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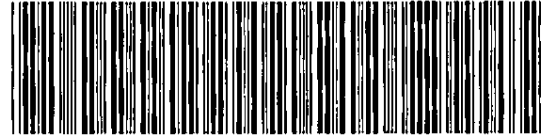
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# **Articles of Incorporation**

**for**

## **The Corinthian Church, Inc.**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

Created and incorporated under the laws  
Of the State of Florida, dated this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of January, 2025 in the city of  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be The Corinthian Church, Inc. It shall be incorporated as a not-for-profit religious organization under the laws of the State of Florida.

### **ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place and the office of the corporation shall be 9529 Gisborne Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32208 with the privilege of establishing branch offices or churches at other places within or without the State of Florida.

### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

**Section 1. Scriptural.** The purpose of the corporation as a local body of Christ shall be for the dissemination of the teachings of the Holy Bible; to glorify God through worship; to develop growth and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; to communicate the gospel to the world; to expand the body of Christ through the planting of additional local bodies and other functions as directed under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Section 2. Legal.** The corporation shall be incorporated as a not-for-profit religious organization under the laws of the State of Florida and organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any future Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE IV - POWERS**

**Section 1. Legal.** Without in any particular limiting or restricting any of the objects and powers of the corporation, it is expressly declared that the business or the powers of the organization shall be from time to time to do any one or more of all the acts and things set forth here, and all other acts, things and business or businesses in any manner connected therewith, or necessary, incidental, convenient or auxiliary thereto, or calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interests of the corporation or enhance the value of or render profitable and of its property or rights, as such a corporation may lawfully do; and in carrying on its business, or for the purposes of attaining or furthering any of its objects, to do all acts and things, and to exercise all other powers which a co-partnership or natural person could do and exercise, and which now or hereafter may be authorized by law, and either as, or by and through principals, agents, attorneys, trustees, businesses, contractors, factors, lessors, lessees, or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with others and in any part of the world; and in addition to have and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges now or hereafter belonging to or conferred upon corporations organized under the provisions of the law authorizing the formation of such corporations.

In furtherance and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the State of Florida, and the objects and purposes set forth here, it is expressly provided that this

corporation shall also have the following powers: to join or consolidate with, and enter into agreements and cooperative relations, not in contravention of law, with any person, firm, association or corporation in and about the carrying on of all or any part of the purposes of this organization; to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every sort and kind, not prohibited by law, with any person, firm, association or corporation, private, public or municipal, or body politic; to issue bonds, debentures or other obligations of the organization, and to contract indebtedness without limit as to amount for any of the objects and purposes of the organization, and to secure the same by mortgage or mortgages, deed or deeds of trust, or pledge or lien on any or all of the real and/or personal property of the organization subject only to the provisions of the laws of Florida.

**Section 2. Scriptural.** This corporation shall have all of the powers granted by law to non-profit corporations and churches to carry out any of the business, objects and purposes herein enumerated, either within or without the State of Florida. The recitation of the stated particular powers shall not be deemed to be an inclusive list of powers to be possessed by the corporation but shall be deemed in addition to all other lawful powers not inconsistent with them and shall be conferred upon this corporation by the Statutes of Florida.

**Section 3. Validity.** Any power attempted to be conferred by the articles of incorporation, which is in conflict with a governing statute, is void.

## ARTICLE V - DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts this Doctrinal Statement of Faith:

**Section 1. The Bible.** We believe the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testament is the verbally inspired word of God and revelation of God to man; the infallible, authoritative, and final authority of faith and conduct of every believer. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product the holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2Ti. 3:15-17; 1Thess. 2:13; 2Pet. 1:21)

**Section 2. The One True Godhead.** Our God is the one true God, but manifested in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all being co-equal. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second person of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal. They are co-eternal and coequal as to nature, attributes, and perfection. (Deut 4:35; 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; James 2:19; Ps 90:2; John 1:1; Isaiah 48:16-17; Mat 3:16-17; 28:19; 2Cor 13:14; 1 John; Gen 1:1-2; John 1:1)

**Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption.** We believe that the immaterial part of man was created in the image of God but the first man, Adam, willfully sinned and fell from God's grace. In Adam, all men have inherited a sinful nature and all men have sinned and have incurred spiritual death, which is separation from God. Thus, all men now are alienated from God and remain totally unable to redeem themselves. Those who reach moral responsibility are held accountable for their sinfulness in thought, word, and deed. Through Jesus Christ, God created man and all that has come into being (man, animals and the universe did not evolve) (Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:17; Ps 51:5; Rom 3:23; 5:12; 6:23; 7:17-25; Eph 2:1-3; Rom 2:1-15; Jas 2:10; Gen 1:1-2:3; Ps 139:15-16; Col 1:16)

**Section 4. The Salvation of Man.**

(a) **Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.** On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace, we are saved through faith. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart--that is, the word of faith which we preach, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation" (Rom. 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; Rom. 10:8-10).

(b) **The Evidence of Salvation.** The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

(c) **Faith and Works.** Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity (Rom. 10:9-10 and 2Cor. 5:10).

**Section 5. Water Baptism.** Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of Our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

**Section 6. Sanctification.** The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return (Heb. 12:14; 1Thess. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2Cor. 3:18; 1Cor. 1:30).

**Section 7. The Lord's Supper.** We believe in the Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements--bread and the fruit of the vine--is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ; a memorial of His suffering and death; and a prophecy of His second coming; and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!" (1Cor. 11:24-25, 28).

**Section 8. Spiritual Gifts.** We believe that God gave unto men spiritual gifts (the word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gifts of healing; the working of miracles; the gift of prophecy; the discerning of spirits; [divers] kinds of tongues; and the interpretation of tongues) dividing them severally as He will (1Cor. 12:1-11)

**Section 9. The Baptism in The Holy Spirit.** All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. This gift is from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the new birth, this experience is accompanied by evidence such as speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance, boldness, etc. (Matt. 3:11; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:4).

**Section 10. The Church.** The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in Heaven (Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

**Section 11. Total Prosperity.**

(a) **Spiritual.** John 3:3; 2Cor. 5:17; Rom. 10:9-10.

(b) **Mental.** 2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 12:2; Isaiah 16:3.

(c) **Physical.** Isaiah 53:4-5; Matt. 8:17; 1Peter 2:24.

(d) **Financial.** 3John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2Cor. 9:6-10.

(e) **Social.** Proverbs 3:4; Luke 2:52.

**Section 12. Resurrection of the Just and Return of Our Lord Blessed Hope.** The angels said, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner." His coming is imminent. When He comes, "...the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air..." The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (1Cor. 15:51-52; 1Thess. 4:16-17; 2Thess. 2:1).

**Section 13. Hell, and Eternal Judgment.** The one who physically dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting. The Lake of Fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting," used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 19:20).

**Section 14. The Millennial Reign of Jesus.** We believe in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised (Rom. 11:25, 27; 2Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-7). After this there shall be a new heaven and new earth. (Rev. 21).

**Section 15. The substitutionary death of Jesus Christ.** We believe that Jesus Christ, perfect and without sin, died as a substitutionary sacrifice on the cross bearing punishment for all the sins of the entire world, past, present and future (2Cor 5:21; 1Pet 1:18-19; 2:22; 3:18; 1John 3:5; Ro. 3:23-26; 5:6-8; 1Cor 15:3-4; 2Cor 5:14-21; 1Tim 2:5-6; 1John 2:2)

**Section 16. The Deity of Jesus Christ.** We believe that the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, did not possess a sinful nature (Isaiah 7:14; Mat 1:18; Luke 1:34-35; 2Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1John 3:5; John 1:1-3, 14; Phil 2:5-7; Heb 2:17)

**Section 17. Resurrection of Jesus Christ.** We believe that the physical body of Jesus Christ was resurrected and ascended into heaven where He is our Advocate and High Priest. (John 20:26-27; 1Cor 15:3-8; Lk. 24:50-52; Acts 1:9-11; 1Pet 3:21-22; Ro 8:34; Heb 7:24-25, 8:1; 1John 2:1)

**Section 18. Responsibility of the believers.** It is God's will that every believer should grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by the regular and frequent intake of Bible Doctrine. Every believer has been called with a holy calling to walk-not after the flesh but after the spirit, and so to live in the spirit that they should not fulfill the lust of the flesh; but the flesh being still in us to the end of the earthly life, needs to be kept constantly in subjection to Christ, or it will surely manifest itself to dishonor His name. (John 17:14-17; Mat 4:4; Eph 4:11-16; 2Pet 3:18; Rom 8:12-13; 13:14; Gal 5:16-25; Eph 4:22-24; 5:18; Col 3:1-10)

**Section 19. Satan.** We believe that Satan is a created being who exists in personality and reality. He is the enemy of both God and of believers. He is the leader of a group of fallen angels. (Job 1:6-7; Mat 4:2-11; 25:41; Acts 5:3; 1Pet 5:8; Rev 12:7-10)

**Section 20. The Holy Spirit.** We believe that the Holy Spirit is God. He is a distinct person of the Godhead who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment; regenerates those who believe; baptizes them into the body of Christ; indwells all believers of the present age; seals them unto the day of redemption; is the only source of power for acceptable worship and service; is the infallible interpreter of Holy Scripture; is ever present to testify concerning Jesus Christ. It should be the desire of every believer to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17; 16:7-11; 1John 5:7; John 3:5-6; Tit 3:4-5; 1Cor 12:12,13; John 14:16-17; Rom 8:9-11; 1Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2Cor 1:21-22; Eph 4:30; Acts 1:8; Rom 8:26-27; Gal 5:16-25; John 14:26; 1Cor 2:9-16; John 16:12-15; 1Pet 1:10-12; Eph 5:18)

**Section 21. The Church.** We believe that the Church Universal, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, includes the whole company of believers from Pentecost to the Rapture and that Jesus Christ is the Head and the Bridegroom. We believe that the local church is any autonomous group of believers in Christ, in one geographical location, united in the Spirit, who meet together for instruction in the Word of God, prayer, observance of the Lord's supper, and observance of the ordinance of baptism by immersion. We believe that the mission of the Church is to glorify God and to present Jesus Christ to the world. (2Cor 11:2; Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:24; Matt 3:13-16; Acts 20:7; 1Cor 1:2, 11:23-29; John 15:15-16; 1Cor 10:31; Phil 2:15-16)

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Officers and Directors.** The initial officers/directors are:

1. Pastor/President – Torrence I. Johnson Sr., 9529 Gisborne Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32208
2. Executive Vice-President – Queen Sylvester-Johnson, 9529 Gisborne Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208
4. Secretary – Torrence I. Johnson Sr., 9529 Gisborne Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32208
5. Treasurer – Queen Sylvester-Johnson, 9529 Gisborne Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208

**Section 2. Successorship of the Pastor/President.** In the event death, incapacity, an illness which confines, spiritual disqualification, or other resignation occurs in the office of the Pastor/President, the Executive Vice-President shall serve as Pastor/President.

**Section 3. Indemnification of officers.** The officers, directors, of this corporation shall be indemnified as outlined within the bylaws of this corporation.

**Section 4. Duration.** The officers of this corporation shall be appointed for a term as outlined in the By-Laws of this corporation.

## **ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1. Ministerial.** This Church shall have a government consisting of a Pastor/President and other offices within the five-fold Ministry as defined in the Holy Bible. (Eph. 4:11-12) and inspired by the Holy Spirit. There shall also be Deacons (1Ti. 3:13); Helps (1Cor. 12:28); and Elders (Acts 14:23).

**Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities.** The By-laws of this Church shall define the duties, responsibilities, and other matters regarding the Governments within the Church. The Government within the Church shall have the care for all spiritual matters involving the Church and shall not be deemed as Board Members or Directors of this corporation unless specified in these articles or the By-laws of the Corporation.



## **ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Classes of Members.** The membership of the Church shall be divided into two classes of membership which are Board of Directors (voting members); and Congregational (non-voting members).

**Section 2. Qualifications.** Any person interested in becoming a member of the congregation of Corinthian Community Christian Center shall submit a written and signed application of the Church, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any person interested in becoming a Board of Director or a member in the congregation of Corinthian Community Christian Center shall qualify for membership.

If:

- (1) He/She accepts the teachings and the Doctrinal Statement of Faith of this Church;
- (2) Agrees to be governed in church affiliation by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and any amendments thereto, of this church; and
- (3) Recognizes and accepts the authority of the Pastor/President in this Church

**Section 3. Resignation.** Any member of the congregation who wishes to voluntarily resign may do so by filing a written notice of resignation to the secretary.

### **Section 4. Discipline.**

(a) The Pastor/President acting alone may, after allowing due process for correction, suspend or expel a member (voting or non-voting) of the congregation for a cause or other matter involving severe spiritual deviation in conflict with the teachings of the Holy Bible and/or the Church Doctrinal Statement of Faith.

(b) A member (voting or non-voting) may also be involuntary suspended or expelled from membership, after allowing due process for correction by an affirmative vote of all the Board members for a cause or other matter involving severe spiritual deviation in conflict with the teachings of the Holy Bible and/or the Church Doctrinal Statement of Faith.

## **ARTICLE IX – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is Torrence I. Johnson Sr., 9529 Gisborne Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32208

**Designation 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.

Registered Agent: Torrence J. Johnson Torrence J. Johnson 11/1/25  
Print Name Signature Date

## ARTICLE X – INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

1. Torrence L. Johnson, Sr., 9529 Gisborne Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32208

## ARTICLE XI – AMENDING ARTICLES

The corporation reserves the rights to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in this certificate of incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred herein on directors and officers are subject to this reserved power.

## **ARTICLE XII – LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES**

***Section 1. Personal Interest.*** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure<sup>5</sup> to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no officer or director of the corporation, or any other private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation: provided however, the corporation may confer benefits in the form of distributions, in the dissolution or otherwise, upon any non-profit corporation described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any future Internal Revenue Code

**Section 2. 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 any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

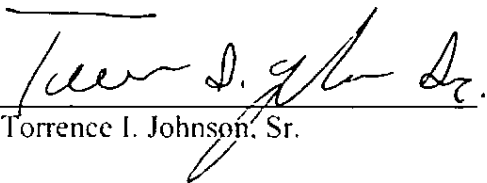
**Section 1. Distribution.** Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets after paying or making provisions for the payment of the liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to any one or more other organizations of the interdenominational faith with religious purposes similar, or related to, those of the corporation.

**Section 2. Legal.** In no event shall a distribution be made to an organization unless it qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any future Internal Revenue Code. A court of competent jurisdiction shall dispose of any assets not so disposed of exclusively for such charitable purposes, as said court shall determine.

### ARTICLE XIV – EFFECTIVE DATE

The undersigned incorporator(s) have executed these Articles of Incorporation  
this 1st day of January, 2025.

Signatures:

  
Torrence I. Johnson, Sr.

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