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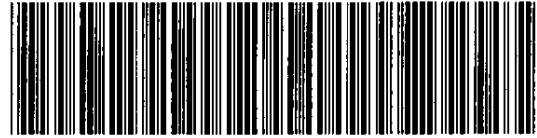
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: New Beginnings Worship Center of Okeechobee, FL, 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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Filing Fee,  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: William Edward Nickalson  
Name (Printed or typed)

2488 N.W. 5th Street  
Address

Okeechobee, FL 34972  
City, State & Zip

(863) 763-8452  
Daytime Telephone number

wnickalson@yahoo.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NEW BEGINNINGS WORSHIP CENTER OF OKEECHOBEE, FL, INC.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be NEW BEGINNINGS WORSHIP CENTER OF OKEECHOBEE, FL, INC., and its duration is to be perpetual.

ARTICLE II

The name of the registered agent and the location and post office address of the corporation's registered and principle office in the State of Florida is William Edward Nickalson, 2488 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. City of Okeechobee, County of Okeechobee, State of Florida, 34972, respectively.

ARTICLE III

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from,

engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;

(b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;

(c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

(d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other non-profit associations, churches and missionary organizations and their branches. It shall operate as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives to be. In every case and in every act and in pursuit of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association, the corporation does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church.

(e) To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.

(f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principle objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(g) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect; construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

(h) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm,

association or corporation; to draw make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.

(i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.

(j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

(k) By its Board of Directors to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers and employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

(l) To adopt Bylaws regulating and providing for:

(1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical

government;

(2) A formal code of doctrine and discipline;

(3) A congregational membership;

(4) An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;

(5) A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;

(6) A literature of the church;

(7) Regular religious services;

(8) Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;

(9) Schools for the preparation of its ministers;

(10) Schools for Christian education of children;

(m) To minister sacerdotal functions;

(n) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(o) To use any and all media, including but not limited to recording, print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(p) To provide ministry in jails, penitentiaries and other detention or penal facilities;

(q) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith and schools for

Christian education where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;

(r) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word, music, song and testimony;

(s) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and the attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.

(t) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

(u) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any



provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### ARTICLE IV

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Board of Directors shall conduct all the business of the corporation (church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (church). The number of Directors, and the qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation. The qualifications of member and the manner of their admission shall be fully provided in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VI

The private property of the directors and members shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the directors or members of the corporation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or

liabilities of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLES III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate 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 a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of

jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

#### ARTICLE IX

The undersigned incorporators/directors shall act as the initial Board of Directors until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The Directors shall be elected yearly at the annual business meeting by the voting members. The initial Board of Directors shall not be less than three (3).

DATED This 17 day of Feb, 2000.

#### INCORPORATORS

NAME

ADDRESS

William E. Nickalson  
William Edward Nickalson

2488 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Rebecca J. Nickalson  
Rebecca J. Nickalson

2488 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Helen F. Crumley  
Helen F. Crumley

1631 S.W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Okeechobee, FL 34974

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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 William Edward Nickalson Date 2-17-10  
William Edward Nickalson

Signature/Incorporator William Edward Nickalson Date 2-17-10  
William Edward Nickalson

Signature/Incorporator Rebecca J Nickalson Date 2-17-10  
Rebecca J Nickalson

Signature/Incorporator Helen F. Crumley Date 2-17-10  
Helen F. Crumley