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SUBJECT:	FREE LIFE CHAPEL, INC.				
	(PROPOSED CORPORATE	E NAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>	<u>DE SUFFIX</u> )		
Enclosed is an original	and one (1) copy of the Artic	es of Incorporation and	a check for:		
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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FREE LIFE CHAPEL, INC.

- SECRETARY OF STATE VALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

#### A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporator for the purpose of forming a Florida not for profit corporation under the provision of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE I: NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is FREE LIFE CHAPEL, INC. Its address is 777 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809.

#### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code. Further, the general purpose of this corporation is to carry out Christian Church and provide Christian ministry. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code, or
- (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code.

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 herein. 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, or intervene in (including the publishing or

distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any

candidate for public office.

The corporation shall further function and operate as a Christian, Charitable

Church, with the following purposes, objectives, and vision:

To provide a Christian witness;

To promote a Pro-Israel stance, regarding the Jewish people and the nation of

Israel, according to the promise of Genesis 12:3, which we believe is an eternal covenant

between God and the seed of Abraham to which God is faithful.

To enhance the quality of life in the Greater Lakeland, Florida area through

various outreach and community based programs, biblical teaching, weekly worship

services and classes as is necessary to accomplish its expanding mission;

To encourage, promote and support the community through various Christian

programs as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**ARTICLE III: POWERS** 

The corporation shall have the power to:

- 1. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its articles of incorporation.
- 2. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- 3. Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- 4. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require.
- 5. Adopt, change, amend and repeal By-Laws, not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
- 6. Increase, by a vote of its members cast as the By-Laws may direct, the number of its directors, managers, or trustees so that the number shall not be less than three (3) but may be any number in excess thereof.
- 7. Make contacts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income.
- 8. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.
- 9. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- 10. Acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein.

- 11. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property or assets.
- 12. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.
- 13. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- 14. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, education, or other similar purposes.
- 15. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.
- 16. Merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

#### ARTICLE IV: PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

At any time during which the corporation is a "private foundation" as defined in §509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("I.R.C."), it shall not:

- (a) Engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in I.R.C. §4941(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4941(a);
- (b) Retain any "excess business holdings", as defined in I.R.C. §4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4943(a);

- (c) Make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of I.R.C. §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4944(a);
- (d) Make any "taxable expenditures," as defined in I.R.C. §4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4945(a);
- (e) During the period it is a "private foundation" as defined in I.R.C. §509, the corporation shall distribute, for the purposes specified in its articles of organization, for each taxable year, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4942(a).

## ARTICLE V: COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

No member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operation of the corporation, except actual expenses to or on behalf of said corporation, if authorized by the board of directors. An officer of the corporation may receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation as an officer, without regard to whether he or she is also a director. This paragraph shall not preclude payment of reasonable compensation to a director, officer or member for services rendered to the corporation in any other capacity. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the corporation shall make no payment that would constitute "self-dealing" as defined in IRC §4941(d).

Upon the 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 the corresponding section of any further United States 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 a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VI: LOCATION AND REGISTERED AGENT

The location of the corporation is in the City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida. Its principal office shall be located at 777 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809. The name and address of its initial Registered Agent in Florida is KAREN STEVERSON, located at 777 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809.

#### ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR

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

Name Address

Scott Thomas 777 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809

The incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation hereby assigns to this corporation any and all of his rights to constitute a corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have one or more members. A designation of the class or classes of members and qualifications and rights of the members of each class, and the names of the initial member or members shall be set forth in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS

(a) The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for in the By-Laws adopted by the corporation and as amended from time to time.

(b) The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first annual meeting of the membership in accordance with the By-Laws are:

President

**Scott Thomas** 

Treasurer

Cindy Thomas

Secretary

**Cindy Thomas** 

(c) The officers shall be elected as provided for in the By-Laws adopted by the corporation and as amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the board of directors. This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3).

- (a) The board of directors shall be members of the corporation.
- (b) Members of the board of directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.
- (c) The names and addresses of those who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting of the membership of the corporation, are:

**NAME** 

ADDRESS

**Scott Thomas** 

777 Carpenters Way Lakeland, FL 33809

**Cindy Thomas** 

777 Carpenters Way Lakeland, FL 33809

Doris Padro

777 Carpenters Way Lakeland, FL 33809

#### ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with Florida law in effect at the time. The procedure to amend articles of incorporation is currently set out in Florida Statutes, §617.017.

#### ARTICLE XII: EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually beginning with the execution of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Scott Thomas, the undersigned subscribing incorporator have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of June, 2010, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

SCOTT THOMAS

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

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named KAREN STEVERSON, located at 777 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept the appointment to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

KAREN STEVERSON Registered Agent

