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### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State **Division of Corporations** P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Great Commission Baptist Church, INC
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Rev. Demscous Harris
Name (Printed or typed)

440 Sand Ridge Drive

City, State & Zip

(813) 716 - 480 S Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Great Commission Baptist Church, INC. 5703 N. Nebraska Ave Tampa, Florida 33604 2006 FEB | 4 PH 4: 56
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### ARTICLE I Name

This body shall be known as the Great Commission Baptist Church, INC. of Tampa, Florida, in voluntary cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention.

### ARTICLE II Place of Business

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5703 North Nebraska Avenue Tampa, Florida 33604 813-236-6248

### **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 2371 Valrico, Florida 33595-2371 813-716-4805

### ARTICLE III Purposes

The purpose for which this church exists and which the congregation shall constantly seek to accomplish is to:

- Praise God and enjoy Him forever.
- Offer to God fit service of regular cooperative worship.
- Win people to Christ.
- Evangelize Tampa.
- Minister to the neighborhood population.
- · Teach Bible doctrine.
- Lead members in Christian growth.
- Be an effective church.
- Utilize all members' abilities.

- Support world missions.
- · Establish missions.
- Establish and maintain those organizations that are recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention and meet the needs of the local congregation.

### ARTICLE IV Elections/Appointment

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. The scriptures are its authority in all matters of faith and practice. The Lord Jesus Christ is its Head. The Holy Spirit is its Guide. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body. It voluntarily recognizes and accepts the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperative effort, which are common among Southern Baptist churches.

**Section 1: Pastor:** A man, called of God, properly ordained minister shall serve the church in line with the teachings of the New Testament in this regard. A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose, of which at least three days written notice shall be given to each resident member.

A Pastor Search Committee shall be elected by the church to seek out a suitable pastor, and their recommendation will constitute a nomination. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one man at a time. Election shall be by secret ballot, an affirmative vote of three-fourths of those present, being necessary to a choice. Twenty-five percent of the resident membership must be present to constitute a quorum.

The pastor shall be extended a call to serve for as long as it is mutually agreeable to both the church and the pastor.

**Section 2: Deacons:** The church shall be served by properly qualified and elected deacons according to the example and instruction of Acts 6:1-6, and I Timothy 3:8-13.

The church shall determine the number of active deacons. This number may be changed by a majority vote of the members present.

### ARTICLE V Officers/Directors

Deacon Joseph Riley
Deacon/Trustee
4509 E. Giddens Ave Apt A
Tampa, Florida 33610
(813) 545-7325

Sister Catherine Gray
Trustee/Financial Secretary
5342 Archstone Drive Apt 5207
Tampa, Florida 33634
(813) 889-0538

Brother Alfonso Jones
Trustee
3207 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
Tampa Florida 33605 (813)
241-8744

### Article VI Register Agent

Rev. Demarcus Harris
Pastor

440 Sand Ridge Drive
Valrico, Florida 33594
(813) 651-1098

## Article VII Incorporator

Sister Teddi Harris Administrative Assistant 440 Sand Ridge Drive Valrico, Florida 33594 (813) 651-1098

Constitution date adopted_	2/10/2006	
	(Date)	
By-Laws adopted_	2110/2006	
	(Date)	

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

### ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

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

### ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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

### ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

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. 2/10/2006 Date