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**Articles of Incorporation**  
**of**  
**Gethsemane Primitive Baptist Church, Inc.**  
**A Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit**

The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation hereby associates to form a corporation (the "Corporation") not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).

**1. Name**

The name of the Corporation is Gethsemane Primitive Baptist Church, Inc. The Corporation's principal office (and mailing address) is located at 4930 Neal Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33905, in Lee County, Florida. The Board of Trustees may from time to time move the principal office of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

**2. Nature of Business**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding provision of any United States Revenue Law (the "Revenue Laws"). In carrying out such purposes, this Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law, including the power and authority to accept gifts, devise and other contributions for charitable purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for charitable purposes either directly or by contribution to other Section 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes; provided, however, said powers and authorities shall be exercised only in furtherance of charitable purposes.

**3. Powers**

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

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4. **Membership**

The membership of this Corporation shall be limited to the members of the Board of Trustees and such other persons as from time to time may become members as set forth in the Bylaws.

5. **Term of Existence**

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

6. **Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation are: Lowell S. Schoenfeld, 1380 Royal Palm Square Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33919.

7. **Officers**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as may be provided by the Bylaws. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Trustees are:

Title: Chairman  
Hollis Albritton, Jr.  
7012 Crooked Creek Lane  
Zolfo Springs, Florida 33890

Title: Treasurer  
Marylou McKay  
18462 Tulip Road  
Fort Myers, Florida 33967

Title: Secretary  
John Wilkes  
4930 Neal Road  
Fort Myers, Florida 33905

8. **Trustees**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, members of which shall be elected annually in accordance with the Bylaws. The number of Trustees shall be fixed as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation but shall never be less than three (3) not more than seven (7), unless Board of Trustees elects to increase number of Trustee. The names and addresses of the first Board of Trustees, consisting of those persons who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Hollis Albritton, Jr.	7012 Crooked Creek Lane Zolfo Springs, Florida 33890
John W. Wilkes	4930 Neal Road Fort Myers, Florida 33905
Douglas McKay	18462 Tulip Road Fort Myers, Florida 33890
Rowland A. Walker, a/k/a Roland A. Walker	3686 County Road 78 LaBelle, Florida 33935

**9. Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The initial registered office of the Corporation is GSK Registered Agents, Inc. The street address of the initial registered agent of the Company is 1380 Royal Palm Square Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33919.

**10. Bylaws**

The Board of Trustees of this Corporation shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

**11. Amendments**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the officers of the Corporation and approved by the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum present at a meeting duly called in accordance with Bylaws of the Corporation.

**12. Limitations on Actions**

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2 hereof. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) 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 activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws). The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its net income

or assets to any members, Trustees, or officers, and the private property of the subscribers, members, Trustees and officers shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

In particular, but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be considered a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws), it shall not:

(a) fail to distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);

(b) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);

(c) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);


(d) make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);

(e) or make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws).

### 13. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or to the corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Law, as shall be selected by the last Board of Trustees. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or Director of this Corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court 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.

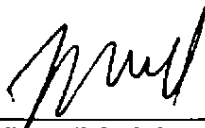
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation on April 19, 2019.

  
John W. Wilkes, Trustee

**Acceptance by Registered Agent**

Having been named Registered Agent and designated to accept service of process for Gethsemane Primitive Baptist Church, Inc., at the place designated herein, and being familiar with the obligations of that position, GSK Registered Agents, Inc., hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of the duties of the Registered Agent.

GSK Registered Agents, Inc., a Florida  
corporation

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lowell S. Schoenfeld, Vice President

Dated: April 15, 2019