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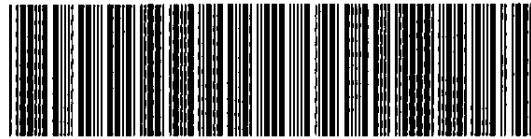
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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SUBJECT: EBENEZER Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, 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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☐ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Ebenezer M. B. Church  
Name (Printed or typed)

1212 Scott Street  
Address

Tampa, FL. 33602  
City, State & Zip

(813) 886-6512  
Daytime Telephone number

b.kirlew@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  
FOR  
EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, INC.  
(A Corporation Not-For-Profit)

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We, THE UNDERSIGNED, natural persons of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, acting as Incorporators of a Corporation not-for-profit, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of the Corporation shall be Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPLE OFFICE:

The principle office and mailing address for the Corporation shall be 1212 Scott Street, Tampa, Florida, 33602.

## ARTICLE III

### A. PURPOSES:

The Corporation shall have unlimited power to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any or all lawful business for which the Corporation may be organized under this act, including but not limited to:

1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized is to provide Christian Worship and Service in accordance with the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and beliefs of the Baptist Church for the benefit and enjoyment of it's members; seek the salvation of the lost through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and promote Christian fellowship through spreading the Gospel within it's associational affiliations and throughout the world.
2. Enter into transactions for the purchase, sale and/or mortgage of real and personal property and associated activities to secure, use and maintain such buildings and facilities as needed to carry out the religious worship or service according to the doctrines, usages and customs of churches' of the Baptist credence.
3. Do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the subject area herein enumerated, or which may at any time appear conducive to or expedient for the protection or benefit of this Corporation, and to do said acts as fully and to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, in any part of the world, as principals, agents, partners, trustees, or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with any other person, association or corporation.
4. The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as purposes and powers and shall not be held to limit or restrict, in manner, the general powers of the Corporation, or the enjoyment and exercise of these powers as conferred by the laws of the State of Florida. It is intended that the purposes and powers specified in each of the paragraphs of this Article III shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

### B. RESTRICTIONS:

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to it's members, directors, 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 Subpart A of this Article III. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation, shall involve the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501( c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170( c ) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

The membership of this Corporation shall be open to all persons who believe and openly confess their belief in the divinity and doctrines of the scriptures of the Holy Bible. Affiliation with this organization may be obtained through: a) Candidacy for Baptism; b) Christian Experience: providing verification that the prospective member has been baptized in accordance with the doctrines of this organization and affiliated with a church body that shares the same religious beliefs; and c) a Letter of Recommendation from a church body of the same religious faith from which the prospective member is transferring.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DURATION:**

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual, commencing on the date of filing.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **SUBSCRIBERS:**

The names and addresses of the Organizers and Subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Elder Walter White	315 W. Frances Ave. Tampa, Florida 33602
Min. Lillian Brunson	3026 N. Avandia Republic De Cuba #210 Tampa, Florida 33605
Benita Kirlew	3110 E. Emma Street Tampa, Florida 33610
Randy Kelly	1308 E. Columbus Dr. Tampa, Florida 33605
Barbara A. Garland	315 W. Frances Ave. Tampa, Florida 33602
Kennith McClary	213 W. Humphrey Street Tampa, Florida 33604

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS:**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be administered by, a President, a Vice President, Secretary (Clerk), Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, and as many Assistant Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries (Clerks), Assistant Financial Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Trustees, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine, after submitting to the general membership for ratification. Such officers shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors are duly elected. The names of the Initial Officers who are to serve until the first annual meeting of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualify, are as follows:

President	Elder Walter White
Vice President	Min. Lillian Brunson
Secretary (Clerk)	Benita Kirlew
Financial Secretary	Barbara A. Garland
Treasurer	Randy Kelly
Trustee	Kennith McClary

## ARTICLE VIII

### DIRECTORS:

The number of Directors constituting the Initial Board of Directors of this Corporation is six (6). Such directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors are duly elected. The names and addresses of persons who are to serve as Directors, until the first Annual Meeting of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualify are:

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## **ARTICLE IX**

### **BYLAWS:**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by the bylaws, which shall be adopted by the Initial Board of Directors, as constituted under Article VIII above, at the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, and said bylaws may thereafter be altered, amended, added to or rescinded by the general membership of the Corporation at any regular or special meeting thereof, upon two-thirds (2/3) affirmative votes of the general membership in attendance at the said meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **AMENDMENTS:**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend the Articles of Incorporation at any regular or special meeting of the members by simple majority affirmative vote of the general membership in attendance at the meeting, after proposal by the Board of Directors, as provided in the bylaws or in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **MANAGEMENT:**

The Directors, along with the officers, shall serve as the governing body of the Corporation and shall be responsible for all transactions of the Corporation once the action has been approved by the general membership, provided, at all times, that the Directors and Officers, shall have the power to take such actions and make such decisions which are necessary for the management of the Corporation.



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## ARTICLE XII

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### REGISTERED AGENT:

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The name and address of this Corporation's initial registered is: Bishop W. L. Lee, 4054 NE 55<sup>th</sup> Court, Silver Springs, Florida 34489, who upon accepting this designation agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE XIII

### DISSOLUTION:

This organization shall be dissolved upon bankruptcy or upon a simple majority (50% + one) affirmative vote of the general membership to terminate operations. 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 sections 501( c)(3) and 170( c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 ( c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 ( c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, these purposes are limited to those described in Section 501 ( c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers have hereto affixed their signatures  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2010.

Walter White  
Walter White

Lillian Brunson  
Lillian Brunson

Benita Kirlew  
Benita Kirlew

Randy Kelly  
Randy Kelly

Barbara A. Garland  
Barbara A. Garland

Kennith McClary  
Kennith McClary

## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been designated to accept service of process for Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, Bishop W. L. Lee, agrees to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091 relative to keeping such office.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2010.

Bishop W. L. Lee  
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