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RE: Articles of Incorporation of JOYOUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP,  
INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed you will find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of JOYOUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, INC. and a trust account check for \$70.00 for the cost of filing.

Please review the Articles and if they meet with your approval, file the same and return a copy to my office, conformed as of the date of filing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Winters

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
JOYOUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, INC.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of FLORIDA, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be JOYOUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, INC., and its duration is to be perpetual.

ARTICLE II

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is John D. Drew, 711 & 713 US #1, City of Ft. Pierce, County of St. Lucie County, 34950. His signature, infra at page nine, indicates his acceptance of this designation. The address of the Registered and Principal Office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 711 & 713 US #1, City of Ft. Pierce, County of St. Lucie County, Florida, 34950.

ARTICLE III

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;

(b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;

(c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

(d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other non-profit associations, churches and with missionary organizations and branches; as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case

whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church.

(e) To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.

(f) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

(g) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.

(h) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.

(i) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

(j) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss

such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

(k) To adopt Bylaws regulating and providing for:

(1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;

(2) A formal code of doctrine and discipline;

(3) A congregational membership;

(4) An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;

(5) A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;

(6) A literature of the church;

(7) Regular religious services;

(8) Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;

(9) Schools for the preparation of its ministers;

(10) Schools for Christian education of children;

(1) To minister sacerdotal functions;

(m) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(n) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the

furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(o) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;

(p) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;

(q) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of their purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.

(r) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

(s) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no

wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall NOT engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### ARTICLE IV

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament Church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation (church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (church). The number of Trustees, and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation. The qualifications of members and directors and the manner of their admission shall be fully provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of



pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VI

The private property of the trustees and members of the congregation shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees or members of the congregation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in ARTICLE III hereof. 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 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. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

#### ARTICLE IX

The undersigned incorporators/directors shall act as the initial Board of Trustees until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The Board shall not be less than three (3). The Trustees shall be elected yearly at the annual business meeting by the voting members.

DATED This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1996.

INCORPORATORS/DIRECTORS

NAME

ADDRESS

John D. Drew  
JOHN D. DREW

2600 SE Ocean Blvd Apt I-4  
Stuart, FL 34996

Sally C. Drew  
SALLY C. DREW

2600 SE Ocean Blvd Apt I-4  
Stuart, FL 34996

Joyce Austin  
JOYCE AUSTIN

7910 S 86th E Ave  
Tulsa, OK

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent of JOYOUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, INC.

John D. Drew  
Registered Agent\JOHN D. DREW

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
County of Franklin ) SS.

On the date as first set above before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said State, personally appeared John D. Drew and Sally C. Drew, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, they being first duly sworn to, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

FL DL # D600-464-44-299-0  
FH DL # D600-783-49-527-0

*[Signature]*

Notary Public for FLORIDA  
Residing at 812 Palm Bch. Grnw. Dr.  
My Commission Expires



STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
County of Tulsa ) SS.

On the date as first set above before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said State, personally appeared Joyce Austin, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, he being first duly sworn to, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

*[Signature]*

Notary Public for OKLAHOMA  
Residing at 1000 W. Pittsburg, Broken Arrow, OK  
My Commission Expires 6-23-2000