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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NEW HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE WALES, INC

(A Florida Corporation not for profit)

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under Florida law.

I. NAME

The name of the Corporation is **NEW HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE WALES, INC.**

II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes of the Corporation shall be to be a Christian Church as an organized body of believers in Christ who stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel agreeably to His Word, who give themselves to God through Jesus Christ and to each other by the will of God, and in particular:

- 1. We solemnly agree before God, that we will strive, by His assisting grace, to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We solemnly agree, as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, to be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble and to kindly admonish the erring, and to labor together for the building up of the church and the salvation of sinners.
- 2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain secret and family prayer and religiously instruct those under our care.
- 3. We solemnly agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, contributing accordingly to our ability and circumstances for the support of our ministry and other church expenses among us. We will be benevolent to the needy, especially to the poor in our own church.
- 4. We promise that, so far as we shall be able, that we will attend public worship and the social meetings of the church, we will report ourselves regularly at church conferences, and we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house.
- 5. We solemnly agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity of the world; that we will not traffic in, use, nor furnish to others, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our church, and any Free Will Baptist association with which we may affiliate, as missions education, Sabbath schools, moral reforms, and all other activities which tend to the glory of God and the welfare of man.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are provided for in the Bylaws of the corporation.

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IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

V. STREET ADDRESS

The street address and the mailing address of the corporation is 3900 Washington Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853. The Registered Agent is **JANICE P. DENMARK**, and her address is 1398 4th Street, NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the principal office to any other address in Florida and may establish branch offices in other locations.

VI. DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall exclusively manage the affairs of the corporation and shall consist of no less than three (3) members and no more than twelve (12) members. The Board shall be elected at the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons with their addresses shown:

NAME/ADDRESS

BISHOP CHARLES BROWN 3208 Emmanuel Drive Lake Wales, FL 33898

WILLIE C. MOORE 115 B Street Lake Wales, FL 33853

ROCHELLE BURRAGE 611 Tuscany Street Brandon, FL 33511

WANDA JOHNSON 500 Crescent Circle Lake Wales, FL 33853

MELODY BLOCKER 513 Greenview Terrace Lake Wales, FL 33853 JANICE P. DENMARK 1398 4th Street, NE Winter Haven, FL 33881

ELBERT JOYNER 206 West Northside Drive Lake Wales, FL 33853

MELVIN CAMERON 131 Ridge Manor Drive Lake Wales, FL 33853

CLARENCE BLOCKER 513 Greenview Terrace Lake Wales, FL 33853

VII. OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation are to be set by the Board of Directors and carried out by a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors determines. The Board of Directors will elect officers at least annually. The names and offices of the persons who are to serve as officers until the first election of officers are:

NAME

OFFICE

BISHOP CHARLES BROWN JANICE P. DENMARK MELODY BLOCKER ROCHELLE BURRAGE President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

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NEW HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE WALES, INC. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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VIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are **JANICE** P. **DENMARK**, 1398 4th Street, NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, after, and rescind the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its board members.

X. NONPROFIT CHARACTER

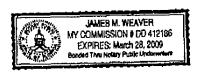
- A. In these Articles of Incorporation and in any amendments to it, the terms "charitable organizations" or "charitable organization" shall mean corporations, or other entities formed under United States law, and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures or is payable to or for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which do not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The organizations described in this Article shall be such only as are entitled to exemption from income tax under I.R.C. § 501(c)(3).
- B. The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to only religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes as defined in I.R.C. § 501(c)(3).
- C. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in I.R.C. §§ 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government exclusively for public purposes.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under I.R.C. § 170(c)(2) or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

GIVEN by the undersigned subscriber on December 29, 2008.

JANICE P. DENMARK, Incorporator

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me in Polk County, Florida, on December 29, 2008, by JANICE P. DENMARK, personally known to me.



Notary Public

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REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE

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

NEW HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE WALES, INC., desiring to organize and incorporate under Florida law with its principal office and its registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named JANICE P. DENMARK as its agent to accept service of process within this State in compliance with Fla. Stat. § 48.091.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and agree to keep the office open in compliance with Fla. Stat. § 48.091.

JANIÇE P. DENMARK, Registered Agent

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