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March 28, 2006

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Articles of Incorporation of Grace Bible Church of Tampa, Inc.  
(A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Grace Bible Church of Tampa, Inc.

Enclosed please find a firm check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover the filing fee, designation of registered agent, certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and Certificate of Status.

Please send the above referenced documents to the undersigned at the above address (Plant City Office). Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

**DICKERSON LAW FIRM, P.A.**



Robert C. Rogers, Jr., Esquire

Enclosures  
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Grace Bible Church of Tampa, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Robert C. Rogers, Jr., Esquire  
Name (Printed or typed)

104 North Evers Street, Ste. 103  
Address

Plant City, Florida 33563  
City, State & Zip

813.655.1801  
Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**of**

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.**

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

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**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be:

Grace Bible Church of Tampa, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

2523 Ranch Lake Circle, Lutz, Florida 33559

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or a related section of a successor statute (hereinafter "Code"). More particularly, the purposes of this Corporation are:

(a) Our commission is summarized as follows: "And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

(b) To ordain, employ and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the Corporation and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.

(c) To accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may be hereafter be amended.

(d) To do any and all lawful acts and things that may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance or accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV. TAX EXEMPT PROVISIONS**

No part of the net earnings, properties or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its incorporators, members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In any taxable year in which the Corporation is a "private foundation" as described in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation: (a) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; (b) shall not engage in any act of "self dealing" as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; (c) shall not retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; (d) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and (e) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the

county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have members and the members of the Corporation will be required to meet the qualifications set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws; provided, however, neither the incorporators nor the members of the Corporation shall have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets of the Corporation, or any right, interest or privilege which may be inheritable or which shall continue once his or her membership ceases in the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI. OFFICIAL BOARD/OFFICERS**

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and affairs supervised by a Board of Trustees, the precise number of which shall be set by the Bylaws of the Corporation, provided that there shall be a minimum of three trustees at all times. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be elected in the manner and for the term prescribed in the Bylaws of the Corporation, and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

The officers who shall manage the affairs of the Corporation are:

(a) A President, who shall be elected in the manner and for the term prescribed in the Bylaws, and shall hold office until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

(b) A Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as may, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, be necessary to adequately administer the affairs of the Corporation. All officers shall be elected and any vacancies filled in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

To the fullest extent permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, no trustee or officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable for damages in any proceeding brought by or in the right of the Corporation, or in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be or is made a party by reason of being or having been an trustee or officer of the Corporation, provided, however, that such relief from liability shall not apply in any instance where such relief would be inconsistent with any provision applicable to corporations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE VIII. TRUSTEES**

The number of the initial trustees of the Corporation is four (4). Their names and addresses are as follows:

Michael Sprott  
15501 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. #2203  
Tampa, Florida 33647

William Hogan  
1701 Lenna Avenue  
Seffner, Florida 33584

Kenneth Kirlin  
2261 Fluorshire Drive  
Brandon, Florida 33511

Mark Samec  
2523 Ranch Lake Circle  
Lutz, Florida 33559

## **ARTICLE IX. BYLAWS**

The initial Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Initial Trustees and may be altered, amended or rescinded in a manner provided therein.

## **ARTICLE X. TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, amendments to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed and adopted at a duly constituted meeting of the members of the Corporation in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XII. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

DICKERSON LAW FIRM, P.A.  
2020 W. Brandon Blvd., Ste. 201  
Brandon, Florida 33511

**ARTICLE XIII. INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Michael Sprott  
15501 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. #2203  
Tampa, Florida 33647

**ARTICLE XIV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of the Corporation shall be March 27, 2006.

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*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.*

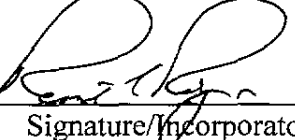
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By:   
Signature/Registered Agent

3/28/06  
Date

Printed Name: Robert C. Rogers, Jr., Esquire as  
agent of Dickerson Law Firm, P.A.

**MICHAEL SPROTT**

By:   
Signature/Incorporator

3/28/06  
Date

Printed Name: Robert C. Rogers, Jr., Esquire as  
attorney-in-fact for Michael Sprott

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