



*"To take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us."*

Philippians 3:12

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Thank you very much for your time and efforts. Please have a great year!

Sincerely,

Mike Wilkins,  
President

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
**to**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
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**Lifeline Community Church, Inc.**

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**First:** Amendments adopted:

**Article III shall read: Purpose**

The purpose of this corporation shall be to glorify God through worship, to develop growth and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to communicate the Gospel to the world; it is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article IV shall read: Doctrine**

Section 1: The Bible. We believe the Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, is inspired of God and is infallible in the original writings and is the Christian's final authority in faith and conduct.

Section 2: God. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three "persona"- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Section 3: The Person and Work of Jesus Christ. We believe by miracle of the virgin birth that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God in order to reveal God and to redeem man; that He died for our sins (and the sins of all men) as a substitutionary sacrifice and arose bodily from the dead for our justification, and that He is now exalted at the right-hand of God, Head of the Church and Lord of the individual believer, fulfilling His ministry as our Great High Priest and Advocate.

Section 4: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of sin, regenerates the believing sinner, and, at conversion, baptizes him into the Church, which is the Body of Christ. We believe that He indwells, guides, instructs and empowers the believer for godly living and service, and that He seals and keeps him until the Lord comes. We believe that He bestows spiritual gifts upon each

one. We believe that the believer has received one or more spiritual gifts so that he might exercise them for the strengthening and outreach of the Body of Christ. The practice of any gift in any gathered body shall be in keeping with the Scriptures.

Section 5: The Means of Salvation. We believe that salvation from the guilt and condemnation of sin is possible only as the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained by good resolutions, sincere efforts, nor submission to the rules, regulations, or ordinances of any church, but is freely bestowed on all who put their faith in Christ and trust in the work which Christ accomplished on the cross of Calvary. All who so trust the Savior pass from death unto life, are forgiven of their sins, accepted by the Father, and born into His family by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God (James 5:20; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:23).

Section 6: Security, Assurance and Responsibility. We believe that all the saved, those in whom God has accomplished His transforming work of grace, are kept by His power and are thus secure in Christ forever. It is their privilege to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation. However, this assurance must not be the occasion for sin, for God in His holiness cannot tolerate persistent sin in His children, and in infinite love He corrects them. True faith in Christ is expressed by a fruitful, God-pleasing life (John 10:27-29; Romans 8:19-39; I John 5:13; Hebrews 12:6; Matthew 7:20; James 2:20).

Section 7: Man. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and which is inherited by every member of Adam's race. We believe that man is subject to the power of the devil and has within himself no possible means of recovery or salvation.

Section 8: The Church. We believe that the true church is composed of all who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, that those who are thus members of the true church will be eligible for membership in the local church. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be observed by the church during the present age. The decision to participate in baptism and the Lord's Supper will be on an individual basis, but this participation is not to be regarded in any sense as a means of salvation.

Section 9: The Second Coming. We believe in the personal, imminent second coming of the Lord; first to receive His own to Himself, and later, to set up His earthly kingdom and to reign over redeemed Israel and all nations of the world, bringing peace and blessing to the whole world. We believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

Section 10: The Christian's Walk. We believe that we are called with a holy calling to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. The flesh (our natural desire) which in this life is never fully eradicated, must be kept by the Spirit (through our walk of faith) constantly in subjection to Christ, or it will surely manifest its presence in our lives, to the dishonor of our Lord.

Section 11: The Eternal State. We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do, at death, immediately pass into His presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the Church when soul and glorified body, reunited, will be associated with Him forever in glory. We believe that unbelievers will be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the joy of the Lord and the glory of His power.

**Article VIII shall read: Government**

The government of the church, with Christ as our Head, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, shall be vested in a Board of Elders.

**Section 1: Qualification and Discipline.**

A. A man may become an active elder and join the Elder Board when:

1. A member personally desires to take on the office and the ministry of an elder.
2. He meets the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9 and Peter 5:1-4.
3. He shows evidence of qualification through commitment to the body of Christ and this local body.
4. He receives an unanimous vote of all active elders.

B. It will be the responsibility of the Board to discipline or consider for removal any Board member who no longer fulfills the qualification of an elder or fails to fulfill his responsibilities, or who violates the intent of these Articles or the By-laws of this corporation.

**Section 2: Governing Board.**

A. The governing board of elders shall normally be composed of not less than three nor more than nine men.

B. The manner in which the elders are elected or appointed is as referred to in the By-Laws.

**Section 3: Duties.**

A. It will be the duty of the Board of Elders to care for the spiritual condition of the church as set forth in I Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:9, I Peter 5:1-3, and Acts 20:28. It will also be the duty of the Board of Elders to counsel the needy, comfort the afflicted, visit the sick and supply the pulpit of the church.

B. The Board of Elders will seek to be sensitive to the needs and suggestions of the membership, but will have the power and authority to make all corporate decisions for the church.

C. The Board of Elders will call congregational meetings from time to time for the purpose of soliciting suggestions and constructive criticisms as respects the overall ministry of the church.

D. The Board of Elders shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be directed in the By-Laws of this corporation.

**Section 4: Directors**

Annually, the members of the Board of Elders shall select a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall act as administrative officers of the corporation, and who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as the same officials in a corporation formed for profit and/or as may be directed or delegated by the Board of Elders or the By-Laws of this corporation. All legal instruments required to be signed by or on behalf of the corporation, shall be signed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, sealed with the corporate seal and attested to by the Secretary.

**Article IX shall read: No Vested Right**

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 Third hereof. No incorporator or member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets, function, affairs or franchises of the corporation, or any right, interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue if his or her membership ceases, or while he or she is not in good standing.

**Article X** shall read: **Dissolution Clause**

Upon dissolution of this corporation, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations, which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent 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.

**Second:** The date of adoption of the amendments was: 8/11/98

**Third:** Adoption of Amendment

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendments. The amendments were adopted by the board of directors.

Lifeline Community Church, Inc.

Corporation Name



Signature of President

Michael Wilkins

Typed name

President

Title

8/11/98

Date