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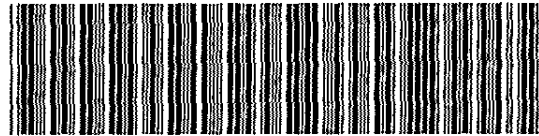
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September 24, 2007

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.  
325 10TH AVE SOUTH  
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September 7, 2007

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.  
325 10TH AVE SOUTH  
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SUBJECT: FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.  
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**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Inc.**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
adopted September 12, 2007

**PREAMBLE**

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a religious place of worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, the members of this assembly, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with and as a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, and also of the Peninsular Florida District of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Lakeland, Florida, and that we do hereby adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name shall be First Assembly of God, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business and address is 325 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, in the city of Jacksonville, Florida 32250.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSES**

1. **To govern** itself and to conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the calling of the pastor, the election of the official board, the discipline of its members and the conduct of its own services and church program.
2. **To acquire and dispose** The right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as a trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes, and to exercise all other powers conferred upon it by its charter or by the applicable nonprofit corporation law of this state; all in accordance with its bylaws as the same may be hereafter amended.
3. **To establish and maintain** a place for the worship of Almighty God, our heavenly father; to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; and to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all means, both at home and in foreign lands.

**ARTICLE IV AFFILIATION**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, this assembly shall voluntarily enter into full cooperative fellowship with assemblies of like faith, associated in the Peninsular Florida Assemblies of God, and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by that affiliation. Officers of the District Council and the General Council shall be recognized and respected by the pastor and members of this assembly.

As a member of the General Council, this assembly has the right to request the assistance of both the General Council and the District Council in dealing with any of its problems, upon the request of the pastor, a majority of the church board, or a petition signed by at least 20 percent of the active members of the assembly. Only those who have regularly attended services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to signing the petition shall be counted.

It is understood and agreed that this assembly shall conform its standards of membership, qualifications for the official board, and requirements for a pastor to those standards set by the District Council and General Council.

By its affiliation, the assembly-directors, officers, and members-agree to submit to the authority of and be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of both the Peninsular Florida District of the Assemblies of God as now in effect or hereafter amended.

**ARTICLE V TENETS OF FAITH**

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. The Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended as a basis of fellowship.

1. **The Scriptures are Inspired** and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authorities rule of faith and conduct. (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:3; II Peter 1:21)

2. **The One True God** has revealed himself as Creator of heaven and earth and the redeemer of mankind, and as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22)

3. **The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**, the eternal Son of God.

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

His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; I Peter 2:22)

His miracles (Acts 2:22, 10:38)

His substitution work on the cross (I Corinthians 15:3, II Corinthians 5-21)

His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39)

His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33)

4. **The Fall of man**, man fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:17; Romans 5:12-19)

5. **The Salvation of man**, his only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified 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 outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:24, Titus 2:12)

6. **The Ordinances of the Church**

a. **Water Baptism** by immersion in water shall be administered to all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10: 47-48; Romans 6:3-5, Colossians 2:12)

b. **Holy Communion** consisting of two elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, a memorial of Jesus Christ's suffering and death shall be observed regularly as enjoined by the scriptures. (I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:19-20)

7. **The Baptism in the Holy Ghost**, all believers can have the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. (Acts 1-2:42)

8. **The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost**, The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4) The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same as the gift of tongues (I Corinthians 12: 4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

9. **Sanctification** is an act of separation from evil, and of dedication unto God. (Romans 12:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12)

10. **The Church and its Mission**, the church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, to fulfill the great commission. Each believer is an integral part of the church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; Hebrews 12:23)

11. **The Ministry** is a divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry provided by the Lord to lead the church in: Evangelism (Mark 16:15-20), Worship of God (John 4:23-24), Building a body of saints perfected in the image of Christ (Ephesians 4; 11,16).

12. **Divine Healing** is an integral part of the gospel. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16)

13. **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)

14. **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 earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14, 20:1-6)

15. **The Final Judgment**, there will be a final judgment where the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 2:11-15; 21:8)

16. **The New Heavens and the New Earth**, We look for new heavens and a new earth. (II Peter 3:13, Revelation 21,22)

## **ARTICLE VI ORDINANCES**

### **Section 1. Baptism in Water**

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

### **Section 2. Holy Communion**

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

## **ARTICLE VII PASTORAL CARE**

Section 1. The church shall have the privilege to consider for pastor any minister in good standing with both the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the District Council, holding a current Fellowship card.

Section 2. The pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the assembly.

Section 3. The pastor shall be elected for an indefinite period of time.

## **ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the assembly for its spiritual oversight shall be the pastor, secretary, and the official board. The members of the official board shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Section 2. The officers or the official board may serve as the trustees of the assembly.

## **ARTICLE XI MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in the assembly shall be available to those persons who qualify according to the Bylaws and complete an application and accepted by the official board.

Section 2. The pastor shall be responsible to see that the secretary shall maintain a current membership role which can be revised by the pastor and the official board.

## **ARTICLE X MEETINGS**

Section 1. Meetings for public worship will be held on each Lord's Day and during the week as provided for under the direction of the pastor or the official board if there is no pastor.

Section 2. There shall be a annual business meeting of the assembly held the first quarter of each year, to include the pastors, secretary-treasurer, and all department officers shall be given.

Section 3. Special business meetings may be called when necessary by the pastor or a majority of the official board announcing two Sunday's prior to the meeting, and an attempt you contact all absent members.

Section 4. Special business meetings of the assembly may be called for by petition of a simple majority of the active members, provided copies of the petition of a simple majority of the active members, placed in the hands of the pastor and official board.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of all members present at any duly called business meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI FINANCES**

Section 1. The assembly shall be financed by the tithes and incomes of its members and friends and such other funds as may be solicited.

Section 2. No indebtedness shall be incurred by or for the assembly without the prior approval of the voting members.

## **ARTICLE XII PROPERTY**

Section 1. All procurement of property shall be vested in the name of First Assembly of God. An approved abstract or title insurance policy is required.

Section 2. All chattel goods secured by or for the ministry shall be its corporate property.

Section 3. The pastor and official board shall be responsible to see that the property is adequately covered by insurance.

Section 4. In the event of the dissolution of the assembly, all properties. Real and chattel, shall revert to the ownership of the Peninsular Florida District of the Assemblies of God.

## **ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance of any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been presented in writing at all the services on at east two consecutive Sunday's prior to the such meeting. It shall be understood that this does not apply to Article IV the Tenets of Faith, which is not amendable.

Articles III, XI, and XII of this constitution may be amended only by the affirmative vote of 100 percent of the active voting members present at any annual or special business meeting called for the exclusive purpose of amending this constitution.

**ARTICLE XIV REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered agent is Pamela Locke, 12126 Cap Ferrat Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

**Article XV THE PERIOD OF DURATION**

The period duration of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE XVI NAMES AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATORS**

Pastor, Reverend Otis J. Locke II 12126 Cap Ferrat St., Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Secretary, Pamela Locke, 12126 Cap Ferrat St, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Treasurer, Jennifer Lacy 3012 Peach Dr., Jacksonville, Florida 32246

The officers may apply for a license, open a bank account, and do legal business.

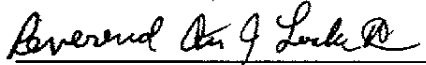
**ARTICLE XVII METHOD OF ELECTIONS**

The method of elections of Pastor and Board members is stated in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XVIII NAME OF INCORPORATOR**

The name of and address of the incorporator is Pamela Locke, 12126 Cap Ferrat Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32224.

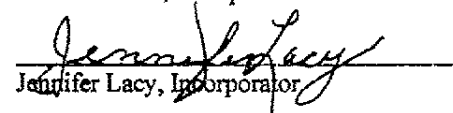
In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.



Reverend Otis J. Locke II, Incorporator

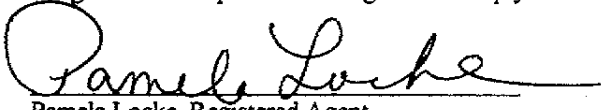


Pamela Locke, Incorporator



Jennifer Lacy, Incorporator

The undersigned, being the registered (or statutory) agent listed in these Articles of Incorporation hereby accepts the position as such and agrees to act in such capacity. The undersigned further represents that he or she is familiar with the obligations of the position and agrees to comply with them.



Pamela Locke, Registered Agent

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