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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: GOD'S WAY OUTREACH MINISTRIES 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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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

# Article I

The name of this corporation shall be, "God's Way Outreach Ministries, Inc." It shall be incorporated as a not for profit religious organization under the laws of the State of Florida.

## Article II

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 505 Arapahoe Ave, in the city of Lakeland, County of Polk, 33805. The registered agent in charge therof is Pastor Willie F. Chatmon, Sr. of "God's Way Outreach Ministries, Inc." located at 505 Arapahoe Ave, Lakeland, FL 33815.

## Article III

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- 1. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
- 2. To encourage and promote the worship of God
- 3. To encourage and promote the edification of believers.
- 4. To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like faith.
- 5. To supervise all the activities of "God's Way Outreach Ministries, Inc.
- 6. To establish churches and encourage their development.
- 7. To examine candidates for the ministry and to ordain as ministers those who shall meet the requirements of this fellowship.
- 8. To approve all scriptural teachings and conduct, and to disapprove all unscriptural teachings and conduct. The Board of Directors shall be expected to keep vigilant watch against any violation of the principles of spiritual unity and cooperative fellowship to which God's Way Outreach Ministries is dedicated.

## STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

Section 1 – The Scriptures Inspired

The scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Peter 1:21).

#### Section 2 - The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6: 4; Isaiah 43: 10, 11; Matthew 28: 19; Luke 3:22). We honor the Son even as we honor the Father. (John 5:22, 23; I Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 4:8-11).

# Section 3 - The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

1. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).

- 2. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- 3. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- 4. His substitutionary work on the cross (I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21).
- 5. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Corinthians 15:4).
- 6. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:29-3:11; Hebrews 1:3).

### Section 4 - The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

## Section 5 - The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

#### Conditions of Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

#### The Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

#### Section 6 - The Ordinances of the Church

## Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism defined in the scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

#### 2. Holy Communism

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements – bread and the fruit of the vine – is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4) a memorial of His suffering and death (I Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (I Corinthians 11:26) and is enjoined on all believers "till He comes!"

#### Section 7 - The Baptism in The Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the Acts 1:4, 8; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 12:1-8). This experience is distinct from and 15:7-9). With the Baptism in the Holy Ghost comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8) a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), and a more active love for Christ, for His word and for the Lost (Mark 16:20).

#### Section 8 - Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:12j I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:13). The scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able too obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." (I Peter 1:15, 16). Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing our individual identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 6:1-11,13; Galatians 2:20; I Peter 1:5; Philippians 2:12-13).

#### Section 9 - The Church and Its Mission

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23). Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the priority reason-for-being of the Servants of Christ as part of the Church is:

- 1. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16).
- 2. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (I Corinthians 12:13).
- 3. To be enabled to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edofying of the body of Christ (Galatiians 5:22-26; I Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11, 12: I Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

### Section 10 - The Minstry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry had been provided by our Lord for the threefold purpose of leading the Church in:

- (1) Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20)
- (2) Worship of God (John 4:23, 24), (3) Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16).

## Section 11 - Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16).

#### Section 12 - The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 15:51, 52).

## Section 13 - The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand-' years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation

1:7; 19:11-14; 20: 1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21, 22; Zephaniah 3:19-20; Romans 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3, 4).

# Section 14. '- The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment at which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet will be assigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 2:11-15; 21:8).

## Section 15 The New Heavens and the New Earth

We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:22).

#### THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

### 1. Terms Defined

The terms "Trinity" and "persons," as related to the Godhead, while not found in the scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many:" We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons and still be absolutely Scriptural (examples, Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13-14; John 14:16, 17).

#### Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained. Luke 1:35; I Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; I John 1:3, 4).

- 3 Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost
  - Accordingly, therefore, there is that in the Son which constitutes Him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Ghost which constitutes Him the Holy Ghost and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Ghost is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one. (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11, 21; Zechariah 14:9).
- 4. Identity and Co-operation in the Godhead The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never identical as to Person; nor confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the Godhead; nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father and the Father is with the Son, as to Fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, but the Son is from the Father, as to

authority. The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exits or works separately or independently of the others. (John 5:17-30, 32, 37: John 8:17, 18).

- 5. The Title, Lord Jesus Christ
  The appellation, "Lord Jesus Christ" is a proper name. It is never applied, in the
  New Testament, either to the Father or the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs
  exclusively to the Son of God. (Romans 1:1-3, 7; II John 3.)
- 6. The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us
  The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only
  Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He
  is therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and
  man, is 'Immanuel," God with us. (Matthew 1:23; I John 4:2, 10; Revelation 1:13, 17).
- 7. The Title, Son of God Since the name" Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, Son of God, describes His proper deity, and the title, Son of Man, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title, Son of God, belongs to the order of eternity, and the title, Son of man, to the order of time. (Matthew 1:21-23; II John 2:22, 23; 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:2).
- 8. Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ
  Wherefore, it is a transgression of the Doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus-Christ
  derived the title, Son of God, solely. from the fact of the incarnation, or because of
  His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a
  real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the
  distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and the Son;
  and displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in
  the flesh. (II John 9; John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, 29, 49; I John 2:22; 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:2.)
- 9. Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord
  The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat
  down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; angels and principalities and
  powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord
  and Christ, He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our -knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the endwhen the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all. (Hebrews 1:
  3; I Peter 3: 33; Acts 2: 32-36; Romans 14: 11; I Corinthians 15:24-28.)
- 10. Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son
  Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the
  express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but is an unspeakable joy
  in the Holy Ghost to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity, and to give Him
  all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and

# Article IV

The manners in which the directors are elected or appointed are:

1. Ephesians 4:9-12; Jesus Himself chooses some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of His body.

# Article V

Names, addresses and specific titles of Initial Directors:

Pastor Willie F. Chatmon, Sr.

Missionary Felicia Chatmon

505 Arapahoe Ave

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Lakeland, FL 33815

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Deacon James Beaty 813 Harmony Hills Loop Missionary GiGi Beaty 813 Harmony Hills Loops

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# Article VI

The name and Florida street address of the Initial Registered Agent:

Pastor Willie F. Chatmon, Sr. 505 Arapahoe Ave

Lakeland, FL 33805

Article VII

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Pastor Willie F. Chatmon, Sr.

505 Arapahoe Ave

Lakeland, FL 33805

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