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Re: Evergreen Baptist Church, Inc.;
Articles of Incorporation

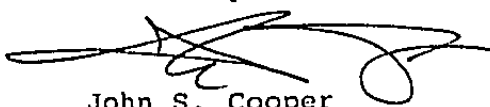
Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Evergreen Baptist Church, Inc. Also enclosed is my firm's check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the cost of filing.

Upon filing, please return a copy of the Articles to the address above.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


John S. Cooper

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Mr. Cooper's Secretary

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

July 22, 1996

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SUBJECT: EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Ref. Number: W96000015174

We have received your document for EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH, 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):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of an entity name **DOES NOT** constitute a difference. Please select a new name and make the substitution in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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Brenda Baker
Corporate Specialist

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRADFORD COUNTY, INC. 96 AUG 27 AM 10:13
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A NOT FOR PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRADFORD COUNTY, INC.

ARTICLE II

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and the corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

A. To witness to and implement the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Florida and throughout the United States and the world;

B. To communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by means of the spoken and written word;

C. To receive, maintain, and accept as assets of the Corporation, any property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, devise, or purchase from any person, firm, trust

or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation; but no gift, bequest, devise, or purchase of any such property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a "charitable organization" or for any purposes other than a "charitable purpose" which would jeopardize the status of the Corporation as an entity exempt from federal income tax pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended; and

D. To exclusively promote and carry on any other religious, charitable, or educational purposes and activities for which corporations may be organized and operated under the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE IV

NOT FOR PROFIT NATURE; POWERS

1. The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code and is a nonprofit corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

2. 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 compensations for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislations, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3. Anything contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not carry on or otherwise engage in any activities not permitted to be carried on or engaged in by (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any corresponding section of any future tax code; (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any corresponding section of any future tax code; or (iii) a corporation organized and existing under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code.

4. In the event of the dissolution and liquidation of this Corporation, to the extent allowed or permitted under applicable laws, the property and assets of the Corporation shall be as determined by the Board of Directors, distributed to or sold and the proceeds of such sales distributed to (i) the Florida Baptist Convention, or (ii) any other organization(s) organized and

operating for the same purposes for which the Corporation is organized and operating or any organization(s), foundation(s), fund(s), or corporation(s) organized and operating exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational, or other purposes permitted by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, all of which such organizations, foundations, funds, or corporations shall be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. In the event that any assets are not disposed of in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation or that the Corporation shall fail to act within a reasonable time in the manner provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the Court of Bradford County shall, upon application of one or more persons having a real interest in the Corporation or its assets make such distribution(s) as provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT/PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation in the State of Florida will be 100 West Call Street, Starke, Florida, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is John S. Cooper. The street address and mailing address of the principal office is Route 1, Box 562, 8025 Northwest County Road 125, Lawtey, Florida 32058.

ARTICLE VI

DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have six directors initially. The

number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in the manner provided for in the bylaws of the corporation, provided that the corporation shall always have at least three directors. The method of election of directors shall be set forth in the bylaws of the corporation. The name and street address of the initial directors of this corporation, who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
James Starling	Route 1, Box 653 Lawtey, Florida 32058
Jerry Redding	Route 1, Box 563 Lawtey, Florida 32058
Jimmie Osteen	Route 1, Box 559 Lawtey, Florida 32058
Joey Sapp	Route 1, Box 664 Lawtey, Florida 32058
Cecil Crawford, Jr.	Route 1, Box 506 Lawtey, Florida 32058
Lane Gaskins	Route 1, Box 400 Lawtey, Florida 32058

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John S. Cooper	100 West Call Street Starke, Florida 32091

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 20 day of August, 1996.

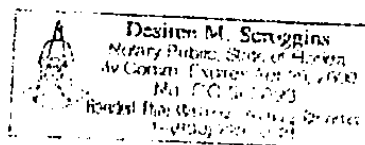

John S. Cooper

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS:
COUNTY OF FLORIDA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared JOHN S. COOPER, who is personally known to me or has presented valid identification, to me known to be the person described as the Incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that he subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 20th day of August, 1996.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named Registered Agent and designated to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated herein, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.


John S. Cooper

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