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March 26, 2007

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee FL 32314

SUBJECT: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LECANTO, INC.

#### Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation of this proposed corporation.

Please endorse your approval of the Articles on the copy and return same to our office.

Our check in the amount of \$70.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael T. Kovach, Sr., Esquire

Enclosure: as stated

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LECANTO, INC.



The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a not-for-profit corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

The name of the corporation is: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LECANTO, INC.

## ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

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

1020 South Lecanto Highway, Box 306 Lecanto, Florida, 34460.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE(S)**

The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

1. Exclusively religious in nature, to provide its members a Biblically based means to assemble together to worship God, exercise their religious rights and educate its members. As such, it shall have the powers and rights incidental to religious corporations of such nature as shown, for the public worship of God according to the teachings of the Holy Bible and according to the practices followed by Churches who are members of the

Southern Baptist Convention.

- 2. To establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of this Church body.
- 3. To advance religious, charitable, educational and any other related or corresponding Christian activities by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- 4. To operate exclusively in any manner for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as will qualify the corporation as an exempt organization under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt.
- 5. To transact any and all lawful business for the benefit of said corporation including the solicitation and receiving of contributions, and to manage and control the amounts of moneys received, for religious, educational and benevolent purposes.
- 6. It is to be noted that this corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes and not for profit.
- 7. The corporation shall have all the powers permitted by law, and will, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes.
- 8. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by any organization that is exempt under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its applicable regulations, now existing or hereafter amended, or by any organization contributions which are deductible under Section 170(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations, now existing or hereafter amended.

#### ARTICLE IV – TERM OF THE CORPORATION

The term of the corporation is perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP IN THE CORPORATION**

Members of the Corporation shall be New Testament Christians, adhering to the teachings of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose offices are located in Nashville, Tennessee, and as stated in the Baptist Faith and Message. Members will be admitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Corporation.

## ARTICLE VI - THE ELECTION, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The manner in which the Directors/Trustees are elected or appointed is as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Directors/Trustees will exemplify the highest Biblical standards of conduct and Christian attitudes at all times. The Directors/Trustees are responsible for the activities and actions of the corporation. The Directors/Trustees shall be responsible for the execution of appropriate documents, to sell or buy, contract to sell, lease, or purchase, mortgage, encumber or otherwise function in a business capacity on behalf of the corporation and/or its assets and obligations. The Directors/Trustees shall be required to function solely in the best interests of the Corporation. Directors/Trustees constitute the administrative body of the Corporation, subject to the established precepts of the Southern Baptist Convention and the affirmative There shall never be less than three (3) approval of the church body. Directors/Trustees and they shall be elected by the members of the Corporation at regular or special meetings as necessary.

## ARTICLE VII – NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE INITIAL DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors/Trustees is as follows:

- 1. Robert W. Bradshaw 567 N. Seton Avenue Lecanto, FL 34461
- 2. Wilbur H. Langley Box 126 Lecanto, FL 34460

3. Richard B. Oats
5370 W. Rolling View Place
Lecanto, FL 34461

#### **ARTICLE VIII - REGISTERED AGENT NAME & ADDRESS**

The name and Street Address of the initial registered agent is:

Michael T. Kovach, Sr., Esquire 105 N. Seminole Avenue Inverness, FL 34450

#### **ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

- 1. Robert W. Bradshaw 567 N. Seton Avenue Lecanto, FL 34461
- 2. Wilbur H. Langley Box 126 Lecanto, FL 34460
- 3. Richard B. Oats 5370 W. Rolling View Place Lecanto, FL 34461

## THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATORS HAVE EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION THIS 254 DAY OF March \_\_\_\_, 2007.

ROBERT W. BRADSHAW Incorporator

WILBUR H. LANGLEY

Incorporator

RICHARD B. OATS

Incorporator

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF CITRUS

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on the date as shown hereinabove.

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My Commission Expires:
Commission Number:

This document prepared by: Michael T. Kovach, Sr., Esquire

as identification

Attorney at Law 105 N. Seminole Avenue Inverness, FL 34450 Phone: 352 344 5551

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## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The Name of the Corporation is: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LECANTO.
  - 2. The name and address of the initial registered agent and office is:

MICHAEL T. KOVACH, SR., ESQUIRE 105 N. Seminole Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE **STATED** DESIGNATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE IN ACCEPT CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY THE APPOINTMENT REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL RELATING TO THE PROPER AND **COMPLETE** PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Michael T. Kovach, Sr., Esquire,

Registered Agent

DATE: