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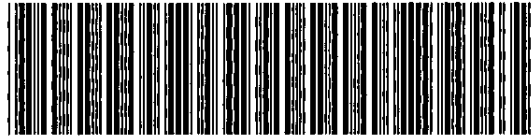
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April 13, 2015

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

Re: Suwannee River Baptist Church, Inc.  
New – Non Profit Corporation

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will find:

1. Original and 1 copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Suwannee River Baptist Church, Inc.;
2. Certificate of Designation and Acceptance by Registered Agent; and
3. Our firm's check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover costs of corporate fees.

Please file the Articles of Incorporation of Suwannee River Baptist Church, Inc. and the Certificate of Designation and Acceptance by Registered Agent and provide our office with a certified copy of the Articles.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the above, please contact the undersigned at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Brenda B. Marshall*

Brenda B. Marshall, CP/FRP  
Certified Paralegal  
For the Firm

BBM/dbm

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

April 17, 2015

M. MICHAEL O'STEEN, P.A.  
ATTN: BRENDA B. MARSHALL  
P.O. BOX 1330  
CROSS CITY, FL 32626

SUBJECT: SUWANNEE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: W15000027143

We have received your document for SUWANNEE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The effective date is not acceptable since it is not within five working days of the date of receipt.

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) 245-6052.

Maryanne Dickey  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SUWANNEE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1 - Name**

The name of the Corporation is: Suwannee River Baptist Church, Inc.

**ARTICLE 2 - Address**

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is: 84 NE 718th Street, Old Town, Florida, 32680 and the mailing address of the Corporation is: P.O. Box 1154, Old Town, Florida, 32680.

**ARTICLE 3 – Initial Registered Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 97 NW Highway 351, Cross City, Dixie County, State of Florida, 32628. The name of the initial registered agent at that street address is M. Michael O'Steen.

**ARTICLE 4 – No Members**

The corporation shall not have members, and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

**ARTICLE 5 – Not-for-Profit**

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3) (referred to below as "code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A § 501(c)(3).

**ARTICLE 6 - Duration**

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE 7 - Purpose**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including, but not limited to, promote the growth of the Southern Baptist Faith and Message.

## **ARTICLE 8 – Powers**

Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

A. To preserve and secure the principles of our faith, to govern the body in an orderly manner, and to preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action in its relation to other churches.

B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

C. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amended to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

D. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation, or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE 9 – Limitation**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers. However, 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 as set forth in Article VII (Purposes) of these Articles.

## **ARTICLE 10 – Tax-Exempt Status**

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C.A § 501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). All references to these articles to sections of the

Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a “qualified organization” only, if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purpose described in 26 U.S.C.A § 170(c)(1) or 26 U.S.C.A. § 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 409(a)(1), (2) or (3).

#### **ARTICLE 12 – Board of Directors**

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by a majority vote of the board of directors in the manner, and at the times, set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – Officers**

The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time, and in such a manner, as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – Incorporators**

The name and street address of each incorporator is as follows:

**Mark Clark**, 249 NE 189<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680  
**Larry Clendinen**, 1775 SE Highway 346, Old Town, FL 32680  
**Durwood Phillips**, 482 NE 316<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680  
**Doug Rogers**, 5 S.E. 726<sup>th</sup> Street, Old Town, FL 32680  
**Billy Sullivan**, 6691 NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Chiefland, FL 32626  
**Mark Hatch**, P.O. Box 1273, Cross City, FL 32628  
**Ronnie Koltz**, 726 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Trenton, FL 32693  
**Steve Lindsey**, 36 NE 356<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680  
**Jeff Watson**, 687 SE 964<sup>th</sup> Street, Cross City, FL 32680  
**Tom Wiggons**, P.O. Box 784, Old Town, FL 32680

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**ARTICLE 15 - Bylaws**

The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE 16 – Amendment**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amended to them.

**ARTICLE 17 – Indemnification and Civil Liability Immunity**

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

**ARTICLE 18– Commencement of Corporate Existence**

The date when corporate existence shall commence is *May 1, 2015*.

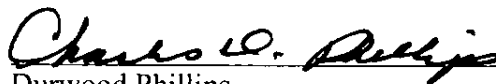
In, witness, the undersigned have signed these articles of incorporation on March 28, 2015.



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Mark Clark



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Larry Clendinen



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Durwood Phillips



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Doug Rogers



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Billy Sullivan

*Mark Hatch*

Mark Hatch

*Ronnie Koltz*

Ronnie Koltz

*Steve Lindsey*

Steve Lindsey

*Jeff Watson*

Jeff Watson

*Tom Wiggins*

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of § 617.0501, Fla. Stat., the undersigned corporation organized under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office and registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida:

1. Name of the corporation.

**SUWANNEE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

2. Name and address of the registered agent and office:

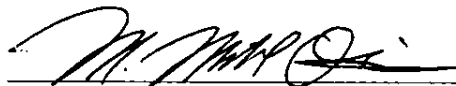
**M. Michael O'Steen**

**97 NE Highway 351  
Cross City, Dixie County, State of Florida**

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, the undersigned person, having been named as registered agent and appointed to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this statement, accept the appointment as registered 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 obligations of my position as registered agent.

DATED: 04/01/2015



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M. Michael O'Steen