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**SUBJECT:** Blessed Hope Christian Ministries, Inc. of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the articles of incorporation and a check for:  
\$131.25 -- Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate (Additional Copy Required)

**FROM:** Rev. William Thornton  
611 Ironwood Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32547  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BLESSED HOPE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.,  
OF FT. WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I                      NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Blessed Hope Christian Ministries, Inc. of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

ARTICLE II                      PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principal place of worship of this corporation shall be:

13 Kelly Avenue  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32547

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 2603  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32549-2603.

ARTICLE III                      PURPOSE(S)

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- 1) To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and teaching of said Gospel.
- 2) To fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment as found in the Bible, Matthew 28:19&20.
- 3) To be used by God to lead men, women, and children to Christ in order for them to receive all that God has for them.
- 4) To educate and prepare born-again believers to be church leaders (pastors, teachers, ministers, and evangelists).

This is a not for profit religious charitable and educational corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and it shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IV                      MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The legal officers of the corporation are its directors. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed are:

1. The directors shall include a president, a vice president, and a secretary. The Founding Pastor shall serve as the corporations initial president and general overseer of the corporation. The initial vice president, and the initial secretary shall be appointed by the president. These initial legal officers are Rev. William Thornton, president; Betty J. Thornton, vice president. A secretary to the corporation will be named later.

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2. In the event of the death or resignation of the president, his successor shall be appointed by the Church presbytery, a group consisting of the directors and ordained church officers. At least two-thirds of the presbytery must agree with the appointment.
3. All subsequent vice presidents and secretaries shall be appointed by the president.
4. Director Duties – The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the President/Senior Pastor of the Ministry and the other directors. The duties of the other directors shall be to serve as the president's assistants and make up the president's advisory Board of Directors. Jointly, they shall direct the affairs of the corporation.
5. Ordained Church Officers -- The ordained officers of Blessed Hope Christian Ministries shall include, but not be limited to: Assistant Pastor, Associate Ministers, Deacons, Trustees, Teachers, Counselors, and Department Heads. These officers shall be appointed by the Senior Pastor/President, with the counsel of the presbytery.
6. Authority – The Senior Pastor/President shall preside at all meetings of the Church, whether for worship, devotion, or for business. He shall have the authority to call special meetings of the board. He has the responsibility to direct and supervise the public religious instruction of the congregation, and to administer the ordinances of the Church.
7. The names and addresses of the legal officers are:

Rev. William Thornton  
611 Ironwood Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32547

Betty J. Thornton  
611 Ironwood Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32547

#### ARTICLE V THE INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent of Blessed Hope Christian Ministries is:

Rev. William Thornton  
611 Ironwood Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32547


#### ARTICLE VI EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this corporation shall be:  
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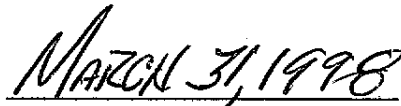
ARTICLE VII      INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these articles are:

Rev. William Thornton  
611 Ironwood Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32547



Signature/Incorporator

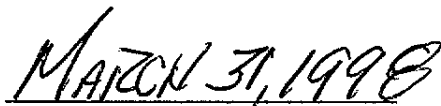


Date

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 am familiar with and accept obligations of my position as registered agent.



Signature/Registered Agent



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