APOSTLIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

# N33533

December 24, 1997

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314 200002384802-- 9 -12/29/97--01120--001 \*\*\*\*\*35.00 \*\*\*\*\*35.00

Dear Sirs;,

Please find the enclosed amendments to our Corporation. Also enclosed is the name of the new registered Agent for the corporation.

We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$35 to cover the filing fees. I hope you find this satisfactory.

Our Corporation address has changed to 650 N.W. Airoso Boulevard, Port St Lucie, Florida. Our mailing address will continue to be P.O. Box 7145, Port St Lucie Fl. 34985 Telephone number is 1 561 871 6943

Sincerely,

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

January 7, 1998

KATHLEEN TURNER P.O. BOX 7145 PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34985

SUBJECT: UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Ref. Number: N33533

We have received your document for UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The current name of the entity is as referenced above. Please correct your document accordingly.

The document must also contain the address of the registered agent which must be at a Florida street address.

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6908.

Letter Number: 398A00000763

Teresa Brown Corporate Specialist



650 N.W. Airoso Boulevard P.O. Box 7145 (34985-7145) Port St. Lucie, FL 34983 (561) 871-6943

Rev. George H. Jackson, Pastor

January 27, 1998

Teresa Brown, Corporate Specialist Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: United Pentecostal Church, Inc. of St. Lucie County

Ref. Number: N33533

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please find enclosed the Articles of Amendment of the above referenced corporation that have been corrected as requested in your letter dated January 7, 1998.

If you have any questions concerning this document, please call me at (561) 871-6943.

Sincerely,

Rev. George H. Jackson

President and Pastor

Encl. (including copy of cover letter)

# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

to

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

| UNITED PENTECOSTAL | CHURCH. | INC. OF | ST. | LUCIE | COUNTY |
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| Pursuant<br>corporati | to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit on adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation. |
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| FIRST:                | Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER(S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.) Amended:   |
|                       | Articles I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX   |
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| SECONE                | The data of adoption of the amondment(a) was. December 2, 1997   |
| THIRD:                | The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was:  |
|                       | XX The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.   |
|                       | There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.   |
| <del>-</del>          | THE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY  Corporation Name   |

Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

REV. GEORGE H. JACKSON

Typed or printed name

PRESIDENT/PASTOR

January 28, 1998

Title

Date

# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

# OF THE

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

# A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, desiring to amend the Articles pursuant to the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby make, subscribe, and acknowledge these Articles of Amendment, as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### **NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be as follows:

# THE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY.

# ARTICLE II

#### **PURPOSE**

The general purpose of this corporation shall be that of a religious organization, more specifically that of a Christian congregation, established and maintained not for profit, but for the express purpose of disseminating the Gospel according to the Word of God; and to provide, erect, own, lease, furnish, or manage any building, hall, parsonage, or other facility for said purpose. The Corporation shall have no capitol stock and shall not be conducted or pecuniary profit.

#### ARTICLE III

#### LOCATION

The location shall be in the City of Port St. Lucie, County of St. Lucie at 650 N.W. Airoso Boulevard or such place in said county as may be designated by the Trustees of the Corporation and ratified by a two-thirds (%) majority of the eligible voting congregation.

# ARTICLE IV

### **MEMBERSHIP**

A. A member in good standing shall mean one who has lived a consistent Christian life, has repented of their sins, been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Ghost

with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:38). He or she must be regular in attendance and support the Church with his or her tithes and offerings for at least six months prior to any election or duly called business meeting.

B. A member in good standing shall mean one who has had the "right hand of fellowship" offered them and has brought a letter of transfer from their previous Church.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **NON-PROFIT**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Section 501(c)(3) purposes. 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

### ARTICLE VI

## MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS

- A. The management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Church Board of Trustees, consisting of the Pastor as Chairman, and at least two (2) other members in good standing, but not more than four (4) other members in good standing. Trustees will be nominated by the Pastor and elected by two-thirds (2/4) of the voting congregation present at the annual business meeting or duly called meeting for such purpose.
- B. The members of the Board of Trustees of this corporation shall be at least (3) but not more than five (5) trustees.

- 1. Rev. George H. Jackson, Trustee of said corporation as long as Pastor of Church
- 2. Don T. Turner, II, Trustee
- 3. Byron James, Trustee
- C. The Board of Trustees shall perform the duties of the Board of Directors to assist the Pastor in the management of the ministry through its different departments. The Pastor shall be President of the Board of Directors and all decisions made shall be ratified by a majority vote of all board members.

The Board of Directors will consist of three (3) officers of which the names and addresses are:

- Rev. George H. Jackson, President as long as Pastor 1657 S.E. Floresta Drive Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
- Don T. Turner, II, Vice-President 4004 Greenwood Drive Fort Pierce, FL 34982
- 3. Byron James, Secretary/Treasurer 486 S.E. Crosspoint Drive Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
- D. A separate Board of Directors from the Board of Trustees shall be chosen at such time Church growth deems it necessary.

This shall be accomplished by the Pastor with the advice and consent of a majority of the present Board of Directors and ratified by a two-thirds (%) majority vote of the members of the congregation.

#### ARTICLE VII

# FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

The basic and fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 2:4; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:46-48; Acts 19:5-6; Romans 3-6, inclusive).

- A. Inspiration of Scriptures. We believe all scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is therefore the infallible Word of God in so far as they are correctly translated from the original writings. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).
- B. The One True God. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (St. John 1:1-14). Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh. (I Timothy 3:16).
- C. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our own likeness." But, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).
- D. The Salvation of Man. 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. Except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (St. John 3:5).
- E. Repentance. Pardon and forgiveness of sins is obtained by genuine repentance, a confession and forsaking of sins. We are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1). John the Baptist preached repentance, Jesus proclaimed it, and the apostles emphasized it to both Jews and Gentiles. (Acts 2:28; Acts 11:18; Acts 17:30). The word "repentance" means a change of view and purpose, change of heart, change of mind, change of life, transformation, etc. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3). Luke 24:47 says, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."
- F. Baptism in Water. Baptism by immersion in water in Jesus Name must be observed as commanded in the scriptures by all who have really repented of their sins and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him is newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4)

- G. Holy Ghost Baptism. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the Holy Ghost baptism. "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:5). This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:38-39).
- H. **Divine Healing.** We believe God is still the Healer of His people, and that the Church should recognize and practice this ministry, as directed by the Lord Himself and practiced by the Apostles. (Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5; Mark 16:8; James 5:14-15; Hebrews 13:8).
- I. Faith and Works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity. (Romans 10:9-11; II Corinthians 5:10).
- J. The Lord's Supper. "And when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (I Corinthians 11:24,25,28).
- K. Footwashing. We believe in the footwashing service, as an example set by Jesus Christ. (John 13: 14-15).
- L. The Gifts of the Spirit. We believe the nine gifts of the Spirit should be manifest in the Church today, and that all Holy Spirit filled believers should earnestly covet the best gifts for the satisfaction and upbuilding of the Church. (I Corinthians 12:8-11; 14:1).
- M. The Fruit of the Spirit and Godly Living. We believe all Holy Spirit filled believers should produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, and their walk should be according to godliness and holy living. (Galatians 5:22-23; I Jöhn 2:6; I Peter 1:16; Titus 2:11-13; Π Corinthians 7:1).
- N. Second Coming of Christ. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return again, in person, in the clouds of the air to catch away His own unto Himself to be His bride. (John 14:1-3). Following this will be the tribulation period and the 1000 year, or Millennium, of peace on

earth. (Romans 11:25, 27; II Thessalonians 1:7; Revelations 19:11-16; 20:1-7). After this, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelations 21).

O. The Final Judgment. We believe that there will be a great final judgment, as recorded by the Word of God. (Hebrews 9:27; Revelations 20:11-15).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assembly, the local Church body incorporated, in the event of selecting future Pastors or Evangelists to fill its pulpit, acquire the service of those that believe and practice the above Articles of Incorporation, and that the Pastors or Evangelists under no consideration should oppose or contradict in the pulpit or among individual members of the assembly, the above Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE VIII

# AMENDING OF BYLAWS

The Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Church and ratified by a two-thirds (%) majority of the eligible voting congregation at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose. At least fourteen (14) days written advance notice of a meeting called for the purpose of altering, amending, or repealing the Church's Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation shall be given to each member of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE IX

# REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The street address of the registered office of this corporation is 1657 S.E. Floresta Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983 and the registered agent at such address is Rev. George H. Jackson.

THE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE, INC.

OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

By:

REV. GEORGE H. JACKSON, PRESIDENT

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BYRON AMES, SECRETARY/TREASURER

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 3/ day of January, 1998, before me, a notary public duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared REV. GEORGE H. JACKSON, DON T. TURNER, II and BYRON JAMES to me known to be the persons described as PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT and SECRETARY/TREASURER, respectively, of the CORPORATION, in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation; and they acknowledged to me that they subscribed to these Articles of Amendment.

(SEAL)

Notary Public State of Florida at Ta

My Commission Expires:

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# Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the aforementioned corporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Date: 1. 31. 98

Signed:

REV. GEORGE H. JACKSON, REGISTERED AGENT

1657 S.E. Floresta Drive Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

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TIMOTHY P MALONEY My Gommission CC460758 Expires May, 08, 1900 Bonded by ANB

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