



**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**3003 NEW LIFE WAY**  
**SEBRING, FL. 33872**

**MINISTER**  
**JIM JOINER**

November 3, 1997

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Division of Corporations  
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are our revised Articles of Incorporation for Community Christian Church at Sebring, Florida.

We are also enclosing our check in the amount of \$122.50, as per the following:

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent	35.00
Certified Copy	<u>52.50</u>
	\$122.50

Sincerely,

Community Christian Church  
3003 New Life Way  
Sebring, Florida 33872

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

November 18, 1997

Community Christian Church of Sebring, Inc.  
3003 New Life Way  
Sebring, FL 33872

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.  
Ref. Number: N46386

We have received your document for COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC. and check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

There is no statutory provision to file revised Articles of Incorporation. You can, however, file Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to 617.1007, Florida Statutes. Enclosed is a copy of Chapter 617.

A certificate must accompany the Restated Articles of Incorporation setting forth one of the following statements: (1) The restatement was adopted by the board of directors and does not contain any amendments requiring member approval; OR (2) If the restatement contains an amendment requiring member approval, the date of adoption of the amendment by the members and a statement that the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

The document must be signed by the chairman, any vice chairman of the board of directors, its president, or another of its officers.

The name and title of the person signing the document must be noted beneath or opposite the signature.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with a telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

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) 487-6901.

Susan Payne  
Senior Section Administrator

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation, hereafter referred to as the "church", pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this church shall be COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SEBRING, INC.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

This principal place of business for the church is at 3003 New Life Way, Sebring, Florida 33872. The mailing address is 3003 New Life Way, Sebring, Florida 33872.

### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this not-for-profit church shall be to establish and maintain a Christian congregation, patterned after the plan set forth in the New Testament and to promote Christian worship, religious instruction and other Christian activities which may be desired. The church may adopt and establish by-laws, and make all rules and regulations necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs, in accordance with the laws for not-for-profit corporations of the United States of America and the State of Florida insofar as they do not violate New Testament teachings.

(a.) The specific and primary purpose for which this church is formed is to operate for the advancement of New Testament Christian faith, and for other charitable and/or educational purposes, including the provision of resources to other covenant Christian congregations and organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b.) The general purposes for which this church is formed are to promote evangelism, provide opportunity for worship, fellowship, observance of the Lord's Supper, prayer, for preaching and teaching of the Bible, for music, for singing of hymns and spiritual songs and for the giving of offerings.

### ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The church membership shall designate three (3) or more men as Directors, hereafter referred to as "Elders", to oversee and pastor the church. The Elders shall compose the permanent governing body known as the "Board of Elders". A minister, and/or preacher, may serve on the governing body only if he has been designated as an Elder by the church membership. When the elders deem it advisable, it shall designate ministry leaders to assist the Elders.

(a.) The Elders shall bear the responsibility for the oversight of the church. The ministry leaders shall serve as assistants to the Elders, and may meet with the Elders at designated meetings. Ministry leaders may function in an advisory capacity, but do not have voting privileges at such meetings.

(b.) The qualifications and duties of the Elders and ministry leaders shall be patterned after those revealed in the New Testament.

(c.) The tenure of the Elders shall be for three years, or until their successors are designated by the church membership, whichever is the shortest. Ministry leaders shall serve until relieved by the elders.

(d.) The Elders shall meet regularly to conduct the business of the church. They may have the privilege of seeking membership action on any matter; and they shall be required to seek membership action on the calling of a preacher and/or minister, the acquiring or disposal of real estate, mortgaging, and arranging loans or any major change of policy.

- (e.) The Elders shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers deemed advisable. Offices may be combined if the number of Elders is insufficient to fill each office. The Chairman of the Elders shall automatically serve as Chairman during church membership meetings. These officers shall serve for the church fiscal year.
- (f.) The Elders shall determine rules for their own proceedings and for the conducting of church elections. All church elections of Elders shall be by secret ballot. If a vacancy occurs among the Elders, the Elders may appoint someone to fill said vacancy until the ensuing church elections.
- (g.) Voting privileges shall be accorded to all members of the church, unless some restrictions pertaining to children and active status are established by the governing body.

#### ARTICLE V - LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this church are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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

Robert E. Woodard  
3003 New Life Way  
Sebring, Florida 33872

Signature of Registered Agent: Robert E. Woodard 12-7-97  
Date

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATORS

The names and street addresses of the incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

Harry Briggs - 107 North Egret Street - Sebring, Florida 33872  
Dean Butterfield - 3713 Sunbird Lane - Sebring, Florida 33872  
Kenneth Ray - 429 East Palmer Circle - Avon Park, Florida 33825  
Robert Woodard - 1408 Duffer Road - Sebring, Florida 33872

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this  
3rd day of November, 1997.

Signatures of Incorporators:

<u>Harry Briggs</u>	Harry Briggs
<u>Dean Butterfield</u>	Dean Butterfield
<u>Kenneth E. Ray</u>	Kenneth Ray
<u>Robert E. Woodard</u>	Robert Woodard

#### ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of those people desiring membership who have complied with the following terms as revealed in the New Testament:

- (a.) Belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Son of God, the Lord of one's life, and acknowledgment thereof;
- (b.) Repentance - changing one's life to obey His revealed will to the best of one's ability;
- (c.) Baptism by total immersion in water in obedience to Jesus Christ, and in keeping with the example and teaching found in the New Testament.

Any person may become a member of this church upon his/her statement that he/she has complied with all terms of Article VIII.

#### ARTICLE IX - AUTHORITY AND AUTONOMY

This church recognizes the Bible as the Word of God and the New Testament as its authority in matters pertaining to the church. It declares itself to be a free and autonomous body, claiming the right of free government and recognizing no outside religious authority or control.

#### ARTICLE X - BUSINESS MEETINGS

An annual meeting of the church membership for the purpose of evaluating the progress of the previous year, planning for the future, and transacting business shall be held during the first quarter of the church fiscal year at a time determined by the governing body. Notice of such meeting shall be by public announcement at two (2) consecutive Sunday morning services immediately prior to the date of the meeting.

A special meeting of the church membership for the purpose of conducting business may be called by the Chairman of the Elders. A special meeting of the church membership for the purpose of conducting business may also be called by written request to the Board of Elders by ten (10) percent of the total membership. In all cases, notice of the meeting must be by public announcement at two (2) consecutive Sunday morning services immediately prior to the date of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting must be stated during the announcements.

At all business meetings of the church membership, a quorum shall consist of twenty (20) percent of the total membership.

#### ARTICLE XI - BY-LAWS

By-laws, or amendments thereto, may be submitted by the Board of Elders to the membership at any business meeting duly called. To become effective, the by-laws and/or amendments to the by-laws must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any business meeting of the church membership by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment, or amendments, has been read at each regular Sunday morning service for two (2) consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the date on which the vote is to be taken. EXCEPTION: Article VIII and Article IX of these Articles of Incorporation cannot be amended. Any attempt to amend the provision regarding membership violates the intent of the founders, and anyone attempting such action shall forfeit the right to membership in the Community Christian Church, Inc.

#### ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of dissolution shall be distributed to Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, Florida, which has qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for public purpose. None of the assets will be distributed to any member or officer of this organization.

These Restated Articles of Incorporation were presented to the congregation on October 26, 1997. They were voted on and approved by 98% of the congregation at that time.

Signed Robert E. Woodard  
Robert E. Woodard, Chairman of the Elders  
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC..  
3003 New Life Way  
Sebring, Florida 33872  
941-471-1236