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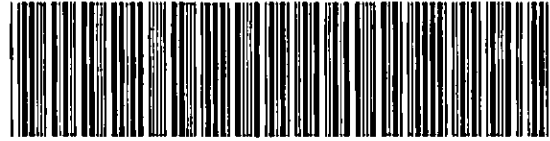
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January 12, 2018

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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Re: Lakeland Baptist Deaf Church, Inc.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION and a check for:

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LAKELAND BAPTIST DEAF CHURCH, INC.
(a corporation not for profit)

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ARTICLE ONE:

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be "LAKELAND BAPTIST DEAF CHURCH, INC."

ARTICLE TWO:

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The location shall be 2120 Sylvester Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803 in the County of Polk and State of Florida. The mailing address is 2120 Sylvester Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803. The Trustees may change the location of such corporation and the mailing address by majority vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE THREE:

A. GENERAL PURPOSE

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The general purposes and objects of this corporation shall be to conduct religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, parsonages and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning these articles of faith which are most surely held among Southern Baptist Convention Churches and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; and to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also, to educate and prepare Christian men and

Christian women for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

B. SPECIFIC PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

1. To worship God.
2. To serve God locally, nationally and internationally by fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.
3. To minister to the needs of the members and others as the church can do so.
4. To do all things related to and in connection with the carrying out of the purpose of a New Testament church.

ARTICLE FOUR:

USE OF INCOME

All revenue, profit, income and money received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used and employed in religious, educational, charitable, benevolent and missionary work.

ARTICLE FIVE:

POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers and authority that a non-profit, charitable corporation, organized under Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, could have and exercise and yet remain exempt from income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, including, but not limited to: the power and authority to borrow money and to receive, buy, pledge, mortgage, encumber, sell, lease and otherwise acquire by gift, devise or inheritance, real and personal property of any kind or character necessary to promote the purposes of the corporation and to hold, use, pledge, mortgage, encumber, sell, invest and reinvest the same and collect and disburse the income and principal therefrom for such purposes.

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ARTICLE SIX:

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Lakeland Baptist Deaf Church shall consist of people having made a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and who, having been scripturally baptized by immersion, agree with the Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE SEVEN:

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter from other churches of like faith and order, by satisfactory statement of faith and believers baptism by immersion and by profession of faith and baptism as herein above provided in Article Six upon the majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said church.

ARTICLE EIGHT:

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE NINE:

INCORPORATOR AND INITIAL OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The names and addresses of initial Officers and Trustees are as follows:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
DEBBIE FLORENCE (Secretary)	4809 Benton Street Lake Wales, FL 33859
MARTHA E. GRUBE (Vice President)	1610 Dooley Lane Lakeland, Florida 33813
BRANTLEY R. SEARSON (President)	6015 Mission Drive Lakeland, Florida 33812

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The name and address of the Incorporator is:

BRANTLEY R. SEARSON

6015 Mission Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33812

ARTICLE TEN:

TRUSTEES, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

- 1) The initial Officers and Trustees shall serve until new Officers and Trustees are elected in accordance with the By-Laws of the corporation.
- 2) The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Trustees subject to and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Church.
- 3) The Trustees are designated as officers who, in their official capacity, shall sign and execute all legal documents for and on behalf of the Church corporation as its chief executive officers. Any three (3) Trustees signatures shall be required to bind the corporation.
- 4) The registered agent for the corporation is JACQUELINE CAMPBELL BOWMAN whose address is 1731 Staunton Ave., Lakeland, Florida 33803-4624. Trustees may change the registered agent and office with the approval of the new registered agent by giving notice to the office of the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE ELEVEN:

DIRECTORS, OTHER OFFICERS, MANAGEMENT AND ELECTION

The directors of the corporation shall be the Trustees named herein. Such other officers as the Trustees may, from time to time, name and designate and all such directors and officers (except the Pastor and support staff) shall be elected each year by a majority vote of the membership of the corporation present at a business meeting of the corporation. The Pastor and support staff shall be elected to serve until

resignation, death or termination (by majority vote of membership and corporation).

ARTICLE TWELVE:

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at such times as provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN:

BY-LAWS

The members of the Church shall have the right to make and adopt such By-Laws as they shall deem proper and advisable and such By-Laws shall be made, altered, or rescinded upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, at any regular or special business meeting of the Church called for that purpose.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN:

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

1) The By-Laws of the Church and these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the members of the Church at any regular business meeting called for that purpose, provided that proper notice has been given at a previous regular business meeting, or in the Church Bulletin on Sunday before the Wednesday meeting; or in case of emergency, such notice may be waived by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present. All such proposed alterations, changes or amendments of the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at such meeting.

2) Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, when approved by the Church, must also be forwarded to and filed by the Florida Secretary of State.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN:

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision

for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being the original subscribers to this charter, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of January, 2018.

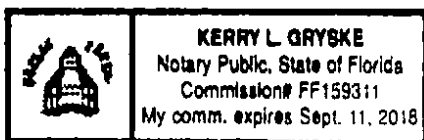

BRANTLEY SEARSON

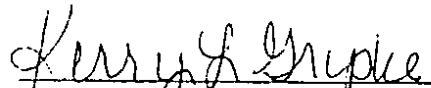
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COUNTY OF POLK

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared BRANTLEY SEARSON, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before me that he executed the same and he () is personally known to me or (X) produced Drivers license as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of January, 2018.

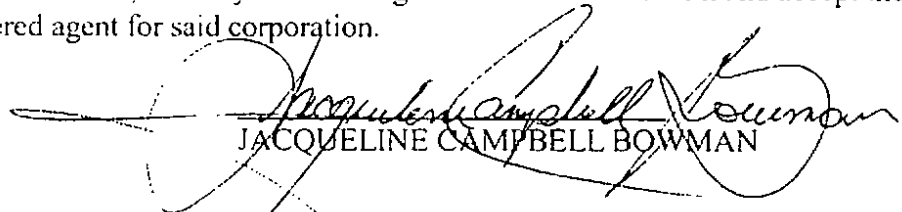
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Notary Signature

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

As registered agent designated herein, I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

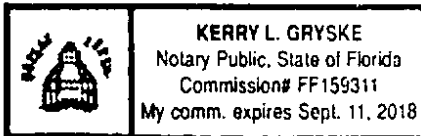

JACQUELINE CAMPBELL BOWMAN

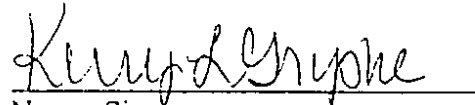
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared JACQUELINE CAMPBELL BOWMAN known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before me that he executed the same and he () is personally known to me or (X) produced Drivers license as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of January, 2018.

(SEAL)




Notary Signature