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SUBJECT: Nine year Christian Fellowship of Middleburg, Florida, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
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& Certificate

☐ \$122.50  
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& Certified Copy

☒ \$131.25  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

FROM:

Ronald E. Stephens  
Name (Printed or typed)

1193 Surrey Glen Rd  
Address

Middleburg, FL 32068  
City, State & Zip

(904) 291-2136  
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA, INC.  
(A Florida Corporation not for profit)

We the undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to the contract, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of constituting a Church, to operate in accordance with the laws of God and in a non-profit corporate form pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida relative to corporations not for profit; and we hereby covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this non-profit church corporation shall be VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA, INC. This church may, for convenience, be referred to as VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The objectives and purposes for which this Church is constituted and this corporation organized are:

1. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the word of God, to the end that the people of God may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
2. To bring both families of believers and individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ together in personal fellowship, both in the home and in cell groups.
3. To regularly assemble together the members of this

Church for fellowship one with another and to worship God in Spirit and truth; and to cooperate in the assembling of the whole body of Christ.

4. To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all members.

5. To involve every member of this Church in its fellowship and activities, and in the move of the Holy Spirit.

6. To solve family and marital problems so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.

7. To baptize in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to marry; to dedicate infants; to celebrate the Lord's Supper; and to bury.

8. To act with Charitable concern for, and to help, not only all members of this Church, but also all men in need of any help which this Church can give, regardless of race, social positions, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of ministry and help to the poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged or aged persons, both within and without this Church.

9. To pray for the needs of all men and for local and national leaders and governments.

10. To support and encourage communications and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible and of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all men, both within the fellowship and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means

which will accomplish such communication, extension, teaching and preaching, including but not limited to media of communication developed by modern technology; and in aid of such communication, extension, preaching and teaching, but not for private profit, to sponsor, participate in, or engage in radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproducing and publication of recording, books and other materials; the establishment and operation of a school or schools, and the holding and conducting of seminars, study group, work shops and meetings, by either resident or traveling evangelists, teachers, or other elders; to receive offerings for services actually rendered to persons, firms, and corporations for such purposes.

11. To recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the Whole Body of Christ to maturity and completion.

12. To ordain ministers; to assist in the establishment and maintenance of other fellowships; and to send forth missionaries for the establishment and upbuilding of other fellowships, both domestic and foreign.

#### ARTICLE III. POWERS

To the end that the foregoing objectives and purposes and any related religious and charitable purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this church corporation shall have the power to engage only in such activities as shall not constitute business unrelated to its religious, benevolent, charitable, literary and educational purposes. It shall engage only in such

activities as are permitted to be carried on by corporations whose income is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3), and contributions to which are deductible pursuant to Section 170 (c) (2), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code. Any provision elsewhere in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, this corporation shall not engage in, nor shall any of its assets be used or applied to, activities which constitute carrying on of propaganda, attempting to influence legislation, or participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall any part of its net earnings or assets inure to the benefit of any private member, except for reasonable compensation for services actually rendered. Subject to the foregoing limitations, and subject specifically to the provisions of Section 617.0105 of the Florida Statutes, this church corporation shall have all of the rights and powers set forth in Section 617.021 of the Florida Statutes. The purposes set forth in Article 11 hereof shall likewise be construed as powers.

#### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this corporation shall consist of all persons hereafter named as subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and all persons who shall meet the following qualifications for membership and who shall be admitted, in the following manner.

In order to qualify for membership in this church, the prospective member must accept, believe in and rely on Jesus Christ

for salvation;

Must believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God;

Must confess his faith in Jesus Christ and give evidence of his intention to keep his commandments;

Must commit himself to participate actively in the fellowship of the church.

#### ARTICLE V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE VI. SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of each subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Ronald E. Stephens	1193 Surrey Glen Road Middleburg, Florida 32068
Ray D. Touchton	1128 Taylor Road Jacksonville, Florida 32234
Otis A. Duncan, Jr.	1710 Wells Road, Apt. 1014 Orange Park, Florida 32073

#### ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the church, both spiritual and secular, shall be directed by a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three (3) members, nor more than nine (9). The Board of Directors themselves must be members of the fellowship. The following is a list of the Initial Board of Directors and their addresses.

Ronald E. Stephens	1193 Surrey Glen Road Middleburg, Florida 32068
Ray D. Touchton	1128 Taylor Road Jacksonville Florida 32234
Otis A. Duncan, Jr.	1710 Wells Road, Apt. 1014 Orange Park, Florida 32073

#### ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

The affairs of this corporation shall be administered by its officers, which shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors; and such other assistant or administrative officers as are determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Officers and the Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that any persons dealing with the corporation shall be entitled to rely upon the documents signed on behalf of the corporation by its President, with its corporate seal thereto affixed and attested to by its Secretary. Initial Officers of the Corporation will be as follows:

Ronald E. Stephans, President	1193 Surrey Glen Road Middleburg, Fl. 32068
Ray D. Touchton, Vice President	1128 Taylor Road Jacksonville, Fl. 32234
Otis A. Duncan, Jr., Secretary/ Treasurer	1710 Wells Rd., Apt. 1014 Orange Park, Fl. 32073

#### ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall provide the By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the business of the church as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time. Such By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority of its vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that

purpose, or at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that notice of the fact that an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is to be considered shall be given in writing to the ruling Board of Directors at least one week prior to the date of such meeting. Upon adoption by the Board of Directors, and upon filing with the Secretary of the State of Florida, the amendment shall become effective as to these Articles of Incorporation; provided, however, that no amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall ever conflict with the purpose and powers of this Church as set forth in Articles I and II hereof.

#### ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION.

This corporation shall be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the full Board of Directors. In the event of such dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, if the principal office of the corporation, or by the Circuit Court (or equivalent



thereof) of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization, as the said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

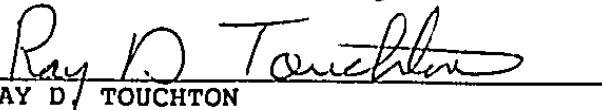
ARTICLE XII. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

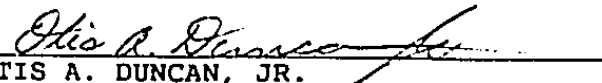
The location of the business office of this corporation shall be 2755 Blanding Blvd., Suite 112, Middleburg, Florida, 32068, or at such other location as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The Resident Agent shall be Ronald E. Stephans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribers, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 18 day of June, 1995

for the purpose of constituting a Church to operate in a corporate non-profit form pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida.

  
RONALD E. STEPHANS

  
RAY D. TOUCHTON

  
OTIS A. DUNCAN, JR.

Signed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1995.

Debora A. McNeil  
my commission expires  
8/17/97.



DEBORA A. McNEIL  
Comm. No. CC 462604  
My Comm. Exp. Aug. 17, 1997

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: Vineyard Christian Fellowship  
(must include suffix)  
of Middleburg, Florida, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ronald E. Stephens  
(Name)

1193 Surrey Glen Rd  
(Street address - P. O. Box not acceptable)

Middleburg, FL 32068  
(City/State/Zip)

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, 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 relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Ronald E. Stephens  
(Signature)

June 19, 1995  
(Date)

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Requestor's Name  
Duncan  
1832 Sheraton Lakes Cir.  
Middleburg, FL 32068

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CORPORATION NAME(S) & DOCUMENT NUMBER(S), (if known):

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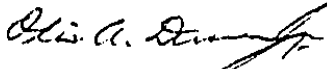
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am hereby resigning my position as Secretary/Treasurer and Director of the corporation, Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Middleburg, Florida. The corporation has been notified, therefore, please amend the corporate documents to reflect my resignation.

Enclosed please find a check for \$35.00 to be applied toward the amendment fee.

Sincerely,



Otis A. Duncan, Jr.

cc: Ronald E. Stephans, Pres.  
Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Middleburg, Florida

Enclos.:1