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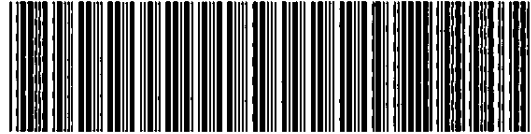
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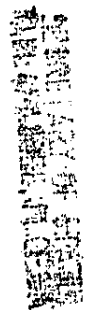
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** SOUTHPOINT CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST 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:  
\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate.

FROM: SOUTHPOINT CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.  
Name (Printed or typed)

25404 Babette Court  
Address

Punta Gorda, Florida 33983  
City, State & Zip

(941) 764-7901  
Daytime Telephone number

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

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

June 21, 2011

SOUTHPOINT CHURCH, INC.  
25404 BABETTE COURT  
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33983

SUBJECT: SOUTHPOINT CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: W11000033430

We have received your document for SOUTHPOINT CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

**Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.**

Bylaws are not filed with this office. Please retain them for your records.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.")

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6928.

Tim Burch  
Regulatory Specialist II  
New Filing Section

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOUTHPOINT CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

Pursuant to Section 617.1002, Florida Statutes, the Articles of Incorporation of the above named Corporation the undersigned, all whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law do hereby certify:

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this Corporation is SouthPoint Church of Southwest Florida. It is a Florida nonprofit religious Corporation with its principal offices in 25404 Babette Court Punta Gorda, FL 33983. SouthPoint Church of Southwest Florida shall be a self-governing body, independent of all ecclesiastical organizations, with the right to voluntarily associate with other church movements at its discretion.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSES**

This Corporation is organized for exclusively religious purposes (including charitable purposes common to a pastoral church ministry as defined by Scripture). Our commission is summarized in the Sacred Scriptures in the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20 where the Lord Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"

The Corporation is organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), including the making of distributions to or for the use of organizations exempt at the time under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

**ARTICLE III  
AUTHORITIES**

The corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the law of the State of Florida that are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the corporation is organized.

The Florida Corporation is a "Christian" organization and shall promote, encourage, foster and engage in the dissemination of religious and moral teaching and instruction for the support of public and worldwide worship in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as found in the Bible, through all legitimate means, by serving as a local congregation. The Corporation in general may do any and all acts and measures, and exercises any and all powers which now and hereafter are lawful for the corporation.

All actions of this Church shall be in accordance with the organizational structure as established by the Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws. This organization shall have the authority to perform the following activities, but is not expressly limited thereto:

1. Ordain ministers, send out missionaries, and preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as outlined in the purposes of said corporation in any way available.

2. Purchase, sell, lease, trade and/or mortgage personal and real property, and borrow and receive funds for and on behalf of the purposes of said corporation.
3. Receive and hold funds, real properties, and personal properties coming into its hands in stocks, bonds, and securities as the Board of Trustees and corporation members see fit at their discretion.
4. Establish, operate, direct, and control other corporations, businesses, activities and organizations as desirable to carry out its purposes.
5. Publish and distribute gospel literature.

#### **ARTICLE IV RESTRICTIONS**

In no event, however, shall the corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or Sections 170(b)(1)(A) or (B) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations there under; nor shall the corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification.

1. No Private Inurement - No part of the earnings or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Trustees, 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 Article III hereof. The Corporation shall not have capital stock or shareholders.
2. No Substantial Lobbying - No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
3. Irrevocable Dedication - The income and assets of the Corporation shall be irrevocably dedicated to its exclusive purposes.

#### **ARTICLE V EXISTANCE**

The existence of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

Subject to the limitations of the Articles and the Bylaws and of pertinent restrictions of the Corporation and the Code of the State of Florida, all the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Elders, who are responsible for shepherding and having oversight of the flock. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to these same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in the Bylaws:

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Elders consisting of not less than three (3). The number of Elders shall be fixed in the Bylaws of this corporation.

The officers of the corporation shall be selected from the Board of Elders and shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Corporation may also have, at the discretion of the Board of Elders, and they may appoint, and may empower the Chairman to appoint, such other officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such

authority, and perform such duties as are provided in the Bylaws or as the Board of Elders may from time to time determine.

The names and addresses of the persons constituting the Board of Elders are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	OFFICE
Chairman: Rick Tarter	25404 Babette Court	Punta Gorda, FL 33983
Vice Chairman: Donald Johnson	2248 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	Cape Coral, FL 33993
Secretary: Rick Tarter	25404 Babette Court	Punta Gorda, FL 33983
Treasurer: Donald Johnson	2248 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	Cape Coral, FL 33993

## **ARTICLE VII OFFICE; IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The corporations Registered Office in the State of Florida is as follows:  
25404 Babette Court Punta Gorda, FL 33983

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The Board of Elders may at any time, by resolution, change the principal office to another location in the State of Florida, without the requirement of an amendment to the Bylaws. The Secretary shall immediately advise the Florida Department of State of the new address.

### **OTHER OFFICES**

This Corporation may also have offices at such other places, within and outside of the State of Florida, as its activities may require and as the Board of Elders may from time to time designate.

The name of the corporation's Registered Agent at the above address is:  
Rick Tarter

## **ARTICLE VIII SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Chairman: Rick Tarter	25404 Babette Court	Punta Gorda, FL 33983
Vice Chairman: Donald Johnson	2248 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	Cape Coral, FL 33993
Secretary: Rick Tarter	25404 Babette Court	Punta Gorda, FL 33983
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## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLE**

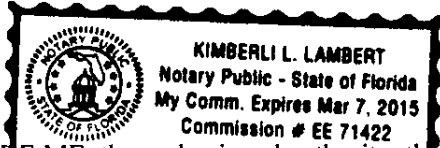
These Bylaws may be amended and new and additional Bylaws may be made from time to time at any time by the Board of Elders in the exercise of the power granted to said Board of Elders in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X  
DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers do hereunto set their hands and seals, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Lee



[Signature] Incorporator  
(SEAL)  
[Signature] Incorporator  
(SEAL)  
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(SEAL)  
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(SEAL)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Richard Tacker and Donald Johnson, who each acknowledged before me that he made, subscribed, and hereby acknowledges that each of them are competent to contract, and that they signed and executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, or Charter, for the purposes therein expressed, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Cape Coral, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

RT FL DL XXXX 4200 ex- 11/20/13 I- 2/1/07

DJ FL DL XXX 4640 ex- 12/24/16 I- 12/24/08

[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
Kimbrell L. Lambert

My commission expires: Mar. 7, 2015

Southpoint Church of Southwest Florida, Inc.

25404 Babette Ct.

Punta Gorda, FL 33983

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Tarter", written in a cursive style.

Rick Tarter

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