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

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FROM: Shirley Lynne Sprinkle
Name (Printed or typed)

10176 Herndon Road

JACKSONVIlle, Fl. 32246-2208 City, State & Zip

904 - 725 - 2664 Daytime Telephone number

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



February 24, 2006

SHIRLEY LYNNE SPRINKLE 10176 HERNDON RD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246-2208

SUBJECT: THE BRANCHES OF JESUS MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W06000009343

We have received your document for THE BRANCHES OF JESUS MINISTRIES, INC. 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 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.)

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.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

The Branches of Jesus Ministries. Inc.

(A Florida corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of constituting a church, to operate in accordance with the Laws of God and in a non-profit corporate form, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida relative to corporations not for profit; and we hereby covenant and agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Name

The name of this corporation is:

The Branches of Jesus Ministries 10176 Herndon Road Jacksonville, Fl. 32246-2208

## ARTICLE II

## Term of Existence

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Purposes**

The objectives and purposes for which this church is constituted and this corporation are:

1. To sing, teach, preach, proclaim, publish, make known, distribute and disseminate by oral, written or other means the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom and all truths based upon and contained within the Word of God, the Holy Bible, as interpreted by those holding membership in this church corporation not for profit;

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- 2. To provide scriptual fellowship and encouragement to its members;
- 3. To preserve a clear and separated testimony against idolatry, apostasy and corruption in the world;
- 4. To establish, ordain, commission and administrate domestic and foreign missionaries, ministers, chaplains and Christian workers who are in harmony with the purposes, doctrines and policies of this church corporation:
- 5. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible and of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all men, both within the fellowship and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication, extension, teaching and preaching, including but not limited to media of communication developed by modern technology; and in aid of such communication, extension, preaching and teaching, but not for private profit, to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproducing and publication of recording, books and other materials; the establishment and operation of a school or schools and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, work shops and meetings, by either resident or traveling evangelists, teachers, and other elders; to receive offerings for services actually rendered to persons, firms and corporations for such purposes;
- 6. To educate, teach, counsel and instruct all people by any and all means about the doctrines, teachings and information contained in the Holy Bible and derived from the historic Christian faith;
- 7. To establish churches, schools and other institutions connected with a Christian, religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that all people may be instructed, counselled, guided and challenged concerning the doctrines of conduct and life taught in the Holy Bible;

- 8. To bring both families of believers and individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ together in personal fellowship, both in the home and to congregational meetings;
- 9. To regularly assemble together the members of this church corporation for fellowship one with another and to worship God in spirit and truth; and to cooperate in the assembling of the whole body of Christ;
- 10. To act with charitable concern for and to help, not only all members of this church, but also all persons in need of any help which this church can give, regardless of race, social positions or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of ministry and help to the poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged or aged persons, both within and without this church;
- 11. To pray for the needs of all men and for local and national leaders and governments;
- 12. To recognize, support and co-operate with various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the body of Christ and to bring the whole body of Christ to maturity and completion;
- 13. To engage in such other business or businesses, whether related thereto or not, as may be approved by the Board of Directors and which businesses are permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **Powers**

To the end of the foregoing objectives and purposes and any related religious and charitable purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this church corporation shall have the power to engage only in such activities as shall not constitute business unrelated to its religious, benevolent, charitable, literary and educational purposes. It shall engage only in such activities as are permitted to be carried on by corporations whose income is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3), Florida Statutes, and contributions to which are deductible pursuant to Section 107(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code. Subject to the provisions of Section 741.07 Florida Statutes and to any rules or bylaws which may be adopted by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of this church corporation shall be authorized to conduct weddings and funerals. Any provision elsewhere in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, this corporation shall not engage in, nor shall any of its assets be used or applied to activities which constitute carrying on of propagenda, attempting to influence legislation or participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candicate for public office, nor shall any part of its net earnings or assets inure to the benefit of any private member, except for reasonable compensation for services actually rendered. Subject to the foregoing limitations and subject specifically to the provision of Florida Statutes 617.0105, this church corporation shall have all of the powers and rights set forth in Florida Statutes Section 617.021. The purposes set forth in Article III herein shall likewise be construed as powers.

# ARTICLE V

# Qualification of Membership

The qualification of the members and the manner of their admissions are as follows, to-wit:

such persons shall be qualified to become members as shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and admissions to membership shall be by such majority vote; and the membership of the corporation shall consist at all times

of the members of the Board of Directors then in office and their successors.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## **Subscribers and Incorporators**

The names and addresses of the subscribers and incorporators are:

Name

Address

Shirley L Sprinkle	10176 Herndon	Rd.	ZJAX.	. <del>[]</del> .	32246-3	).2 o 8
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#### ARTICLE VII

#### Management

The President of the corporation will manage the business of the corporation and shall have direct operational responsibilities for the corporation. The President will be elected at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Officers

The affairs of this corporation shall be administered by its officers, which, shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors, and such other assistants or administrative officers as are determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Board of Directors shall appoint the officers and the officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that any person dealing with the corporation shall be entitled to rely upon the documents signed on behalf of the corporation by its President, with its corporate seal thereto affixed and attested to by its Secretary. The initial officers of this corporation shall be as follows:

President	Shidey L Sprinkle	
)	Frank G Sprinkle	
Secretary/ Treasurer	Barbara A Harris	
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#### ARTICLE IX

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is that group of persons vested with the management of both the spiritual and secular business and affairs of this corporation, subject to the law, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.

The name and street address of the initial directors of this corporation, who shall hold office for the first year or until his/her successor or successors are elected and have qualified shall be:

Name

Address

Shirley L Sprinkle	10176 Herndon Rd	JAX F1. 32246
Frank & Sprinkle	10176 Herndon Rd	Jax Fl. 32246
Barbara A Harris	2005 Woodleigh Dr	Jax Fl 2.2211

The number of directors of this corporation shall not be less than three (3) at any time. Until further amendment of the By-Laws, the number of Directors may vary from time to time between a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of nine (9) with the amount to be determined by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the incumbent directors.

#### ARTICLE X

## Principal Office and Registered Agent

The address of the principal office and Registered Agent of the corporation is:

The name of the Registered Agent at such address is:

#### ARTICLE XI

#### Amendments

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is vested in the Board of Directors. Such action must be taken as specified in the Articles of Incorporation, or pursuant to a Resolution approved by a majority of the Directors.

# ARTICLE XII

# By-Laws

The Board of Directors shall provide the By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the business of this church corporation as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time. Such By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority of its vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special called meeting which is called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### Dissolution

This corporation may be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors. In the event of such dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and so shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization, or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court (or equivalent thereof) in the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as the said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

our hands and seals this 15 day of the undersigned subscribers, having hereunto set our hands and seals this 25 day of the purpose of constituting a church operated in a corporate non-profit form, pursuant to the applicable sections of the Statutes of the State of Florida.

Pres.	Shirley Strike
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Sec.	Barbara a. Harris
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The undersigned does hereby acknowledge appointment and as and by these presents does accept such appointment to act on behalf as the registered agent and does certify that his/her address is:

Name

Address

Shirley L. Sprinkle 10176 Herndon Rd Jax.Fl. 32246-2208

STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF DUVAL )

Personally appeared before me this day Mulif Spunlle who, being by me first duly sworn, acknowledges that (s)he has read the above acknowledgment and the same is true and correct.

WITNESS my band and official seal in the County and State above set forth, this 32 day of March 2006, A. D.,

Registered Agent (Seal)

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large My commission expires:

(notary seal)

AMY H. BARR MY COMMISSION # DD 146826 EXPIRES: November 16, 2006 1-800-3-NOTARY FL Notary Service & Bonding, Inc.