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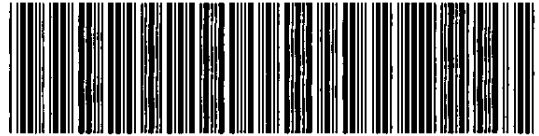


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NAME OF CORPORATION: CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

DOCUMENT NUMBER: NO5686

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or " Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

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D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

New Registered Office Address:

(Florida street address)

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

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OF AMENDING AND ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

**ARTICLES OF AMEDMENT
TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE III 2CA BOARD

ADD ARTICLE III 2D DISCIPLINE OF A MEMBER

A. Procedures for the discipline of a member:

- I. There shall be a discipline committee consisting of the pastor(s) and the deacons. These men shall have sole authority in determining heretical deviations from the statement of faith and violations of the church covenant.
 - a. If the pastor or a deacon is the subject of a disciplinary matter, he shall not sit as a member of the discipline committee. He shall be entitled to the same steps as other church members and be subject to the same discipline.
 - b. Members are expected to demonstrate special loyalty and concern for one another. When a member becomes aware of an offense of such magnitude that it hinders spiritual growth and testimony, he is to go alone to the offending party and seek to restore his brother.

Before he goes, he should first examine himself. When he goes, he should go with a spirit of humility and have the goal of restoration.

- c. If reconciliation is not reached, a second member, either a deacon or the pastor is to accompany the one seeking to resolve the matter. This second step should also be preceded by self-examination and exercised in a spirit of humility with the goal of restoration.
- d. If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections 1-b and 1-c have been taken, the discipline committee, as the church representative biblically responsible for putting down murmuring, shall hear the matter. If the matter is not resolved during the hearing before the discipline committee, the committee shall recommend to the members of the church that they, after self-examination, make an effort personally to go to the offending member and seek that member's restoration.
- e. If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections 1-b, 1-c, and 1-d have been taken, such members who refuse to repent and be restored are to be removed from the membership of the church by a majority agreement of the membership.

ADD ARTICLE III 2E DISCIPLINE OF FEMALE MEMBERS

- A. Discipline of female members when the husband is not saved or a member of Cinnamon Street Baptist Church:
 - 1. If the member being disciplined is a female and her husband is not a member of the church or saved (born again) the discipline shall be as follows:
 - a. The procedure of discipline shall be the same as for any member of the church and shall follow the instructions as specified in subsections 1-b, 1-c, 1-d, and 1-e above.

- b. The discipline committee shall consist of the pastor's wife, and/or deacon's wives, with the pastor having the final response or determination of the committee findings concerning discipline.

ADD ARTICLE III 2F Membership rights and disputes

1. Members have no contract, property or civil legal rights in the property or other ministry affairs of the church.

REMOVE BOARD FROM ARTICLE V -1-C

ADD TO ARTICLE V-1-E CLERK/SECRETARY

ADD TO ARTICLE V-1-G CO-PASTOR

ADD TO ARTICLE V-1-H ASSOCIATE PASTOR

ADD TO ARTICLE V-3-F CO-PASTOR BETWEEN MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT PASTOR

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4 BOARD

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4-A BOARD (2 TIMES)

ADD TO ARTICLE V-4-B THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) DEACONS

APPOINTED, BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL OF ONE (1) PER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS.

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4-C BOARD

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4-H BOARD

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4-I BOARD

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-4-J BOARD (2 TIMES)

ADD TO ARTICLE V-5 CLERK/SECRETARY

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V-9-A 5(FIVE) TWO TIMES AND FIVE (ONE TIME)

ADD TO ARTICLE V-9-A 3 (THREE) WHERE 5 (FIVE) WERE REMOVED

ADD ARTICLE V-10 CO-PASTOR

The Co-Pastor shall have the same job description and qualifications as the Pastor. The Co-Pastor has the same and equal responsibilities as the Pastor. Upon the Pastors removal for any reason from his office of Pastor, the Co-Pastor shall assume the full position of the Pastor without the requirement of a church vote. The church does not have to fill the position of Co-Pastor if not needed.

ADD ARTICLE V-11 ASSOCIATE (ASSISTANT) PASTOR

The Associate Pastor shall be under the supervision of the Pastor and Co-Pastor. He shall assist the Pastor and Co-Pastor in all matters required by the Pastors.

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE VI-1 BOARD

ADD TO ARTICLE VI-1-A CHURCH CLERK/SECRETARY

ADD TO ARTICLE VI-1-F CO-PASTOR

ADD TO ARTICLE VI-1-G ASSOCIATE PASTOR

ADD TO ARTICLE VI-2 CO-PASTOR AND ASSOCIATE PASTOR

CHANGE ARTICLE VI-2-A NOTING TO VOTING

CHANGE ARTICLE VI-4-C NOTING TO VOTING

REMOVE FROM ARTICLE IX

NEW HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME

ELLIJAY, GEORGIA

DIRECTOR-REV. FREDDIE THOMAS

ADD TO ARTICLE IXAS DESIGNATED BY THE TRUSTEES AND DEACONS AT
THE TIME OF TERMINATION OR DISSOLUTION

ADD ARTICLE XIV MEDIA AND NEWSPAPERS

I. Media and Newspapers

- A. The Pastors of Cinnamon Street Baptist Church are the only spokespersons for the church.
- B. All church members should refer any and all questions from the media and newspapers to the Pastors

ADD ARTICLE XV HUMAN SEXUALITY

HUMAN SEXUALITY

I. Human Sexuality

- A. Cinnamon Street Baptist Church believes that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man (male) and a woman (female).
- B. The Church believes that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bi-sexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5-7 & 13; Gen. 26:8-11; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; I Cor. 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). All of the above scripture references are from the King James (1611) Version of the Bible.

Ref. A: Leviticus 18: 22, 23

- 22. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.
- 23. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself there with: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

Ref. B: Romans 1: 18-19 & 21-28

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteous of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed unto them.
- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.
- 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
- 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (KJV)

C. No person or persons who fit the description of Ref. A or Ref. B above will hold any leadership position at Cinnamon Street Baptist Church.

1. These positions of leadership are:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Co-Pastor
 - c. Associated Pastor
 - d. Preachers
 - e. Deacons
 - f. Sunday School Director
 - g. Sunday School Teacher
 - h. Sunday School Helper
 - i. Choir Director
 - j. Choir Member
 - k. Instrument Player
 - l. Nursery Worker
 - m. Day Care Worker
 - n. Nor any other leadership position decided on by the administration.
2. If the Pastors and / or Deacons acquire knowledge of a person or persons who is in a leadership position fits under Ref. A or Ref. B, they will be removed immediately from their leadership position by the administration after verification of information.
3. ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN ANY FORM OF: SODOMY, HOMOSEXUALITY, LESBIANISM OR BISEXUALITY, WILL NOT BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

ADD ARTICLE XVI ARTICLES OF FAITH OF CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

ARTICLE XV

ARTICLES of FAITH

Of

CINNAMON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of Divine Instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It is inerrant and infallible, and which is to be taken as verbally inspired. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore, is and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. Cinnamon Street Baptist Church stands on the King James (1611) Version bible. **We use no other bible!**

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal being; the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe.

A. The Trinity of the Godhead:

1. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures according to the purposes of His Grace.

2. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the Divine Law by His person obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision

for the redemption of man from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His Disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the Right Hand of God where He is the One Mediator.

3. **God the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired Holy men of Old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination, He enables men to understand Truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior.

III. **Man**

Man was created by a special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning, man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God and fell from his original innocence.

IV. **Salvation**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Who by His own blood, obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense, salvation includes Regeneration, Sanctification, and Glorification.

- A. **Regeneration**, or the New Birth, is a work of God's Grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus.
- B. **Sanctification** is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.
- C. **Glorification** is the culmination of salvation and the final blessed and abiding state of the Redeemed.

V. **God's Purpose of Grace**

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of Grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments of themselves; yet, they shall be kept by the Power of God through Faith unto Salvation.

VI. **What it means to be saved (Born-Again)**

Without Christ as my Savior, I am a condemned sinner (John 3:18). I am utterly lost (John 3:36). As a condemned sinner, I am spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1). I have no hope and I am without God in the world (Ephesians 2:12). But when Christ comes into my heart, He forgives my sin (Acts 10:43), He writes my name in The Book of Life (Revelation 21:27), He saves my soul (Luke 19:10). Believing in Christ as my Savior, I am a new creation (II Corinthians 5:17). I am a child of God (John 1:12).

For Christ to be a Savior to me, I must realize that I am a lost sinner and that He came into the world to save me (Isaiah 53:6, I Timothy 1:15, Matthew 1:21). I am saved forever by repenting of my sins (Luke 13:3) and believing in Jesus as my Savior (John 3:14-16; John 5:24; Acts 20:21; II Timothy 1:12).

Cinnamon Street Baptist Church stands on the Word of God pertaining to a believer's past before conversion to Christ:

II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new."

VII Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian Baptism is the immersion in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior - The believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his/her faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. The Lord's Supper will be administered at the Pastor's discretion. Cinnamon Street Baptist Church does not use fermented wine when performing the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper will be open to all who are born again believers.

ADD ARTICLE XVI WEDDING RULE

ARTICLE XVI

WEDDING RULES

I. Christian Wedding Rules

- A. Christian wedding are between a man-(male) and woman (female) as God created them.
- B. These rules are to be read and signed by the Bride (female) and Groom (male).
- C.. The Bride and Groom are to make all members of the wedding party aware of all the rules and to see that all those involved with the preparation of the wedding and reception and the guests observe these rules.
- D. If at any time the rules are not observed or are broken, Cinnamon Street Baptist Church reserves the right to cancel or transfer the wedding to another location.
 - 1. All couples (man-male & woman-female) are counseled concerning salvation.
 - 2. Wedding rehearsal and wedding must start at appointed time.
 - 3. Dress on church grounds must be very modest! NO SHORTS! This includes members of the wedding party, all guests, and any personnel involved in the preparation of the wedding, during the wedding and rehearsal.

4. NO smoking, alcoholic beverages, or any drugs are to be brought on church grounds. Anyone found with these items in their possession will be asked to leave.
5. All music must be pre-approved by the Pastor.
6. NO wax candles are to be used in the auditorium.
7. **FEES FOR WEDDINGS:** Fee for using the church building is \$200.00 for members who have been consistent tithers for 12 months prior to the wedding and \$500.00 for non-members and members who have been inconsistent tithers 12 months prior to the wedding. An additional fee of \$200.00 for use of the fellowship hall. **Pastors' Fees:** Free to members or non-members who have been consistent tithers for 12 months prior to wedding. \$250.00 for members or non-members who have been inconsistent tithers 12 months prior to wedding. \$250.00 for all off-campus weddings.
8. Any disorderly conduct is not permitted. NO ONE will be permitted on the grounds who are intoxicated in any way.
9. Wedding Vows are to be previewed by the Pastor before the rehearsal.
10. Anyone who has engaged in pre-marital sex will have a small and discrete ceremony after the Wednesday night prayer service or have a ceremony in the fellowship hall with only close friends and family attending.
11. The wedding party will be responsible for cleaning the church, fellowship hall, and grounds following the conclusion of all festivities.
12. Cinnamon Street Baptist Church WILL NOT perform any same sex marriages.

Ref. A: Leviticus 18: 22-23

Ref. B: Romans 1: 18-28

13. A Christian marriage is between a man-male and a woman-female as God created them at birth. Cinnamon Street Baptist will not perform any marriage between person or persons who have had sex changes.

SIGNATURE

We, the undersigned, have read and understand the Wedding Rules as stated above.
We agree to adhere to and execute the responsibilities of the Bride and Groom.

Bride

Groom

Witness

Date

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: 5 JANUARY 2009

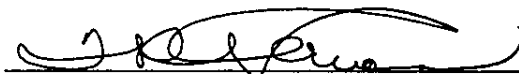
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Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated Jan. 5, 2009

Signature



(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

T.R. Vernon

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Financial Officer

(Title of person signing)