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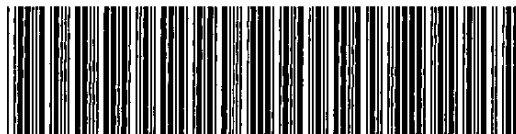
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** REFUGE 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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Filing Fee &  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** REV. JEFFREY A. BURRIS

Name (Printed or typed)

420 CANNA DRIVE

Address

DAVENPORT, FL 33897

City, State & Zip

863-438-5277

Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
(FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

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THE UNDERSIGNED, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE II**

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 420 Canna Drive, Davenport, Florida 33897, Polk County.

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is Rev. Jeffrey Alan Burris, 420 Canna Drive, Davenport, FL 33897. The principal office of the corporation is the same as the Registered Office.

**ARTICLE III**

This is a religious corporation. The specific purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to glorify God through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a soul-saving institution; the administration of the ordinances of the new Testament; the establishment of Christian education; and the evangelization of the world as a Bible-believing, missionary-minded, evangelistically-alive, pre-millennial, Baptist Church and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of no less than three (3) directors as determined by the Bylaws. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

The Directors named in these Articles shall serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as Directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any Director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation from them in any form.

The names and address of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
Jeff Burris	420 Canna Drive Davenport, FL 33897
Earl Black	5040 Washington Street Lake Wales, FL 33859
Gerald Anderson	9128 Golden Gate Blvd. Polk City, FL 33868

#### **ARTICLE V**

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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. 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 any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

**ARTICLE VI**

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 502(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

**ARTICLE VII**

The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII**


These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the members and approved at a membership meeting for which due notice of the proposed amendment was given, by affirmative vote of a quorum of the members present.


Provided, however that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor voting rights of members without approval in writing by all members.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix our signatures to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these Articles of Incorporation.

INCORPORATORS:

  
Bob Oberkonz  
702 Red Cypress Lane  
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Date 8-22-2007

  
Scott Coggins  
1301 Leone Drive  
Haines City, FL 33844

Date 8-23-07

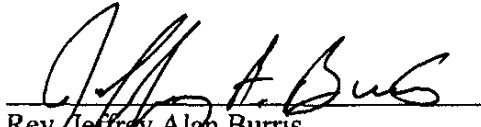
CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE  
SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON  
WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation has named REV. JEFFREY ALAN BURRIS whose address is 420 Canna Drive, Davenport, Florida 33897, County of Polk, State of Florida, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
Rev. Jeffrey Alan Burris

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