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January 24, 2014

Business Organization Filing Section Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Brownwood Baptist Church, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following items submitted for a Florida Non-Profit Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation (2 copies)

Check in the amount of \$78.75
Incorporation Fee - \$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent - \$35.00
Certificate Under Seal- \$8.75

If all is in order, please send your Letter of Notification, the Certificate Under Seal and one copy of the Articles to the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,

Clement H. White

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BROWNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming and organizing a corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and with our associate members do hereby adopt and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation.

PREAMBLE

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this as the Constitution and Charter of the Church.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be **BROWNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**, **INC.** and it shall be located in Sumter County, Florida.

ARTICLE II

This Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation shall exist in Perpetuity.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The general nature of the object of the corporation shall be religious, benevolent, and educational, and as such it shall have all the powers incident to corporations of such character. The specific religious object of the church is the promotion, teaching and furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Bible, and to perpetuate an organization of Christians, self-governing as to all actions and proceedings.

Section 2. Policy: The government of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other

ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains through obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches, and so chooses voluntarily to affiliate and cooperate in the work and fellowship of other Baptist churches and entities.

Section 3. Doctrine: This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice. It takes the Bible and the Bible alone as the standard by which all matters of belief and conduct are to be decided. It holds that true Christianity does not consist of creeds and confessions of faith but is essentially the relationship of the regenerate believer to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit on the basis of the revealed Word.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The church shall elect such officers, directors or trustees, but no less than three, and may establish teams, ministries and other organizational units, and specify the number, method of election, qualifications, duties, and functions in the church's bylaws.

Section 2. The corporation shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said church, and to hold, possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of same. No real property belonging to the church shall be at anytime alienated or encumbered except by a majority vote of the members of the church, present and voting, at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, the same having been presented and discussed at a regular or special meeting preceding by at least two weeks the said business meeting at which final vote is taken, and having been announced publically to the congregation preceding such vote.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, and who (1) after due examination by the church as to their Christian experience, and, if coming from other churches, as to their letter of recommendations, (2) have been accepted by vote of the church, and having been baptized, (3) enter into its covenant. Anyone having been a member of a church of like faith and order, and having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and having been baptized, and in consequence of peculiar circumstances having no letter of recommendation, may be received by statement into the fellowship of the church through the same process.

Section 2. Duties: Members are expected to be faithful in all duties essential to the Christian life; to regularly attend the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its cause, and to share in its organized work.

Section 3. Rights: Such members as are in full and regular standing, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church. Each and every such member of the church has a right to a voice in the government, plans, and discipline of the church, since it is a true democracy at work.

Section 4. Quorum: A quorum for any regular or specially called business meeting shall be church members present and voting, except as otherwise stated in the church by-laws.

ARTICLE VI

The initial corporate address is 7043 SE 173rd Arlington Loop, The Villages, FL 32162. The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 7043 SE 173rd Arlington Loop, The Villages, FL 32162. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is THOMAS SANDERS.

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

	ARTICLE VIII	2	4
George Spangler	724 Bishop Drive, Lady Lake, FL 32159	[유 [유	1
Susi Lockard	723 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL 32162	27	1747
Huey Bridgman	1870 Chancey Way, The Villages, FL 32162		*1441-
Shirley Smith	897 Walker Loop, The Villages, FL 32162	41	185.
Thomas Sanders	7043 SE 173 rd Arlington Loop, The Villages, FL		2

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and church by-laws may be enacted, amended and rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.

- 1. Any amendments to the Articles or by-laws must be presented in writing at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.
 - 2. An announcement must be made from the pulpit during the Lord's day

morning worship service preceding the business meeting notifying the church of the proposed vote and specifying the subject, time and date of the business meeting plus a reference to the published text of the amendment(s).

ARTICLE IX

THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to another church of like faith and order, and none of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporators and registered agent for the Corporation, so accepting that appointment, execute these Articles of Incorporation on the 18^{th} day of January, 2014

Thomas Sanders, Incorporator

Shirley Smith, Incorporator

Huey Bridgman, Incorporator

Susi Lockard, Incorporator

George Spangler, Incorporator

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS SUMTER

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by THOMAS SANDERS, SHIRLEY SMITH, HUEY BRIDGMAN, SUSI LOCKARD and GEORGE SPANGLER.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this 18^{-1} day of January, 2014.

GEORGIA A. SMITH

MY COMMISSION # EE 169955

EXPIRES: April 28, 2016

Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Notary Public State of Florida

Skomer Sanders

Registered agent's Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, I hereby accept appointment as its agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Thomas Sanders

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