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#### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: BETHEL BAPTIST CHUNCH OF VALPARAISO, FL 32580, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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## Articles of Incorporation of

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF VALPARAISO, FL 32580, Inc.

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### **ARTICLE 1: NAME:**

The name of the corporation shall be BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF VALPARAISO, FL 32580, INC.

#### ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address and mailing address of the principal place of business of the corporation is 535-A VALPARAISO PARKWAY, VALPARAISO, FL 32580.

#### **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, establishing and maintaining religious worship, educating believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, maintaining missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country; and engaging in any other activity not prohibited to corporations under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act that is in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 4: MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have members. The qualifications, rights, privileges, duties, and classifications of members of the corporation shall be stated in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 5: MANNER OF ELECTION**

The corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) directors. The qualifications, duties, and election of directors shall be stated in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE 6: INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

KEVIN CLARK 1617 MOORE DRIVE, NICEVILLE, FL 32578

JP SODEN 8 KRISTIN CIRCLE, NICEVILLE, FL 32578

BYRON RAWLES 199 LIVE OAK LANE, DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FL 32533

#### ARTICLE 7: REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

JP SODEN

8 KRISTIN CIRCLE, NICEVILLE, FL 32578

#### ARTICLE 8: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

JP SODEN

8 KRISTIN CIRCLE, NICEVILLE, FL 32578

#### **ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, all of the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### ARTICLE 10: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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.

#### ARTICLE 11: PRIVATE INUREMENT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, 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 tax-exempt purposes of the corporation set forth in Article 3.

#### **ARTICLE 12: EXEMPT ACTIVITIES**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, except that the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE 13: DURATION**

The period of the duration of the corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

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.

Required Signature of Registered Agent

6/2/2019 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.

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date