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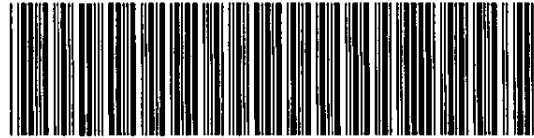
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Victory Christian Ministries of Bradenton, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☒ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Jared O. Hodge
Name (Printed or typed)

15215 Endeavor Drive
Address

Noblesville, IN 46060
City, State & Zip

(317) 900-7024
Daytime Telephone number

Jared@ChurchShield.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
VICTORY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF BRADENTON, INC.

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, who is a citizen of the State of Florida:

NAME

ADDRESS

Mary E. Owens

10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202

acting as the incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act exclusively for religious purposes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and upon the following terms and conditions, to wit:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be Victory Christian Ministries of Bradenton, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The corporation's principal street and mailing address is 10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202.

ARTICLE III

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act exclusively for religious purposes.
- B. The specific purpose for which this corporation is formed is to further the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- C. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- D. The corporation shall not have capital stock.
- E. The corporation elects to have no members. Any action which would otherwise require a vote of members shall require only a vote of the members of the Board of Directors, and no meeting or vote of members shall be required for this Corporation, any provision of

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the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation or the Bylaws of the corporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

- F. The corporation, a ministry, elects the ecclesiastical form of government, whereby the Board of Directors shall be the highest ecclesiastical tribunal of the ministry, and shall be the final arbiter of all questions of doctrine, discipline, property, policy, and polity of every kind and nature whatsoever, and the Board of Directors in its deliberations as the ecclesiastical government of the church shall use as its sole and final authority and standard the Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments.

ARTICLE IV

The name and address of the current registered agent and the registered office of the corporation are:

Registered Agent: Mary E. Owens
Registered Office: 10623 Cheval Place
Bradenton, FL 34202 [Manatee County]

ARTICLE V

The Board of Directors shall be at least three (3) in number, with the initial Board of Directors being seven (7) in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mary E. Owens	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Clarence Wright	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Marion Zirkle Wright	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Jess Gibson	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Paula Gibson	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Fred Hodge	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202
Linda Hodge	10623 Cheval Place, Bradenton, FL 34202

The method of election of directors is as stated in the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

- A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").
- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to nonprofit religious purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of its directors, officers, or to any other individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments in the furtherance of the nonprofit religious purposes of the Corporation.
- D. Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or adequately providing for all the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Corporation, distribute the remaining assets of the Corporation exclusively for the nonprofit religious purposes of the Corporation in such manner as the Board of Directors shall in its sole discretion determine, or shall distribute the remaining assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for the nonprofit religious purposes of the Corporation and which are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion shall determine.
- E. In furtherance of its religious nonprofit tax-exempt purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers and authority:
 - 1. To do all acts, including ordination of ministers of the Gospel, perform all functions, and carry on all activities permitted by the nonprofit corporation laws of the State of Florida or of any other state in which the Corporation is qualified to act.
 - 2. To have and exercise all powers and rights enjoyed by corporations generally in the State of Florida, and in any state in which the Corporation is qualified to act, as long as the exercise of such powers is not specifically prohibited for nonprofit religious corporations.
 - 3. To use all media, whether now known or hereafter discovered, including, but not limited to, print, television, internet, and radio.
 - 4. To exercise such incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the Corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt

status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the nonprofit religious purposes of the Corporation, and the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or under the corresponding section of any future United States revenue law; or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future United States revenue law.

(Signatures on next page.)

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Mary E. Owens
Mary E. Owens, Registered Agent

11-23-16
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Mary E. Owens
Mary E. Owens, Incorporator / Director

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