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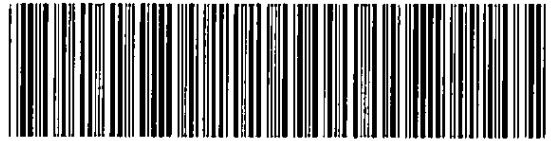
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MEL BECKHAM
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SUBJECT: CEDAR KEY CHURCH OF CHRIST, INCORPORATED
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** Both addresses corrected*

We have received your document for CEDAR KEY CHURCH OF CHRIST, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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SUBJECT: Cedar Key Church of Christ, Incorporated
(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,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Mel Beckham
Name (Printed or typed)

Po Box 88
Address

Cedar Key FL 32625
City, State & Zip

904-910-1353
Daytime Telephone number

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

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CEDAR KEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Florida Nonprofit Corporation

ARTICLE I

1.1 The name of the corporation is: **CEDAR KEY CHURCH OF CHRIST, Incorporated** (the "Corporation"). The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under and as defined in the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Law.

1.2 As used in these Articles and in the Bylaws of the Corporation, the word Church refers to the congregation of believers in and followers of Jesus Christ known as the Cedar Key Church of Christ, Incorporated, whose membership is defined and approved as provided in the Bylaws by the elders of the congregation, or in the absence of elders, by the trustees of the congregation. The Church is a spiritual entity and is not a legal or corporate entity and is an autonomous congregation of the "Church of Christ" as described in these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

1.3 The duration of the Corporation is: Perpetual.

ARTICLE II

2.1 The physical address of the Corporation's principal office is: **Cedar Key Church of Christ, Incorporated, 709 NW 3rd Street, Cedar Key, FL 32625**. The mailing address of the Corporation's principal office is: **Cedar Key Church of Christ, Incorporated, P.O. Box 417, Cedar Key, FL 32625**.

ARTICLE III

3.1 This Corporation is formed to (a) hold title to and conduct the oversight and management of all of the real property and tangible personal property used by the Church, and (b) financial stewardship of other assets and liabilities of the Church if so delegated by the elders, or in the absence of elders, by the trustees of the Church. It specifically is not formed for determining the theology of the Church, nor to conduct or oversee the spiritual or worship activity of the Church, which is reserved to the elders, or in the absence of elders as the members of the Church shall determine. "Members" shall be as defined in the Bylaws. Members of the Corporation and members of the Church may be different.

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3.2 In addition, the Corporation may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the general corporation law of Florida, unless prohibited by these Articles, including without limitation, the following: (i) to own and to receive gifts of interests in assets and enterprises that will contribute to the religious, educational and charitable purposes of and/or provide financial support for the Church; and (ii) to do any and all things and acts necessary, proper and lawful to conduct, promote, and attain those purposes.

3.3 In the event of a disagreement regarding corporation affairs between a majority of the elders of the Church and a majority of the Corporation Board of Trustees that is not resolved through open (i.e., public within the Church) brotherly negotiation, the authority of the elders will control and override the Trustees, provided that the elders are duly appointed by and have the current support of at least two-thirds of the active members of the Church as identified in the Bylaws. The support of the members of the Church for the elders' decision in such disagreement shall be demonstrated via written ballot cast after a duly called meeting at which all members of the Church have been fairly notified and given reasonable opportunity to vote.

ARTICLE IV

4.1 Ownership, control, and legal governance authority of the Corporation is vested in a board of directors which will be known as the Board of Trustees. The number, selection, appointment, resignation, removal and qualification of Trustees shall be provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, and shall at a minimum meet the following criteria: each Trustee shall be an active member of the Churches of Christ and shall be a person of responsibility, integrity and high standing in the community in which he or she resides and works.

4.2 This Corporation is a Florida non-profit religious corporation organized under the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Law and as such, is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and may engage in any and all forms of charitable activity within the meaning of said section, and the Corporation may exercise all powers not specifically prohibited by the laws of the State of Florida.

4.3 As a Florida Non-profit Corporation, said Corporation may act in a fiduciary capacity as contemplated by the laws of the State of Florida.

4.4 The Corporation shall have Members whose qualifications and voting rights shall be more specifically set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but in all cases a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the Members shall have the right to select and remove Trustees. All rights which are not delegated to the Trustees in these Articles or the Bylaws shall vest in the Members.

4.5 This Corporation does not have authority to issue capital stock. The Corporation is owned and controlled by its Members for its charitable purposes.

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4.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under §170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4.7 This Corporation is not for profit, and as such, the Corporation does not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to any individual. None of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director, officer, contributor or any other private person or individual except as may be incidental to the carrying out of its religious, educational and charitable purposes. 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 in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

4.8 In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, remaining after the payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to one or more non-profit organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, which have established tax exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and which are affiliated with the independent Churches of Christ. The identity and number of, and respective amounts to be distributed to, such organizations shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion, or in the absence or stalemate of the Trustees, by the two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Members.

4.9 As used throughout this instrument, the term "Churches of Christ" shall mean as is hereinafter described. Said description is provided as a means to assist in the interpretation of the intent and purposes of this Corporation and not as a statement of creed or doctrine.

4.10 "Churches of Christ" shall mean the individual and aggregate autonomous congregations of Christians whose creed and doctrine are the Word of God, comprised of the canon of the Old Testament and the New Testament without the apocryphal writings or other non-canonical writings. There is voluntary cooperation among most congregations, but no vertical human structure or hierarchy beyond the individual congregation. Churches of Christ teach salvation through grace, which comes through faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and baptism by immersion for the forgiveness of sin. Sunday assemblies of the Churches of Christ are generally characterized by weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, proclamation of the Word of God, prayers, the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, and the collection of donations for the work of the Church. Churches of Christ in America trace their heritage through the Restoration Movement of the 1800's seeking restoration of the Church as found in the inspired writings of the New Testament. This definition is for descriptive and identifying purposes only and is not intended to define the individual characteristics of members of the Church, nor to make a theological statement.

4.11 These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by and only by the vote or written consent of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Members and two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Trustees.

ARTICLE V

5.1 The Directors/Officers/Trustees will be named at a later date.

ARTICLE VI

6.1 The name of the Corporation's registered agent in the State of Florida is: **Mel Beckham.**

Mel Beckham
Mel Beckham

6.2 The street address of the place of business of the person in the State of Florida to which service of process and other notice and documents being served on or sent to the entity represented by it may be delivered to is: ~~P.O. Box 417~~, Cedar Key, FL 32625.

16351 Whiddon Ave,

ARTICLE VII

7.1 The name of the Corporation's Incorporator in the State of Florida is: **Ronnie F Taylor**

7.2 The mailing address of the Corporation's Incorporator listed above is: *16333 Andrews Circle*
~~P.O. Box~~
~~999~~, Cedar Key, FL 32625.

The undersigned certify that the undersigned has read the above statements, that I am authorized to sign these Articles of Incorporation, and that the above statements are true and correct.

Signed this 12th day of June 2024

Ronnie F. Taylor

Ronnie F Taylor, Chairman

J.R. Sellars

J. R. Sellars, Trustee

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