriptural responsibility to its people, which includes the entire family from birth until death and involves a commitment to their welfare, in instruction and equipping for serving God and man in life. Faith Works Christian Church further regards its responsibility to train, equip and deploy people into their various ministries as they have received giftings from God.
- 2. The practices and beliefs of FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH and its ministries are set forth in the Statement of Faith.
- 3. FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH is presided over by a Pastor, Deborah Simpson-Brown, who has ministerial credentialing through the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. There is one living and true God, infinite in glory, wisdom, holiness, justice, power and love; one in His essence but eternally subsists in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 2. The books which form the canon of the Old and New Testaments as originally given are plenarily inspired and free from all error in the whole and in the part. These books constitute

the written Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

- 3. God sovereignly created the world out of nothing, so that His creation, while wholly dependent upon Him, neither comprises part of God, nor conditions His essential perfection.
- 4. God created man in His own image, in a state of original righteousness, from which he subsequently fell by a voluntary revolt, and as a consequence, is guilty, inherently corrupt and subject to divine wrath. The unregenerate are totally depraved and do not possess a will free from the dominion of the sin nature.
- 5. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, possesses all the divine excellencies, being co-substantial and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In His incarnation He united to His divine nature a true human nature, and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, fulfilled the requirements of the law by His sinless life, suffered under Pontius Pilate, poured out His blood as a vicarious and propitiatory atonement for sin in satisfaction of divine justice, and on the third day was raised from the dead in the same body, now glorified. He ascended into heaven and now, seated at the right hard of God the Father, intercedes in glory for the redeemed.
- 6. The Holy Spirit, the third entity of the Trinity, is available to believers today. It provides: regeneration and progressive sanctification, guides and comforts the children of God, directs and empowers the Church to operate in the five-fold ministry as noted in Ephesians 4:1-16 and aids in fulfillment of a lifestyle of righteousness. It convicts the world of sin, and will ultimately result in judgment of those who reject Christ Jesus.
- 7. Salvation consists of the remission of sins, the imputation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the gift of eternal life and the concomitant blessings thereof, which are a free gift of God and received by faith alone apart from human works of merit. Even the ability to believe is a gift of God. This in no way relieves men of their responsibility to repent and believe.
- 8. After repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer is to publicly proclaim this identity with Christ by immersion in water baptism, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is available to every repentant believer.
- 9. The Lord Jesus Christ baptizes regenerated believers in the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an empowering work as a result of confession of sins, a statement of faith and acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior.
- All gifts of the Spirit, as listed in I Corinthians 12: 28-31, continue to be expressed in the church today and are subject to the order prescribed by Scripture.
- 11. Communion is to be taken frequently and offered to all believers except those who are unrepentant. The communion elements are symbols of Christ's body and blood and are useful

- to the exercise of faith in the person of Jesus Christ who is the only means of absolving guilt, shame and punishment of sin.
- 12. At death the souls of the redeemed are made perfect in holiness and immediately enter into the presence of Christ, enjoying conscious fellowship with Him, there to await the resurrection of the body.
- 13. The Lord Jesus Christ will return bodily, visibly and personally to conform believers to His own image and to establish His kingdom. He will judge the quick and the dead and will effect a final separation of the redeemed and the lost, assigning unbelievers to eternal punishment and believers to eternal glory.

ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: shall be by **appointment**. Each director shall be at least 18 years of age. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of five persons. Thereafter, the number of directors constituting the entire Board shall be no less than five. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by action of the Board of Directors, provided that any action by the Board of Directors to effect such increase or decrease shall require the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors. No decrease shall shorten the term of any director then in office.
- 2. The first Board of Directors shall consist of those persons elected by the Incorporators or named as the initial Board of Directors in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation. Each director shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed and until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified.
- 3. A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to an officer of the Corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board of Directors or such officer. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 4. Appointments to newly created directorships or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be by appointment by the President of the Corporation.
- Written, oral or any other method of notice of the time and place shall be given for all annual and special meetings of the Board of Directors in sufficient time for the convenient assembly of the Board of Directors. The notice of any meeting need not specify the purpose of such meeting. The requirement for furnishing notice of a meeting may be waived by any director who signs a Waiver of Notice before or after the meeting or who attends the meeting without protesting the lack of notice to him or her.
- 6. Except to the extent herein or in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation

provided, a majority of the entire members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting held to remove one or more directors, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the directors present at such meeting. Whenever a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall prevent a quorum from being present, then, in such event, the quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors excluding the vacancy. A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present may adjourn a meeting to another time and place. Except to the extent provided by law and these bylaws, the act of the Board of Directors shall be by a majority of the directors present at the time of vote, a quorum being present at such time. Any action authorized by resolution, in writing, by all of the directors entitled to vote thereon and filed with the minutes of the corporation shall be the act of the Board of Directors with the same force and effect as if the same had been passed by unanimous vote at a duly called meeting of the Board.

- The Chair of the Board will be the President of the Corporation. In her absence, the Vice-President will preside.
- Whenever the Board of Directors shall consist of more than five persons, the Board of Directors may designate from their number, an executive committee and other standing committees. Such committees shall have such authority as the Board of Directors may delegate, except to the extent prohibited by law. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish special committees for any lawful purpose, which may have such powers as the Board of Directors, may lawfully delegate.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. The Corporation shall keep at the principal office of the Corporation, complete and correct records and books of account, and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors who shall manage the business affairs of the corporation.
- 2. The corporate seal shall be in such form as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe.
- 3. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time, subject to applicable law.
- 4. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter or repeal, from time to time the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 5. The Executive Director of FAITH CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE will be considered an employee of the corporation and will comply with all legal local, state, and federal requirements.
- 6. Expenses incurred by FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED, FAITH CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE, AND DEBORAH BROWN

MINISTRIES will be paid through donations to the ministries by fees or donations.

FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED, FAITH CHRISTIAN
COUNSELING & EVANGELISM INSTITUTE, and DEBORAH BROWN MINISTRIES shall
utilize the services of a certified public accountant to insure compliance with local, state and
federal tax requirements.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Deborah Simpson-Brown, President - 1548 Horizon Loop, Sneads, FL 32460

Myles Brown, Vice-President/Secretary - Treasurer - 1548 Horizon Loop, Sneads, FL 32460

Desmond M. Brown, Executive Services Director - 4165 Laurel Oak Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32311

Eric D. Morgan, Executive Director of Financial Affairs - 1012 Buena Vista, Tallahassee, FL 32304

Courtney S. Brown, Executive Chairman of Services - 4165 Laurel Oak Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32311

OFFICERS

- The President of the Corporation shall be the Pastor of the Faith Works Christian Church, Inc., Deborah Simpson-Brown. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint a Chair of the Board of Directors, and any other officers it deems necessary to the efficient running of the Board. The same person may hold any two or more offices.
- 2. Each officer shall hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, and until his successor has been duly elected and qualifies. The Board of Directors may remove any officer with or without cause at any time.
- 3. (a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the corporation and shall carry out the resolutions of the Board of Directors. The President of the Corporation shall be the pastor and shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
 - (b) During the absence or disability of the President of the Corporation, the Vice-President shall have all the powers and functions of the President. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Vice President shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors and the minutes of the members. He shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix and attest

the same to documents duly authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall serve all notices for the Corporation, which shall have been authorized by the Board of Directors and shall have charge of all books and records of the Corporation.

Additionally, the Secretary-Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all of the funds and securities of the Corporation, and shall deposit said funds in the name of the Corporation in such bank accounts as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, when duly authorized by the Board of the Directors, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Corporation when countersigned by the President; he may also sign checks, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money, which shall have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors and authorized by the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.

4. In the event that FAITH WORKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INCORPORATED, should be dissolved, then, under the direction of the Board of Directors, the net assets and properties of the church would be turned over to the founding President of the corporation.

Deborah Simpson-Brown, President

Myles Brown, Secretary-Treasurer/Vice-President

D. Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Affairs

Desmond M. Brown, Executive Services Director

Courtney S. Brown, Executive Services Chairman

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Myles Brown 1548 Horizon Loop Sneads, FL 32460 850.593.5732 850.445.8306

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The <u>name and address</u> of the Incorporator is: Deborah Simpson-Brown 1548 Horizon Loop Sneads, FL 32460 850.593.5732 850.445.8306

BE IT RESOLVED that these Articles of Incorporation (& By-Laws) be adopted on this 15th day of August 2005.

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

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

Signature/Incorporator

Date