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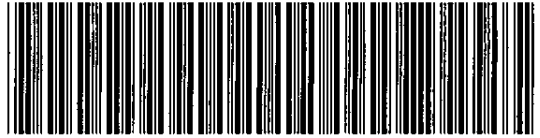
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**COVER LETTER**

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**SUBJECT:** Jesus Christ Believers 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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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Randy W. Nichols  
Name (Printed or typed)

22221 Little Falls Avenue  
Address

Port Charlotte, Florida 33952  
City, State & Zip

(941)-629-8317  
Daytime Telephone number

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

## Preamble

In order to establish the Lord's work, on a more efficient and permanent basis, we the members of Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc. affirm our belief that God's people should be fitly framed together as set forth in scripture. We further affirm that the work of the ministry be done in a manner that is decent and in order according to scripture. This is needful for the efficient organization required to successfully carry on the work of the Gospel and to properly handle personal and business affairs.

## Article I

The name of this corporation/organization shall be Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc., and it's articles of incorporation as filed with the state of Florida is adopted and ratified.

## Article II

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:  
Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc.  
4868B Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

## Article III Purpose(s)

The general purpose of this corporation shall be to conduct real worship and instruction. Engaging in bible teaching and preaching of biblical truths. To license and equip it's ministers for the work of the gospel and all activities pertaining to the office they hold. To establish churches, schools, parsonages, and other institutions connected with religious, educational, charitable, and benevolent character. To the end that it's own members and others may be generally instructed and guided in accordance with the bible and the Articles of Faith adopted by his corporation. To advance and promote spiritual growth, moral and personal purity among it's own members and the people of the community in which it is located. Promoting home missions and aiding in the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community and around the world.

This corporation shall have the right to acquire, either by gift, or purchase, and to hold, own, sell, mortgage, or encumber in any manner, lease and improve property for itself and others, either as trustee or otherwise. The powers of the corporation are limited only by it's Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the state of Florida.

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**Article IV**  
**Election of Directors/Elders**

The directors/elders of Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc. will be elected during a general assembly meeting. When there is a vacancy or a new director/elder must be appointed according to the Articles of Faith the pastor will make a recommendation to the general assembly. The name(s) will be announced seven (7) days prior to the meeting date and a candidate must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting at such meeting to fill the position.

**Article V**  
**Founding Directors**

Randy W. Nichols - Founding Elder and Pastor  
22221 Little Falls Avenue  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Yves Auguste - Elder  
255 Waterside Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Kathy Tackitt - Secretary  
1088 Mosaic Street  
North Port, FL 34288

**Article VI**  
**Registered Agent**

Randy W. Nichols  
22221 Little Falls Avenue  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

**Article VII**  
**Incorporator**

Randy W. Nichols  
22221 Little Falls Avenue  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

## Article VIII The Distribution of Funds

This will be a non-profit organization and will retain a 501(c)(3) status for the purposes of taxes and charitable giving. All revenue received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used and employed in religious, educational, charitable, benevolent and missionary work and not for the sole benefit of the members of said corporation. The support of the Pastor and Associates shall be such as he and the assembly shall agree upon. (Luke 10:7; I Corinthians 9:7-14)

## Article IX Qualifications for Membership

Membership is for every person who believes in repentance toward God and has faith in Jesus Christ, as their savior and Lord. Who follows on in baptism according to scripture and has experienced the Acts 2:38 conversion (John 3:5; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38, 8:37-38, 22:16, 10:44-48, 19:1-6). Who observes the ordinances of Christ and is governed by his laws is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation and organization.

## Article X Licensing Ministers and Ordination

By virtue of the call and being chief steward of this church/corporation/organization, Randy W. Nichols presiding elder of this church/corporation/organization is hereby automatically ordained as a minister of the gospel, having completed the necessary requirements of the licensing program set forth by Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc.

All other candidates must be of necessary experience and qualifications, as set forth by the principles in scripture and licensing program, and shall have demonstrated their ability to undertake the responsibilities and duties associated with the ministry. A candidate must exhibit a teachable spirit and their credentials shall only be valid when sealed by the church seal. It shall be renewed annually on the license issued date. Ordination shall be in order for local ministries within the fellowship as a means of establishment, under girding, and a display of support. This type of ordination serves to recognize the calling to labor within and for the church. The Pastor of Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc. along with prayer and wise counsel and according with the principles set forth in scripture shall establish various offices of ministry that will minister to the church in the following manner:

- A. Ordained Minister: Those called and anointed of God to minister to the body of Christ as recognized and confirmed by the public laying on of hands.
- B. Licensed Minister: Those called and anointed of God to minister to the body of Christ who are in training under the authority of those who have been ordained
- C. Commissioned Minister: Those who have recognized the call and anointing of God on their lives, but who have just entered into the ministry, and will if such anointing and call is confirmed, work their way to licensing and ordination.

Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc. shall have the authority to examine all candidates. An application shall be properly filled out and a reasonable fee assessed to defray the cost of processing. Each candidate may be required to take a written examination and/or fulfill a prescribed course of study. Each candidate may be requested to appear in person before a predetermined committee to respond to any matter relating to the ministry. Upon acceptance each candidate will receive his/her own certificate of completion, by-laws and articles of faith, along with their license. Credentials may be terminated upon the removal of the minister from the fellowship or by discipline as set forth with regard to those in fellowship.

#### Article XI Church Discipline

Any member failing or refusing after the first and second admonitions to keep their obligations and abide by the rules of the corporation may be automatically suspended. (II Thessalonians 3:6) Or they may be dealt with according to the following methods:

- A. If any member of the church or corporation be overtaken in a fault, he or she shall be dealt with according to Galatians 6:1; I John 5:16-17; and James 5:19-20.
- B. Any grievance arising between individual members of this assembly or corporation shall be dealt with according to Matthew 18:15-18.

Remember this:

Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Article XII**  
**Affairs of Corporation and the Position of Pastor**

The affairs of this corporation are to be managed by the pastor and founder whose terms of office shall be non-elective. The pastor shall choose wise counsel (Proverbs 13:20) of three (3) in number and they shall serve the pastor/corporation as directed by and under the leadership of God.

Their terms of office shall be determined by their continued obedience and submission to the will of God and the rules set forth in scripture and the By-laws of this corporation.

Should the position of pastor become vacant for any reason whatsoever, this counsel shall take the oversight of the church until such time as a pastor can be installed. The church shall then have the right to elect the incoming pastor. He shall have to meet the requirements and qualifications set forth by the said corporation. He shall have a probation period of 90 days and then must receive two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the membership before he can be installed as the permanent pastor. He must also have obtained an Ordained Minister's License through Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc.

**Article XIII**  
**Business Meetings and Amendments to By-laws**

1. A business meeting of the church must be announced publicly in at least two (2) services. The first announcement being seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.
2. A majority vote of the members present and voting at any business session shall be the deciding factor.
3. The minimum age of a member voting in a local church business meeting shall be eighteen (18) year of age. He or she must have attended the last three scheduled meetings of the assembly.

The By-laws of the church may be altered, changed, or amended by the members of the church at any regular business meeting called for that purpose, provided the proper notice was given at a prior regular meeting.

All such proposed alterations, changes, or amendments of the By-laws must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting at such meeting.

Article XIV

Acceptance of By-laws are adopted and accepted by this corporation and shall be in full force and effect from this day forth.

In witness whereof, the undersigned parties set their hands hereto in their corporation as officials of Jesus Christ Believers Church, Inc.

This 20 day of April 2008.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elder

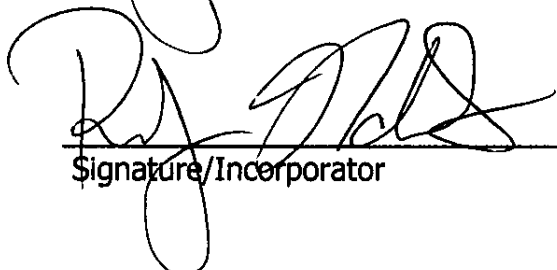
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



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

4/20/08  
Date

  
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Signature/Incorporator

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