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| Enclosed is an original a | nd one (1) copy of the Arti | icles of Incorporation and | a check for: |
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE LIFE CENTER, A MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF OCALA, INC.

a Florida not for profit corporation

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be THE LIFE CENTER, A MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF OCALA, INC.

ARTICLE II

The initial principal office of this corporation shall be 4620 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Suite 402. Ocala, Florida 34470. The initial mailing address of this corporation shall be P.O. Box 831832. Ocala, Florida 34482.

ARTICLE III

The Statement of Faith of the corporation shall set forth herein:

We Believe:

- There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each of whom equally possesses all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.
- Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
- Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
- Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died.
- Jesus Christ ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own.

- Man is created in the image of God. All have sinned disobeying God; thus, man is alienated from His creator. That historic fall brought all mankind under divine condemnation.
- Man's nature is corrupted, and he is totally unable to please God. Every man is in need of salvation by regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- The salvation of man is entirely a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them forever in His sight.
- It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior and Lord. This assurance is not based on any kind of human merit, but is produced by the witness of the Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written Word.
- The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power, and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith. Every believer is called to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit that he might not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.
- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving fait.
- God admonishes His people to assemble together in local churches for worship, for participation in the ordinances of believer's baptism, and the Lord's Table, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.
- At physical death, the believer immediately enters into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting glory and blessing.
- At physical death, the unbeliever enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation in Hades away from the Lord and waits the resurrection of his body to everlasting judgment and condemnation in the Lake of Fire.
- Jesus Christ will come again to the earth personally, visibly, and bodily to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
- The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to disciple men of every nation in the context of the local church. The fulfillment of the Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."
- The truth found in the Word of God encourages you to see your circumstances, problems, and relationships from a biblical perspective.

ARTICLE IV

More specifically, this corporation is organized for the charitable and religious purpose of forming, maintaining, and operating a biblical counseling ministry, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

This is a corporation not for profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*.

- Upon dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or
 making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of
 all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation and
 in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated
 exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes as the Board of Directors
 shall determine.
- 2. No part of the income or net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers.

ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall receive as members those who profess Jesus Christ as their Savior, manifest the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, and agree with the Statement of Faith and polity of the Corporation. The Bylaws of the Corporation may set forth terms and conditions regarding qualification, admission, termination, and standing of membership.

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

Caleb V. Smith 1416 SE 38th Court Ocala, FL 34471

ARTICLE VIII

This corporation shall have at least four (4) directors initially. The method of election and the number of directors shall be determined by, and may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

The initial directors shall be:

Mark C. Norman 5540 NE 2nd Lane Ocala, FL 34470

Kane E. Richmond 11750 SE 110th Street Belleview, FL 34420

Michael E. DeGuzman 3424 SE 6th Street Ocala, FL 34471

Caleb V. Smith 1416 SE 38th Court Ocala, FL 34471

ARTICLE IX

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

Mark C. Norman 5540 NE 2nd Lane Ocala, FL 34470

ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business in the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time consistent with *Florida Statutes*. The Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new and other Bylaws may be made and adopted by the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made and adopted only by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator of this corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2020.

Caleb V. Smith

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or

online notarization, this 3rd day of Tebruary. 2020

(aleb V. Smith who is personally known to me or who has produced FLDL as identification.

ABBY STEWART
Commission # GG 951254
Expires January 26, 2024
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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.

Dated this 3rd day of February . 2020.

Mark C. Norman

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