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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA, INC.

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

#### Article 1

The name of the corporation is LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA, INC.

#### Article 2

The street address of the principle place of business of the corporation is 4249 BAHIA VISTA STREET, SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34232.

#### **Article 3**

This corporation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes establishing and maintaining Christian worship; evangelizing the lost by the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; training believers of all ages in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture; providing preschool, elementary, and secondary Christian education as described in Section 232.02, Florida Statues; maintaining missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country; and engaging in any other activity not prohibited to corporations under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act that is in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt purposes.

#### Article 4

The corporation shall have voting members. The qualifications, rights, privileges, duties and classifications of members of the corporation shall be stated in the bylaws of the corporation.

### Article 5

The corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) directors. The qualifications, duties, and election of directors shall be stated in the bylaws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the initial members of the board of directors are:

GARY R. JACKSON 4050 FLEET LANE, SARASOTA, FL 34232

JOSEPH CARDINALE 4471 MEADOW CREEK CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL 34233

ANTHONY FOX 605 ALBRITTON AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL 34232

MARK JELLEMA 8943 POHOY AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL 34231

#### Article 6

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, all of the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### Article 7

- A. 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.
- B. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its 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 tax-exempt purposes of the corporation set forth in Article 3.
- C. The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statues, except that the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on 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 State Internal Revenue Law) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### Article 8

The street Address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 4249 Bahla VISTA STREET, SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34232, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is GARY R. JACKSON.

## Article 9

The corporation shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and shall not discriminate against directors, employees, applicants, students, and others on the basis or race, color, or national or ethnic origin. The corporation shall admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students and shall be racially nondiscriminatory in the administration of all of its policies and programs.

#### Article 10

The name of the incorporator is GARY R. JACKSON, and the address of the incorporator is 4249 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, Florida, 34232.

#### Article 11

The period of the duration of the corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this  $20^{\circ}$  day of  $4^{\circ}$ Gary R. Jackson, Incorporator

# Acceptance by Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above named corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Gary R. Jackson, Incorporator