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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF -

#### LAKESHORE BIBLE CHURCH, INC.

I, the undersigned incorporator, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the corporation shall be:

Lakeshore Bible Church, Inc.

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#### ARTICLE II

#### Principal Office and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the corporation shall be:

3036 West Bearss Avenue Tampa, Florida 33618

#### ARTICLE III

#### <u>Purposes</u>

- (a) The corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Church") is organized and shall be operated as a church founded on, and governed in accordance with, the Christian doctrines set forth in the bylaws of the Church.
- (b) In governing its activities in accordance with the Christian doctrines referenced above, the Church also may engage in other religious, educational and charitable activities, and may take such other action which, from time to time, shall be deemed expedient to the Trustees of the Church and which shall further the said purposes and beliefs of the Church.
- (c) It shall be within the purposes of the Church to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the

principal thereof exclusively for the active conduct of its religious, educational or charitable purposes directly or through one or more grantee organizations.

- (d) No part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any trustee, officer or member of the Church, or to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Church affecting one or more of its purposes), and no trustee, officer or member of the Church, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Church. No part of the activities of the Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Church shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any statute of similar import (the "Code") or the regulations issued thereunder, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code and regulations issued thereunder.
- (f) Upon the dissolution of the Church or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Church shall be distributed exclusively to religious, educational or charitable organizations that then would qualify for the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder, and no trustee, officer or member of the Church, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of such assets.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **Powers**

- (a) The Church shall have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the religious, educational and charitable purposes for which the Church is organized.
- (b) The Church shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that would invalidate its status:
  - (i) As a church;
  - (ii) As a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code; or

(iii) As a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE V

### <u>Members</u>

The corporation shall have members. The qualifications for admission to membership for Members, the manner of admission of Members, and the rights of Members shall be as set forth in the bylaws of the Church.

#### ARTICLE VI

# **Term of Existence**

The term for which the Church is to exist shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE VII

# Registered Agent and Registered Office

The initial registered agent of the Church shall be Vincent J. Fechtel, III, and the initial registered office of the Church shall be 3036 West Bearss Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33618. The Church shall have the right to change such registered agent and registered office as provided by law.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>

Address

Vincent J. Fechtel, III

3036 West Bearss Avenue Tampa, Florida 33618

#### ARTICLE IX

# Trustees and Officers

The affairs of the Church shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected as provided in the bylaws of the Church, and by officers who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. The officers thus to be elected shall be a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for in the bylaws of the Church. The duties of the respective officers and the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of the Church shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Church.

The number of Trustees and the manner of filling vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be provided in the bylaws of the Church. The number shall not be less than three (3), but may be any number in excess thereof. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Trustees qualified and active, and the act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Trustees. Subject to the bylaws of the Church, meetings of the Trustees may be held within or without the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Initial Trustees

The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Trustees, who, subject to these Articles, the bylaws of the Church and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office for the first year of the Church's existence, and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Vincent J. Fechtel, III	3036 West Bearss Avenue Tampa, Florida 33618
Eugene R. Jalbert	3036 West Bearss Avenue Tampa, Florida 33618
Gene E. Pleus	3036 West Bearss Avenue Tampa, Florida 33618

#### ARTICLE XI

# **Bylaws**

The bylaws of the Church, which may also be referred to as the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church, may be made, altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted from time to time by unanimous vote of the Trustees of the Church.

# ARTICLE XII

# Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

These Articles may be amended as provided in the bylaws of the Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes herein expressed this day of November, 2009.

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# LAKESHORE BIBLE CHURCH, INC.

# ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AS REGISTERED AGENT

VINCENT J. FECHTEL, III, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the registered office designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees and consents to act in that capacity. The undersigned is familiar with and accepts the duties and obligations of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_day of November, 2009.

VINCENT J. PECHTEL, III

SECRETARY OF STAF