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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Betesda Baptist Church, Inc.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

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Betesda Baptist Church, Inc.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

N/A

*The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**  
*(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)*

N/A

**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**  
*(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)*

N/A

**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

*Name of New Registered Agent:* N/A

*New Registered Office Address:*

*(Florida street address)*

*(City)*

*Florida*

*(Zip Code)*

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

*I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.*

*Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing*

**If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:**

*(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)*

*Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:*

*P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.*

*Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.*

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Change	_____	N/A	_____
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**E. If amending or adding additional articles, enter change(s) here  
(attach additional sheets , if necessary). (Be specific)**

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**ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES**

**ADDING ARTICLE VIII : Statement of our Christian Faith.**

**Betesda Baptist Church, Inc, BELIEVE :**

(1): We believe that God is the creator of the universe creating both of the seen (physical) and the unseen (spiritual) realms and that God is also the giver of life.

(2): We believe the Holy Bible is God's word Personally spoken by God for mankind for the purpose of revealing who He is and it is without error in all issues to which it speaks. We believe the Holy Bible is the only and infallible rule of faith and conduct.

(3): We affirm that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gives the Bible its canonical authority, and the role of the church is to recognize and affirm this authority. We affirm that our church is subject to the Word of God in their order as in their doctrine

(4): We believe in the Triunity (Trinity), one God in three Persons, consisting of God the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

(5): We Believe Jesus Christ is Divine God who came from Heaven to mankind as a man yet retaining the Divinity of God and who while living a sinless life was rejected and betrayed by man to be crucified and die on the cross yet not to remain dead but to resurrect the third day in accordance with His everlasting divine life.

(6): We believe that the death of Jesus on the cross provided complete atonement for all the sins of the world therefore cleansing those who choose to be cleansed from their sin to then receive the Holy Spirit and by receiving the Holy Spirit becoming "Born Again" and being Born Again becoming children of God. Children in the family of God and as children in a personal relationship with their Father who is God above all and as children also inheritors in the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus the kingdom that is without end.

(7): We believe that Jesus is the judge of all of mankind's thoughts, intentions and actions and that He is just and wise in His judgment. As judge, Jesus will judge the unjust [those who are not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ] to everlasting condemnation while to the righteous [those who are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ] He will give of His life, His gifts, and His glory.

(8): We believe Jesus physically rose from the dead, was seen by and interacted with many eyewitnesses including the Disciples and Apostles and that Jesus has now

ascended back into Heaven where He originally came from. Jesus is currently seated in Majesty, Power and Authority alongside the Father and He is now accessible to us in both Prayer and Fellowship.

(9): We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

(10): We believe that this Statement of Christian Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Holy Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

#### **ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES**

#### **ARTICLE IX : Statement of Christian Faith on Marriages, Gender and Sexuality**

#### **Betesda Baptist Church, Inc., BELIEVE :**

(1): We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Man and woman are created by God in His image and likeness and their should not reject their biological sex.

(2): We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning : the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other. (First Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5 & Hebrews 13:4)

(3): We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography, is sinful and offensive to God . (Matthew 15:18-20 & First Corinthians 6:9-10).

(4): We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of our church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by our church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16 & First Thessalonians 5:22).

(5): We believe that God is merciful to all sinners. He offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10 and First Corinthians 6:9-11).

(6): We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31 & Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of our church.

(7): We believe that God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman, and Himself, our church only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman.

(8): We believe that the senior pastor, the assistant pastors, ministers, staff and volunteer of our church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman that are members in good standing of our church. The senior pastor should marriage only staff members that has been active for at least two years. The assistant pastors should marriage active members of our congregation.

(9): We believe that the facilities and properties of our church shall only host weddings between a biological man and a biological woman.

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: April 30th, 2015, if other than the date this document was signed:

Effective date if applicable: April 30th, 2015  
*(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)*

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

**Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)**

- The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated April 30th, 2015

Signature 

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Francisco Rodriguez  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President  
(Title of person signing)