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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing herewith Articles of Incorporation for First Baptist Church of Freeport, Florida, Inc., along with a certificate of designation for registered agent and our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the costs of filing fees.

Please file the Articles and provide me with a certificate of status at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM H. GREEN

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Enclosures

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### <u>ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of the corporation is First Baptist Church of Freeport, Florida, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

### ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of the corporation shall be 430 Kylea Laird Drive, Freeport, Florida 32439, and the mailing address of the corporation shall be Post Office Box 386, Freeport, Florida 32439.

#### ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

The purpose of the corporation is:

- (1) To worship God as a fellowship of believers, in the power of the Holy Spirit, under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
  - (2) To minister to each other and to all the world.
- (3) To lead the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ both at home and around the world.
  - (4) To nurture Christian growth through preaching, teaching, and fellowship.
- (5) To promote the family as ordained by God with the home providing the background for a beginning knowledge of love, affirmation and grace as first demonstrated by God's relationship with His children and to assist parents as they train their children to become

mature, responsible Christian adults.

(6) To cooperate by prayer, gift, and service to missionary and benevolent undertakings of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Walton County Baptist Association in their efforts to evangelize and promote the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office shall be at 430 Kylea Laird Drive, Freeport, Florida 32439, and the initial registered agent shall be George Farrington.

#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have four (4) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the Directors of this corporation until the election of their successors as provided in the By-Laws are:

George Farrington 3030 Hwy. 20 East Freeport, FL 32439

Aubrey Rentz 1164 Bay Grove Road Freeport, FL 32439

William E. Bennett 115 Western Street Freeport, FL 32439

Morris C. Helms 424 Whitfield Road Freeport, FL 32439

#### ARTICLE VIII -- INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons signing these articles are:

George Farrington 3030 Hwy. 20 East Freeport, FL 32439

Aubrey Rentz 1164 Bay Grove Road Freeport, FL 32439

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Amendments of these Articles shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of the corporation present and voting, at a regular business meeting, provided that copies of each proposed amendment have been presented in writing at the previous regular business meeting, published at least twice in the weekly church bulletin or newsletter prior to being voted on, and copies made available in the church office prior to being voted on.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed these Articles of Incorporation this

10 day of <u>Navember</u>, A.D. 1997.

George Farrington

Aubrey Rentz

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 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 agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is First Baptist Church of Freeport, Florida, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is George Farrington, 430 Kylea Laird Drive, Freeport, Florida 32439

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS OF 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.

Name Mearge Varingle

