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NAME OF CORPORATION: Greater New Beginning 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

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

Greater New Beginning Baptist Church, Inc

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

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:

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

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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	<u>COCB</u>	<u>Lyons, Johnny</u>	<u>3727 Prescott Loop</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Lakeland, FL 33810</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove			
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>CEO</u>	<u>Yarbrough, Tony</u>	<u>315 W. Bella Vista Street</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Lakeland, FL 33805</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove			
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>CFO</u>	<u>Stewart, Angela</u>	<u>3012 Buckeye Pointe Dr</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Winter Haven, FL 33881</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove			
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>COO</u>	<u>Williams, Sylvia</u>	<u>1722 John Arthur Way</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Lakeland, FL 33802</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove			
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

Please see the attached new Articles of Incorporation.

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August 22, 2016

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: _____, if other than the date this document was signed.

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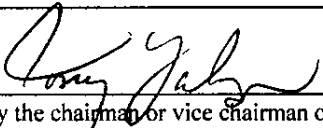
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Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ 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 8/22/2016 _____

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)

Tony L. Yarbrough

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

CEO

(Title of person signing)

Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Greater New Beginning Baptist Church

This Florida non-profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Amended and restated articles of incorporation:

Article I

The name of this corporation shall be:

Greater New Beginning Baptist Church, INC

Article II

The principle place of business address:

631 West 10th Street

Lakeland, FL 33805

The mailing address of this corporation is:

1722 John Arthur Way

Lakeland, FL 33802

Article III

The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized:

GREATER NEW BEGINNING BAPTIST CHURCH is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. GREATER NEW BEGINNING BAPTIST CHURCH INC is a place of worship to serve God and to fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ as set forth in Matthew 28:19-20. To minister to the needs of the members and others as the church is able to do so. To do any and all things related to, and in connection with, the carrying out of the objective and purpose herein above set forth.

Article IV

Article of Faith:

1. We believe the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God, without any error, the all-sufficient authority in matters of faith, doctrine, and Christian living.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, and that He is true God and man. He died on the cross for our sins. He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father and is now our High Priest and Advocate
4. We believe that the Bible is our moral authority. We further believe that same gender relationships are not life-long Christ centered relationships. We faithfully believe in the Christ centered marriage between man and woman. Holding to these beliefs, we are committed to only same gender wedding/marriage ceremonies at this church.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost. Only through regeneration by the work of the Holy Spirit can man's salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. We believe that eternal salvation is the free gift of God, entirely apart from man's works, and is possessed by any and all who have faith in and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
7. We believe in a regenerated church membership: that is, persons old enough to understand their need for Jesus Christ and, of their own free will, accepted Him as their personal Lord and Savior.
8. We believe that baptism is by immersion and the Lord's Supper is a memorial to His suffering and death on the cross. These are ordinances to be observed by the church in its present age; however, not to be regarded as means for man's salvation.
9. We believe in the personal, bodily, imminent, and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ and that His Second Coming inspires believers for dynamic and zealous life and service for Him while waiting for His return.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in heaven, and the everlasting punishment and separation from God of the unsaved in hell.
11. We believe in the autonomy of the local church. The church shall manage its own affairs and shall not be subject to any other religious body or organization.

Article V

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Third hereof. 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VI

Dissolution clause is as follows:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VII

BYLAWS are as follows:

I. Church Membership

A. Qualifications:

Membership of the Greater New Beginning Baptist Church, Inc. shall consist of people who have made a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who, having been scripturally baptized by immersion, and are in agreement with the Articles of Faith, and Covenant of the church.

B. Reception:

Membership in the church may be attained:

1. By scriptural baptism by immersion after profession of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
2. By a statement of faith of their prior experience of conversion and scriptural baptism by immersion in another church of like faith and practice.
3. By restoration to the church membership after having been dropped.

C. Termination:

Membership in this church shall be terminated when a member:

1. Requests a letter of transfer to join another Baptist church.
2. Fail to worship within 30 consecutive days; or fail to tithe or contribute regularly to the support of the church.
3. Dies
4. If dismissed, by a vote of the church due to reasons and circumstances provided in church discipline

D. Orientation of New Members:

Candidates for membership and new members need to attend the New Member Orientation Class to learn and understand the privileges and responsibilities of members to God and the church.

1. Members in good standing (tithe/regular contributor and faithful attendance) shall have the right to vote in all transactions and shall have the right and privileges to full participation in the life and work of the church.
2. It shall be the duty of the church members to uphold the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Bylaws, and Covenant of the church.

II. Church Officers

All church officers must be members of the church in good standing.

A. The Pastor

1. The qualifications for pastor shall be consistent with those listed in I Timothy 3:1-7.
2. His responsibilities:
 - a) Preaching, teaching, pastoral counseling, administration, planning, and guiding the church to grow and fulfill its purposes.
 - b) He shall lead the church, the organizations, and all leaders of the church in performing their tasks in worship, proclamation, education, and evangelism.
 - c) The pastor shall be an ex officio member of all church standing committees, except the Pastor's Selection Committee
 - d) He shall assist the deacons in securing pulpit supplies for times in his absence.
 - e) He shall be responsible for the spiritual atmosphere of the church and have the final word regarding matters of doctrine, and ecclesiastical hierarchy of the church. He is the chief overseer of all ecclesiastical matters and doctrine of the church and may veto a vote of the board of directors on the basis of ecclesiastical concern.
3. Call:
 - a) A pastor shall be chosen and called whenever a vacancy occurs.
 - b) A Pastor's Selection Committee shall be appointed by the church to seek out a suitable pastor and this committee's recommendation will serve as a nomination.
 - c) The Pastor's Selection Committee will recommend only one candidate at a time.
 - d) An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those present is necessary for a choice.
4. Terms of Service:
 - a) The chosen pastor shall serve until the relationship is terminated by either his request or that of the church. In either case, at least 60 days' notice shall be given unless otherwise mutually agreed.

B. Deacons:

1. Qualifications:
 - a) A deacon must meet the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
 - b) A deacon shall demonstrate an exemplary Christian testimony in private, family, and public life; a committed Christian leader and partner of the pastor; supporter and promoter of the church faith, practice, programs, and ministries.
2. Election:

- a) When a deacon vacancy occurs, the Pastor shall appoint said person to be set aside for training for this position
- b) The duties, qualifications, and importance of the office of deacon will be interpreted to the candidates and be reviewed by the pastor prior to their ordination.
- 3. Ordination:
 - a) Appointment and ordination of deacons is a privilege of the local church.
 - b) When the ordination of deacons is planned, the pastor is authorized to assemble a council to examine the candidates concerning their fit to serve as deacons.
 - c) The council will be composed of the pastor, invited ordained pastors, and deacons of neighboring Baptist churches.
 - d) Once the council recommends the ordination of deacons, the ordination service shall be scheduled as led by the pastor.
- 4. Duties:
 - a) Deacons shall elect the chairman of their committee
 - b) Deacons serve as a committee to assist the pastor concerning the progress and welfare of the church.
 - c) Assist the pastor in ministering to the members.
 - d) Seek to solve any fellowship problems of the church.
 - e) Assist the pastor in administering the church ordinances.
 - f) In the absence of the pastor, the chairman of the Deacons shall serve as an advisory member to all organizations, departments, and committees of the church.
- C. Secretary/Clerk
 - 1. The church secretary/clerk shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all business meeting transactions.
 - 2. He/she shall keep a register of the names and addresses of the church members, with dates of admission, dismissal, dedication of children, and death of members of the church family. He/she shall be responsible for preparing and delivery of Resolutions for the deceased member or member's family.
 - 3. He/she will write letters of transfer of membership, prepare written reports of the church, and keep an accurate history of the church.
 - 4. Will be a Notary Public
 - 5. An assistant secretary/clerk may be appointed
- D. Treasurer:
 - 1. The treasurer shall be appointed as the custodian of all monies of the church and shall disburse these monies by check as authorized by the church.
 - 2. The treasurer shall keep, at all times, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall render a quarterly and annual written report to the church.

3. The treasurer's report shall be audited by the pastor's appointed board.
- E. Financial Secretary:
1. The church financial secretary shall be appointed by the Pastor and is responsible for seeing that the offerings are properly received, counted, and deposited in the church's bank account.
 2. He/she will properly credit each contributor and their offerings.
 3. He/she will be responsible for preparing and disbursing annual record of contributions to each donor.
- F. Budget and Finance Committee
- This committee shall have the responsibility of assuring that the adopted budget is adhered to. It shall foster and promote programs of stewardship. In consultation with the Board of Directors, it shall draw up and submit to the church an annual budget during the month of October for the next calendar year. This committee shall be responsible for the annual audit of the treasurer's books.
- G. Trustees
- This committee shall be responsible in matters of properties administration. Throughout the year, this committee shall give attention to and study the condition and state of repairs and appearance of the building and grounds of the church and equipment, therein; making arrangements for repairs and improvements authorized by the church and included in the church budget. All matters of major repairs, changes, improvements or items of equipment not included in the budget shall be referred to the Pastor for fiscal review.
1. At least three (3) trustees shall be appointed by the Pastor to hold trust the property of the church.
 2. They shall have power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property of the church without the specific vote of the church authorizing each action.
 3. The trustees shall sign any, and all legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, purchase, or lease of church property or any other legal documents requiring the signature of the trustees on behalf of the church.
- H. Minister of Music
- The Minister of Music will be appointed by the Pastor. The Minister of Music will plan and evaluate the music program of the church, in the formation of choirs, and planning special musical programs throughout the year. The Minister of Music will assist the pastor with special music in the regular and other services of the church.
- I. Director of Youth
- The Director of Youth will be responsible in planning and coordinating youth programs and activities inside and outside of the church. The Director of Youth shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- J. Hospitality/Culinary Committee
- This committee shall be responsible for all social and recreation activities of the church, formulating policies and supervising the services rendered to the

church through the kitchen and promoting regular church functions to enhance the fellowship of the church. This committee will also have general supervision of the supplies, equipment, and use of the church kitchen. It shall enforce policies necessary to properly maintain the kitchen in a clean, orderly, and acceptable condition.

K. Women's Ministry

This ministry shall assist the pastor in preparing for the two ordinances of the church. The members of this ministry shall be responsible for preparing candidates for the ordinance of baptism and will prepare the elements of the Lord's Supper.

L. Christian Education Committee:

1. Sunday School – the Sunday School shall be divided into classes and departments as it grows and conducted under the direction of the Superintendent for the study of God's Word. The task of the Sunday School shall be to teach the Bible; lead in teaching all prospects; lead all church members to worship, witness, learn, and minister daily; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church.
2. New Member Orientation Class – shall serve as the training arm of the church. It shall teach Christian doctrine, ethics, church policy and organization. This class will be designed to train leaders for the church, provide organization and leadership for special activities in the church.

III. Church Meetings

A. Worship Services:

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday morning for the worship of God, for preaching, instruction, evangelism, and on Tuesday for prayer and Bible Study. These meetings will be open for the entire membership of the church and for all people and shall be conducted under the direction of the pastor or designated church officer in the absence of the pastor.

B. Regular Business Meetings:

Regular business meetings shall be held quarterly. The agenda shall be made known to the church one week prior to the meeting. Should there be any unusual meeting or matter of unusual interest to be brought before such regular meeting, notice shall be given to the membership one week prior to that meeting.

C. Special Business Meetings:

A special called meeting may be called by the pastor, and with other church officers, or by action of the church to consider special matters of significant nature. A one-week written notice must be given for the especially called business meeting.

IV. Church Discipline

- A. Should any unhappy difference arise among members, the aggrieved member shall follow in a tender spirit, the rules given by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17.
- B. Should any case of gross breach of covenant, or public scandal occur, the deacons shall endeavor to resolve the conflict; and if this effort fails, shall report the case to the church.
- C. All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance, but should an adverse decision be reached, the church may proceed to admonish or declare the offender to no longer be in the membership of the church.
- D. Any person whose membership has been terminated for any offense may be restored by vote of the church, upon evidence of his repentance and reformation; or if it's an account of continued absence, upon satisfactory explanation.

Inwitness whereof, the undersigned has executed these articles of incorporation

Angela L. Stewart

Chief Financial Officer

8/29/16

Date

Sylvia A. Williams

Executive Administrator

8/29/16

Date

Tony L. Garbrough

Pastor

8/29/16

Date