

N15516

(Requestor's Name)

(Address)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip/Phone #)

☐

PICK-UP

☐

WAIT

☐

MAIL

(Business Entity Name)

(Document Number)

Certified Copies _____ Certificates of Status _____

Special Instructions to Filing Officer:

Office Use Only



500412332765

07/19/23--01021--006 **52.50

08/16/2023 ^{SC}

23 JUL 19 AM 10:45

COVER LETTER

TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: Eastside Baptist Church of DeLand Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: N15516

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Wade Singletary

(Name of Contact Person)

Eastside Baptist Church of DeLand Inc.

(Firm/ Company)

700 S Massachusetts Ave

(Address)

DeLand, Florida 32724

(City/ State and Zip Code)

eastsidebaptist@cfl.rr.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Eileen Singletary

386

736-7174

at

(Name of Contact Person)

(Area Code) (Daytime Telephone Number)

Enclosed is a check for the following amount made payable to the Florida Department of State:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Filing Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.75 Filing Fee &
Certificate of Status | <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.75 Filing Fee &
Certified Copy
(Additional copy is
enclosed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$52.50 Filing Fee
Certificate of Status
Certified Copy
(Additional Copy is
Enclosed) |
|--|--|---|---|

Mailing Address

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Street Address

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
The Centre of Tallahassee
2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Eastside Baptist Church of DeLand Inc.

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

N15516

(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:

N/A

(Principal office address **MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS**)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

N/A

(Mailing address **MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX**)

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)

_____, Florida _____
(City) (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

23 JUL 19 AM 10:45

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:

<u>X</u> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<u>X</u> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<u>X</u> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
4) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
6) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

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

CHANGE: By-Laws Article V: Meetings of the Church: Section 2: Business Meetings - (05/14/2023)

(a) A monthly (change to quarterly) business session shall be held after the first Sunday of the
month.

(continued next page)

ADDITION: Constitution Article V: Statement of Faith - (05/14/2023)

The Statement of Faith of Eastside Baptist Church of Deland Inc. shall be the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000. Furthermore, marriage shall be viewed as a covenant between a man and a woman who were born as a man and a woman.

ADDITION: By-Laws Article V: Meetings of the Church: Section 2: Business Meetings - (05/14/2023)

(e) No new business brought from the floor (and not from a committee) shall be voted on in the same business meeting. It shall be referred to the appropriate committee. It can then be proposed from said committee at the next business meeting.

CHANGE: Constitution Article IV: Church Covenant - (12/18/2022)

(Please see attached document)

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: December 18, 2022; May 14, 2023, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: _____
(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.

CHANGE: Constitution Article IV: Church Covenant – (12/18/2022)

"Having been brought by the grace of God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized by immersion upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with one another as one body in Christ."

"By God's gracious aid, we will walk together in Christian love, working and praying for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will seek to promote the affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully admonish and entreat one another, as occasion requires. We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will aid one another in sickness and distress and cultivate Christian compassion toward the needy and downtrodden. We will be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation."

"We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will seek to sustain the church's worship, community, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline. We will contribute of ourselves and our resources cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly to the support of the ministry, expenses of the church, relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world."

"We will endeavor to bring up those that are under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example seek the salvation of our family and friends. We will pursue a living relationship with God through the reading and application of His word. We will walk wisely in the world, be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct. We will seek to pursue peace with men and holiness before God."

"To these and all other Christian duties we humbly and cheerfully submit ourselves, striving to faithfully perform them in the strength of our Lord. We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen."

- ☐ 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 June 27, 2023

Signature Rodger D. Wright

(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)

Rodger D. Wright

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Registered Agent

(Title of person signing)

*Articles of Incorporation of
Eastside Baptist Church of DeLand Inc.
Constitution and By-Laws
Adopted June 19, 1986
Amended May 14, 2023*

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I **NAME:**

This organization shall be known as Eastside Baptist Church of Deland Inc., a corporation to exist in perpetuity.

ARTICLE II **OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of this church shall be to maintain regularly and statedly the worship of God; to interpret, to teach, and to observe the doctrines and ordinances of a New Testament church as interpreted by the Baptist denomination, and to seek the extension of the cause of Christ throughout the world.

Matthew 28: 18-20; Acts 1:8; Hebrews 10:25

ARTICLE III **GOVERNMENT:**

The government of this church is vested in the body of Christian believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the District Association of Baptists, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE IV **CHURCH COVENANT:**

"Having been brought by the grace of God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized by immersion upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with one another as one body in Christ."

"By God's gracious aid, we will walk together in Christian love, working and praying for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will seek to promote the affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully admonish and entreat one another, as occasion requires. We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will aid one another in sickness and distress and cultivate Christian compassion toward the needy and downtrodden. We will be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation."

"We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will seek to sustain the church's worship, community, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline. We will contribute of ourselves and our resources cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly to the support of the ministry, expenses of the church, relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world."

"We will endeavor to bring up those that are under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example seek the salvation of our family and friends. We will pursue a living relationship with God through the reading and application of His word. We will walk wisely in the world, be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct. We will seek to pursue peace with men and holiness before God."

"To these and all other Christian duties we humbly and cheerfully submit ourselves, striving to faithfully perform them in the strength of our Lord. We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen."

ARTICLE V

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

The Statement of Faith of Eastside Baptist Church of DeLand Inc. shall be the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000. Furthermore, marriage shall be viewed as a covenant between a man and a woman who were born as a man and a woman.

EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF DELAND, INC.
PERSONNEL POLICIES

CHURCH CALENDAR

The church shall maintain an annual calendar under the direction of the Church Council. Approval of items to be placed on the Church Calendar shall be given by a member of the Church Council. Specific maintenance of the church calendar shall be the responsibility of the church secretary or clerk under the direction of the pastor when needed. All activities must be approved by the Church Council and be placed on the Church calendar to be an authorized church activity.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will function at the discretion of the full-time pastor. The church clerk/secretary shall provide access to this office as directed, and as reasonably may be necessary.

LEAVE POLICIES

Full-time pastor shall accrue one day of vacation leave with pay each month during the first two years of employment or twelve (12) days each year. Thereafter, the pastor shall accrue one and on-half days of vacation leave with pay each month, or eighteen (18) days each year.

While the pastor shall be entitled to vacation leave as indicated above, vacation leave shall be given at the convenience of the church and its program of activities. The pastor may not accumulate more than the amount of vacation leave accrues in anyone year. It is expected that a minimum of two (2) weeks notice of termination of pastor shall be given and, in such cases, pastor shall receive compensation for accrued vacation leave not previously taken: Part-time pastors shall not accrue vacation leave.

Full-time pastor shall be entitled to an amount not to exceed two (2) weeks of professional leave for study at seminars and workshops during each church administrative year (October 1 thru September 30). Further, full-time pastor shall be entitled to an amount not to exceed two (2) weeks of profession leave for attendance at conventions and conferences during each church administrative year. Pastor shall be entitled to an amount not to exceed two (2) weeks of professional leave for revivals, consultations, and personal growth experience. This professional leave shall be with pay and shall be in addition to vacation leave. (Profession leave days shall be Monday through Friday excluding holidays). It shall be the responsibility of the church to maintain accurate and complete records of accrued and taken professional leave for all full-time pastors.

Any exception to the above entitlements shall be approved in advance in writing by the church council.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Admission of Members

Persons may be admitted to membership in this church:

- (1.) Upon profession of faith and baptism by immersion;
- (2.) Upon statement of Christian experience of like faith and believer's baptism previously administered;
- (3.) Upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist Church;
- (4.) Upon a person coming forward and requesting to be received by watch care;

Exceptions:

- (a) They do not have voting power;
 - (b) They cannot hold the office of deacon.
- (5.) Upon a person's request by proxy:

Exceptions:

- (a) Must come by special recommendation of both the Pastor and the Chairman of the Deacons.
- (b) Must be voted on in a special called business meeting. (c) Requires a majority vote.

Section 2. Dismissal of Members.

- (1) Members should be dismissed with the same unanimity with which they are received.
- (2) Members may be dismissed to the fellowship of another church by letter of recommendation or statement of termination of membership in this church.
- (3) All applications for letters of dismissal shall be made through the Pastor, Clerk, or one of the Deacons and may be presented by any of them at any weekly meeting of the church. The letter of dismissal shall be directed to the church designated by the applicant.
- (4) When members of this church unite with another church, their names shall be erased from the church roll.

Section 3. Discipline of Members.

- (1) Any member of this church who may be under discipline is not allowed to vote or hold office, and is to refrain from active participation in the duties and privileges of membership, but is encouraged to attend worship and seek restoration.
- (2) No member of this church shall prefer charges of a personal nature against any brother or sister, unless he has previously taken the preliminary steps enjoined by our Lord in the 18th Chapter of Matthew.
- (3) Every dismissed member of this church shall be promptly furnished by the Clerk with a certificate of the fact of such dismissal embodying the grounds upon which final action was taken, unless such notification shall be impossible. Persons dismissed from the church may be restored upon reconciliation and vote of the church.

- (4) No member shall be dismissed from the fellowship of this church except upon distinct charge of which he shall have been duly notified, and to which he shall have been afforded an opportunity to respond, unless such notification shall be clearly impossible.
- (5) The discipline of a sister church shall in no case be set aside, except upon thorough examination into the grounds of its action, it being consulted, and record being made of the fact, and the reasons for dissenting from its judgment, and it shall be notified of the action, with the reasons for the same.
- (6) If a minister shall be accused, according to I Timothy, 5th Chapter and 19th verse, of unchristian conduct, the church shall proceed as required in paragraph 7 of this section, but before the act of dismissal, a council such as would be deemed suitable for ordination shall be called to sit with the church to review proceedings and hear the evidence of the defense, and advise the church as to the proper and final action.
- (7) No minister who has been dismissed shall be encouraged or tolerated in performing ministerial duties, unless a council of competent, impartial brethren, shall recommend his restoration after full examination of his case, and inquiry into his standing in the community.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The Pastor.

It shall be the duty of the Pastor to preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances, and exercise general guidance and watch-care over the spiritual interests of the church and membership. He shall act as moderator of all business meetings of the church, and shall be as ex-officio member of the Deacons and all committees.

Section 2. The Deacons.

It shall be the duty of the deacons to visit, and as far as expedient, to care for the sick: to assist the administration of the ordinances, and in every way to aid the Pastor in his work.

The Deacons shall have a regular meeting each month to conduct business. One additional active Deacon shall be elected for every additional 25 families.

Section 3. The Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall have charge of the property of the Church, and shall make and execute all contracts, deeds, bonds, notes, negotiable instruments, mortgages, trusts, and all other instruments of indebtedness or conveyance, or otherwise, of said corporation, by resolution duly authorized by the church. The title to all property, however, shall be vested in the name of the corporation.

Section 4. Clerk

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a record of the proceedings of all business meetings of the church to be read at the next regular business meeting of the church. He shall sign all church letters of dismissal. He shall assist the pastor in registering applicants for church membership. He shall be responsible for the preparation of delivery of the Church Letter to the Association.

Section 5. Other Officers.

When and as the church shall appoint heads of organizations or programs of the church, their duties shall be as defined by the church staff and appropriate committees.

ARTICLE III **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Section 1.

All officers of the church shall be elected by a majority vote of members present and voting, unless otherwise hereinafter provided for.

Section 2. The Pastor.

(a) Whenever a Pastor is called it shall be by a three-fourths majority vote of the active members in good standing of the church present and voting. No call shall be extended except at a meeting of which public notice shall have been given at least two weeks previously.

He shall remain as Pastor as long as both parties are agreed. If either party shall desire to dissolve this relationship, one month's notice shall be given, or special arrangement may be made agreeable to both parties. A Pastor's tenure may be terminated by a three-fourths majority vote of the acting members in good standing present and voting at any special business session called for this purpose.

(b) Upon the removal of a Pastor, the church shall take measures to secure a successor through the election of a Pulpit Committee in Special Church Business Session. The Pulpit Committee shall consist of five (5) members, and shall make their recommendation to a Special Church Business Session.

Section 3. The Deacons.

(a) Term of office shall begin the first month, following election, and end after a service of three (3) years. After having served one full term of three years, no member is eligible for re-election until the expiration of one year; except in the case described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) In case of vacancy, an ordained man of the church may be elected to fill the unexpired term at any regularly called meeting for that purpose. The ordained member so elected to fill the unexpired term may then be re-elected to the following three-year term.

(c) Any man having been ordained by a sister Baptist Church after having been a member of this church for one year, may be elected as a deacon of this church as nominated by the pastor and the deacons.

(d) The Deacons shall elect their own officers in the first meeting of the deacons following the annual church election of deacons, after serving one year.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of three (3) or more members, who shall be elected at a business meeting with their term of office becoming effective the following October 1st, for a term of (3) years, one-third of the membership of the Board being elected each year.

Section 5. Other Officers.

All other officers shall be elected annually at the regular business meeting for the election of officers with their term of office becoming effective the following October 1st, or at any regularly called meeting for that purpose, by a majority vote of all the members of the church present and voting, to service for a period of one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV

CHURCH COMMITTEES:

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

This committee, consisting of no more than 5 members, and augmented by the elected director of the Sunday school department, shall present the names of those they have chosen as candidates for the various committees and such other positions as they are directed.

The nomination and selection of the Ministerial Staff, whether paid or unpaid, shall be excluded from the responsibilities of this committee. Members of the nominating committee shall be duly elected by the church body following nomination by the pastor and deacons.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH:

Section 1. Devotional Meetings

- (a) The church shall meet regularly every Sunday for the public worship of God.
- (b) The church shall meet for prayer and worship each Wednesday evening.
- (c) The church, at least once a quarter, shall observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

Section 2.

Business Meetings.

- (a) A quarterly business session shall be held on the first Wednesday evening after the first Sunday of the month.
- (b) There will be an Annual Business Session at which time the deacons and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, the annual statistical report of all organizations made, and plans made for the annual budget support.
- (c) Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business sessions.
- (d) A special business meeting may be called by the Chairman of Deacons or the pastor by giving one week's notice by announcement during the Sunday morning and evening services.
- (e) No new business brought from the floor (and not from a committee) shall be voted on in the same business meeting. It shall be referred to the appropriate committee. It can then be proposed from said committee at the next meeting.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCES

Section 1.

The financial program of this church shall in accordance with the Unified Budget Plan.

Section 2.

All organization and department thereof, operating within the church (Sunday School, Evening Program, Missionary Union, Brotherhood, or any division of the same), are units of the church, and offerings and contributions gathered therein shall be regarded as church funds, and shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the church and all bills for the necessary expenses of these organizations and department shall be paid out of the Church Treasury according to the authorized budget.

Section 3.

As far as possible all offerings and contributions to the church should be made through regular envelopes provided for that purpose.

Section 4.

As early as possible in each month, the Treasurer in charge of benevolent and mission funds shall prorate, in accordance with the budget then in force, all funds in his possession for these purposes and forward same to the proper board or agency.

Section 5.

The approved special offerings are:

- (1) the annual State Missions Offering;
- (2) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions;
- (3) the annual Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions;
- (4) any other special offerings may only be received after approval of the pastor and deacons.

ARTICLE VII **REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL BODIES:**

The church shall, as far as possible, seek to be represented by messengers in the annual meeting of the association with which it is affiliated, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of

messengers in each case, shall be determined by the laws governing these bodies.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES OF ORDER:

All questions of business procedure not provided for in the Constitution or by-laws of this church shall be decided according to the Parliamentary usage sanctioned by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised

ARTICLE IX

RULES OF BUSINESS

Section 1.

The pastor, by virtue of his office, is Moderator of all church meetings; in his absence, the Assistant Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacons or any other church officer appointed for this purpose by the pastor, shall act as Moderator.

Section 2.

These by-laws are hereby adopted in lieu of and to supersede and take place of any previously existing Rules and by-laws or any conflicting Minutes of the church.

Section 3.

These by-laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the active members in good standing present and voting at any regular or special business meeting of the church; provided discussion has been held at the prior two business meetings.

DOCUMENT #N15516
FILED 6/19/86