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SUBJECT: Lake Wales Worship Center, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$131.25
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Lake Wales Worship Center
Name (Printed or typed)

555 BURNS AVE
Address

Lake Wales, FL 33853
City, State & Zip

941 676 9555
Daytime Telephone number

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LAKE WALES WORSHIP CENTER, INC.

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 purpose expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be LAKE WALES WORSHIP CENTER, INC. The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II.

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is F. Glenn Ward, 555 Burns Avneue, County of Polk, State of Florida. His signature, infra at Page 6, indicates his acceptance of the designation. The address of the Registered Office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 555 Burns Avenue, Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida 33853. The principal office of the corporation is the same as the Registered Office.

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 1954, 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 1954, 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 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

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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 act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal object of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(g) 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 building, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

(H) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefor; to draw, make, accept, endorse, and 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 obligation of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or other wise.

(k) 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 and employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

(1) By its Board of Trustees, to adopt or rescind bylaws regulating providing for:

- (1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical for 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;

(m) To minister sacerdotal functions;

(n) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its non-profit, tax-exempt purposes;

(o) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance or its non-profit tax-exempt purposes;

(p) 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;

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

(r) 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 this State.

(s) 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 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

(t) 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 our 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 prescribed by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, 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 business of the corporation (church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (church). Membership qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation. The number of Trustees, and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation. The Board shall manage the affairs of the corporation and be elected annually. The Trustees shall act as directors of the corporation. The qualification of all members and their manner of admission shall be as stipulated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V.

This non-profit 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.

Upon dissolution, the corporation shall revert to and become the property of FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER of Lakeland, Florida a tax-exempt institution under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the Board of Trustees; provided; however, that the just debts and liabilities of the corporation shall first be paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity except as provided above in this ARTICLE VII.

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 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 undersigned shall hold the office indicated.,

DATED this 18 day of August, 1998

INCORPORATORS

NAME _____

ADDRESS

F/ Glenn Ward,
President/Trustee

555 Burns Avenue
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Dorothy J. Ward,
Vice-President/Trustee

555 Burns Avenue
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Sheila Ward,
Secertary/Treasurer/Trustee

555 Burns Avenue
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS
COUNTY OF POLK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared F. Glenn Ward, Dorothy J. Ward, and Sheila Ward, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last
aforesaid this 19 day of AUGUST, 1998.

NOTARY PUBLIC,
State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires: -



JACQUELINE FRANCES LAGANA
My Comm Exp. 6/17/99
Bonded By Service Ins
No. CC459949

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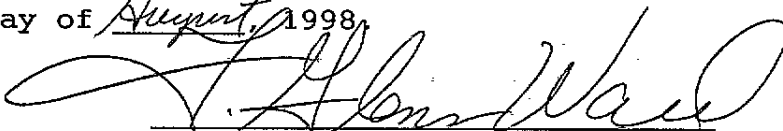
CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS
WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON
WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That LAKE WALES WORSHIP CENTER, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation has named F. Glenn Ward whose address is 555 Burns Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853, County of Polk, State of Florida, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DATED this 19th day of August, 1998,


F. Glenn Ward

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