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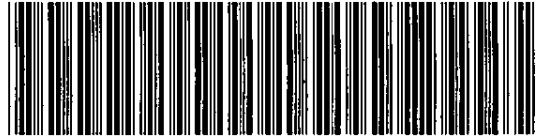
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March 18, 2008

Florida Department of State  
CORPORATIONS DIVISION  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Inc.

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

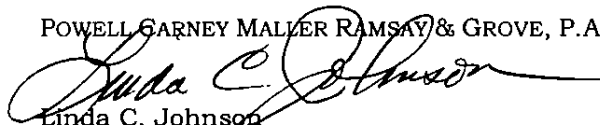
Enclosed are duplicate original Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced not for profit corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover filing fees in the amount of \$35.00, cost for a certified copy in the amount of \$8.75 and cost for designation of registered agent in the amount of \$35.00.

If the Articles of Incorporation are in order, would you please cause the certified copy to be returned to the attention of the undersigned.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

POWELL CARNEY MALLER RAMSAY & GROVE, P.A.

  
Linda C. Johnson  
Corporate Administrator

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**of**

**NEW PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

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We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation not for profit, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

**ARTICLE I.  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of this corporation is **NEW PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.** and its mailing address is 2550 Ninth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712.

**ARTICLE II.  
PURPOSES**

**Section 1.** This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

**Section 2.** The corporation is specifically organized for the purposes of acquiring by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise, real and personal property for the purposes of building, erecting, constructing or providing for and maintaining and equipping a suitable church and related facilities, for the further purpose of maintaining and fostering public worship, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and other ministry work related to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as further detailed in the Bylaws of the corporation.

**Section 3.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, deacons, 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 payment and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. The corporation shall not be used for the carrying on the 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 these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any further future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deducted under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Section 4.** The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Section 5.** The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Section 6.** The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Section 7.** The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Section 8.** The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Section 9.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

**Section 10.** Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Deacons shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute assets of the corporation exclusively to one or more exempt organizations with purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal offices of the corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization, or organizations, as said court shall determined, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE III.  
TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

**ARTICLE IV.  
MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have Members. The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as subscribers, as deacons, and such other persons who, from time to time hereafter, are accepted into the membership of the church in accordance with the Bylaws of the church.

**ARTICLE V.  
BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Section 1.** The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Deacons.

**Section 2.** This corporation shall have three (3) members of the Board of Deacons initially. The number of Deacons may be changed from time to time as provided by the Bylaws, but their number may never be less than three (3).

**Section 3.** Only persons who are Members of the corporation shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Deacons.

**Section 4.** The names and addresses of the initial Board of Deacons who are to serve as Deacons until the first meeting of the membership is as follows:

Name	Address
Jim Anderson	2550 Ninth Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phillip Carter	2550 Ninth Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Johnnie Jackson	2550 Ninth Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712

**Section 5.** Members of the Board of Deacons shall be elected and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such number of additional Vice Presidents or other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws.

**Section 2.** The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Deacons are:

Name	Office
Jim Anderson	President
Phillip Carter	Vice President
Johnnie Jackson	Treasurer
Wanda Corbett	Secretary

**Section 3.** The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Deacons or as provided in the Bylaws.

**Section 4.** The officers shall have such duties, responsibilities and powers as provided by the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS**

The membership shall adopt Bylaws for the corporation at the first meeting of the membership of the corporation after the approval of these Articles of Incorporation by the

Florida Secretary of State. Additional Bylaws or alterations or rescission of the first Bylaws shall be enacted by the Members or Deacons.

**ARTICLE VIII.  
CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS**

The conduct of the affairs of the corporation shall be limited by the various provisions of the Bylaws including but not limited to the following matters: provisions establishing classes of membership and limiting voting rights to one or more of such classes; and provisions creating, dividing, limiting and regulating the powers of the corporation, the Deacons and the Members.

**ARTICLE IX.  
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is Bank of America Tower, One Progress Plaza, Suite 1210, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation located at that address is JAMES N. POWELL.

**ARTICLE X.  
SUBSCRIBERS**


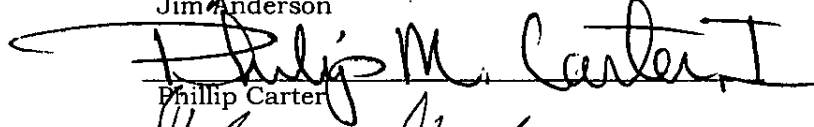
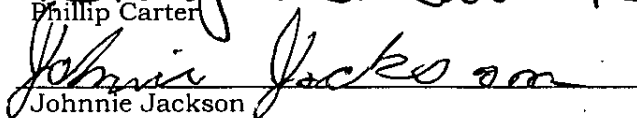
The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name	Address
Jim Anderson	2550 Ninth <del>Street</del> <sup>Avenue</sup> South St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phillip Carter	2550 Ninth <del>Street</del> <sup>Avenue</sup> South St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Johnnie Jackson	2550 Ninth <del>Street</del> <sup>Avenue</sup> South St. Petersburg, FL 33712

**ARTICLE XI.  
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Members and the Deacons. Such amendment shall be proposed and adopted by a vote of the Deacons and Members of the corporation.

THESE ARTICLES are subscribed to by.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Anderson  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phillip Carter  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Johnnie Jackson

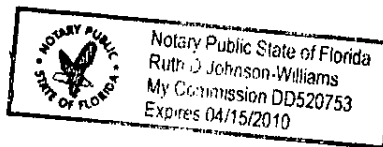
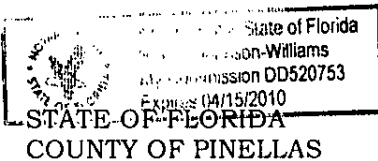
STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by **JIM ANDERSON**, who ☒ is personally known to me, or ☐ produced a valid Florida driver's license, or ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My Commission Expires:

Ruth D. Johnson-Williams  
Notary Public

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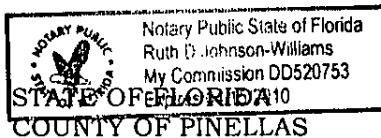


The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by **PHILLIP CARTER**, who ☒ is personally known to me, or ☐ produced a valid Florida driver's license, or ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My Commission Expires:

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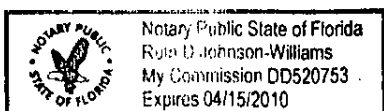


The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by **JOHNNIE JACKSON**, who ☒ is personally known to me, or ☐ produced a valid Florida driver's license, or ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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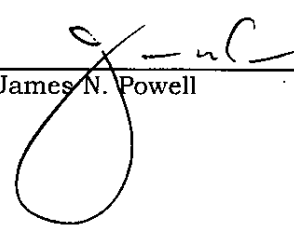
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### ACCEPTANCE

I hereby accept to act as Initial Registered Agent for **NEW PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**, a Florida not for profit corporation, as stated in these Articles of Incorporation.

  
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James N. Powell

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